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NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Feast of the Holy Family, so soon after the celebration of the birth of Christ, is an invitation to appreciate that the Incarnation – God becoming human - was not done so in some removed fashion or merely pretending on the part of God. Into the fragility, uncertainty and diverse circumstances which constitute 'a family' the Divine is cradled, nurtured and formed!

There are obviously still many people in our society who expect Christmas to be merely tinsel, flashing lights and the perfect gathering where I get the present I want and eat all I can. The inconvenience that most people had to experience this year, and indeed some more than others, was not so much a scandal to Christmas but more a reliving of the first Christmas with all its inconveniences, fears and small joys. We have been given a divine light who knew real darkness and the darkness can take many forms even today.

Sometimes our expectations regarding family life can be the same. We do not create the perfect family for the simple reason that none of us is qualified to do so. We are called to holiness and this journey must embrace every aspect of our family life, especially the flaws and faults of its individual members. The mystery of who constitutes or 'makes' the family is probably more diverse today than ever before but in no way does it diminish or dismiss the call to know God, grow in holiness and learn to love unconditionally. (Just ask St Joseph)

May these days be a blessing in every way to the families of the Parish of Sts Peter and Paul. To those families who were fortunate to gather together for Christmas I hope it was a time of celebrating the love that calls us to peace and forgiveness and which is indeed the path to holiness.

May God bless your New Year and for the Family of the World may it be a time of healing in every way, peace and renewed hope.

My sincere thanks to all parishioners for your kind thoughts, messages and generosity over Christmas. You have all made my first Christmas at Sts Peter and Paul's a very happy experience. I look forward to commencing the New Year with you and serving together the mission of Jesus in our beautiful yet troubled world.

God bless,
Fr Kevin

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

*Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40*



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Cecily McKeon, Gloria Saunders, Maureen Twomey, John Clarke and Sr Mary Constable SGS recently deceased and also for John Fletcher, Bill Hanley, Les Kamp, Ross Kamp, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegrzolka, Patrick O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Keith White, Patricia Vieyra, Begley and Bourke families, Karen Baker, Mike West, Norman and Katie Timmins, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Vince Long, Muriel Jones, Roy Jones, Sandra Swales, Noel Nicholson, Les and Margaret Aylward, Frederick and Irene Stirling.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –
Veronica Corcoran, Patricia Desbrow, Carmen Turner, Jan Low, Monica Marron, Harold O'Connell, Pat Dugger, Clinton Fletcher, Brian and Catherine Kearney.

DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 1 January 2021 New Year's Day Mass 9am

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2021

Please mark these important dates in your diary for next year.

PENANCE (Year 5 children)

Parent workshop sessions

18 February 7:30pm **OR** 19 February 9:30am



FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent workshop sessions

22 April 7:30pm **OR** 23 April 9:30am



Celebration of First Holy Communion 29 May - 6 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent workshop sessions

29 July 7:30pm **OR** 30 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 27 August – 9 September

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Collection Boxes at the church doors - cash donations
- Giving App - <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>
- Drop off your donation to the parish office
- Give via direct debit or your Credit Card - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MASS BOOKINGS

WE ARE NOW ONLINE and bookings can be made each week by using the below link or QR code. Just click on the link and select your preferred Mass, choose number of people attending and fill in your details. Marshals at the church door will ask for your name to be ticked off on arrival. Similarly, scan the QR code using your camera on your smart phone and it will direct you to the website.

Bookings for Weekend Masses will open each Monday morning at 8am and close Friday morning at 9am.



Please book for **Masses** via this link-
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=686140&embed=true>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS on sale at church doors for \$10. Please place money in SVDP boxes. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS edition of **The Catholic Leader** available FREE at the Church doors. We hope you enjoy reading the paper.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB is at the front of the church.

Bring the children to see it, tell them the Christmas story. Say the following prayer with them.

BUT PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH!



PRAYER AT THE CRIB

LORD JESUS,

conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
you become the brother of all human beings.

As we contemplate this wondrous event,
may we feel the gladness of the shepherds,
share the awe and worship of the wise men,
and always sing your praise and glory with the angels.
May the star of peace lead us to your love and mercy.

Amen

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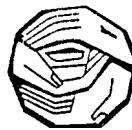
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THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Christmas Masses. Thank you to the very generous effort of parishioners who volunteered to be readers and communion ministers, musicians and singers, sacristan and servers, collectors and marshals. It was a genuine team effort. Let us pray that our liturgy has touched the hearts of all those people who came this year to celebrate the Birth of the Lord with us.

All Year Round. Thank you to all those who contribute financially to the parish, the large number of liturgical ministers, those who serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, the Social Justice Committee, Musicians and Singers, Sacramental Preparation team; those who help with baptism preparation, children's liturgy of the word, the RCIA, the casserole bank and members of Vinnies, those who provide transport and visit the sick with communion, the team which helps support the bereaved at funerals, and all those who have helped in this very difficult year. THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL – Thank you for donations to the Christmas Appeal this year. We were able to assist 30 needy families in our parish. Your response was wonderful.

MINISTRY- Now is the time to consider how you will take part in the life of the parish in this New Year. We are looking for parishioners to help as leaders for the children's liturgy of the word and baptism preparation plus altar servers. There are also some vacancies on the roster for Communion Ministers. Please contact the parish office to volunteer for a monthly roster.



VOCATION VIEW: The Old Law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, deacon, brother, or sister from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation! Pray for Vocations. To speak about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351



A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE: The Lebanese asylum-seeker family that the parish has been supporting over the past few months has sent a message of grateful thanks for the wonderful support that the parishioners of Sts Peter & Paul have provided. Mrs Rana Dayri, on behalf of her four boys, said that she would not have known how to survive had it not been for the kindness of the people of Sts Peter & Paul. Rana volunteers now at the Romero Centre one day a week preparing food for needy families and is also engaged in a sponsored English-speaking course as well as a Certificate in Food Handling. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to make this family's life not only bearable but also hope-filled.

HUMOUR:

The Red Wagon (our favourite 'after-Christmas' story)
It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The priest of the church was looking at the nativity scene, when he noticed that the baby Jesus figure was missing from the manger. He immediately turned and went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon walking down the street. And in the wagon, was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said: 'Son, where did you get that little baby Jesus that's in your wagon?' The little boy replied: 'I got him from the church.' 'Why did you take him?' asked the priest. The little boy replied, 'Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'



Liturgy this Week 28 December 2020 – 3 January 2021

MONDAY	-	The Holy Innocents	-
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	9:00am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Mass for New Year's Day
SATURDAY	9:00am	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: The EPIPHANY of the LORD
	<i>Readings – Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</i>		

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass

ENTRANCE HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned,
the lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

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GLORIA Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION HYMN

AS THE DEER LONGS

*As the deer longs for running streams,
So I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

A thirst my soul for you the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?

Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth,
They will lead me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling place.

Then I shall go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness,
I shall praise your name.

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RECESSATIONAL HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart – prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing! And heav'n
and nature sing;
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.



Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy; repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love
and wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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