

NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Advent

The word advent means to arrive and it usually refers to the arrival of something or someone significant. For example, "how did we possibly keep in touch before the advent of the mobile phone?" The first season of the Church's year, which commences today, is known as Advent and refers to the arrival of Christ. It is very important to realise that Christians believe that Christ, who was born among us, died, and rose from the dead will return again. The Word of God during the first weeks of Advent reflect on this aspect of our faith. In the beautiful readings from the prophet Isaiah, we hear again that the longings of the human heart hold the desire to be with the one who created us. Despite the darkness, evil and lies that surround us, that for which we deeply long will arrive. It cannot be just ourselves and our wants who fill those longings because it will never be enough and cannot satisfy. The path we tread as followers of Jesus gives meaning to our life and to every life and when we meet Jesus in glory every hope in our hearts will be fulfilled. This aspect of Advent helps prepare us for everyday that lies ahead.

The last week of Advent invites us to remember and prepare for the first arrival of Christ as the Word of God made flesh and when he was born in the humblest of circumstances in Bethlehem. This aspect of Advent prepares us for Christmas day and the feasts of the Christmas season. This year with Christmas Day being Monday, the fourth week of Advent is only a few hours long. The Masses on Sunday afternoon and evening of the 24th December are Masses of Christmas Eve.

Amidst the excitement, and quicker pace of these days let's not lose sight of what we celebrate and for whose arrival we prepare. *And yet you Lord are our Father. We the clay you the potter, we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8.)*

God bless,
Fr Kevin

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



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Marie Rosbrook, Mick Ball, Camella Moretti, Raffaele Seminara, Joaquin Jesus Bustillo Calderon **recently deceased and also for** Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, deceased members of Begley and Bourke families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Todd Robinson, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, Ricardo Cabrera, Noel Nicholson.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Peter Piccone, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Michael (Mick) Shelton, Elaine Howard.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 4 December – 10 December 2023

Monday	-	St John Damascene	-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St Nicholas	Mass
Thursday	-	St Ambrose	-
Friday	8:00am	The Immaculate Conception	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		Second Sunday of Advent
	Readings – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Friday 8 December
Drop in Friday meet in hall @ 10am
Sunday 10 December
Baptisms @ 9:30am
Sunday 17 December
Baptisms @ 9:30am
Bulimba Churches Christmas Service @ 1:30pm Regis Bulimba
Tuesday 19 December
Christmas Carols and Nativity @ 6:30pm school Good Samaritan Hall

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER will move to an individual subscription distribution model in 2024. Please see subscription envelopes at the Church doors.

DROP IN FRIDAY – This parish social initiative is for anyone looking for an informal outing to meet and greet fellow parishioners. Come and join in the conversation and hospitality on offer. All are welcome to attend in the parish hall next Friday 8 December from 10am-12pm. No RSVP necessary – simply turn up and join in!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – our **Community Carols and Nativity Play** is on again **Tuesday 19 December, at 6:30pm** in the Good Samaritan Hall at the school. Come along, bring the family and friends, a rug or chair to sit on, grab a sausage (from 5:30pm) and join in the fun! Thank you to those families who have made contact already. If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact the parish office via telephone 3399 2386 or email bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au



This week's goal: Ecological Spirituality

Consider Evangelisation Brisbane's online resource *With Expectant Hearts*. Use prayers each day during the Advent season.

It's time for the VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL!

This is our main appeal for the year and based on your generous record of giving, it will provide resources for our planned Christmas hampers and support our activities into 2024. As we did last year, please consider donating grocery gift cards (*Coles and Woolworths*) or deposit funds to our bank account.

St Vincent de Paul, Bulimba
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Account # 100026603



Instead of physical gifts for children, we propose to give store giftcards (*Big W, Kmart, Target*). Our thinking is to offer gifts which enables the families we are assisting to have a choice as to how to use the giftcards in a manner which best suits their needs at this time. We believe this approach is preferable to gifting food items and toys which may not be suitable for families needs in these challenging times. The customary gifting tree is set up at the back of the church. Please take a red tag and return your gift to the tree by 10 December. Alternatively, you are welcome to drop your gift to the Parish Office.

We acknowledge that it has been a difficult year financially for many families, but hope that we can still rely on your generosity and support once more to assist us to help those in need this Christmas.

THANK YOU for your wonderful and generous support.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, 'It's going to rain'. His wife asked, 'How do you know?' 'Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear'.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: It's Advent, almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

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TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

ADVENT VESPERS – Cathedral of St Stephen is holding First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music *Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4* Sung by Cathedral Schola 2 December at 5pm. Free Admission. All welcome.

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM is a movie version of the Christmas story and comes to life on the big screen. This live-action Christmas musical celebration is for the whole family. Emmanuel Community is hosting a private screening at Cineplex, South Brisbane on Sunday 10 December at 1pm. Tickets start from \$14 and must be pre-purchased as they will not be available at the door. Buy your tickets at www.ec.org.au or contact events@ec.org.au

THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR presents Sounds of the Season – a premier chorus of choral celebration of the Christmas season. Saturday 16 December at 7:30pm Concert Hall, Old Museum Building, 480 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Tickets available from www.oldmuseumevent or call 3257 4089. For more details: www.qldchor.com/events

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

GATHERING HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on Us, O Lord

All: For we have sinned against you

Show us, O Lord your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES 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, (*all bow*)
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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayers



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

JESUS YOU ARE BREAD FOR US

Refrain

Jesus you are bread for us.

Jesus, you are life for us.

In your gift of Eucharist we find love.

We find love, we find love.

When we feel we need a friend,
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share.

When we feel that things aren't fair,
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share.

In communion we believe,
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share.

When we help the hungry ones
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share.

When we help the thirsty ones
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
In your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope to all you shall impart;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

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