

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent

A New Church Year. Year B. The Year of Mark.

As most know the Sunday Gospels are arranged in a three-year cycle. One year each for Matthew, Mark and Luke. We hear a lot from John during the Easter triduum and the Easter season every year. In the year of Mark, the shortest Gospel, John also guides us through a six weeks' meditation on Jesus the Bread of Life. We have just commenced a new year and Mark will be our Gospel guide for most of the next twelve months.

Mark is the shortest and oldest Gospel. It first appeared in 70 AD shortly after the letters of Paul, who was executed in 64 AD in Rome. It is a story of the good news of the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is the only thing that really matters. Mark has no infancy accounts and his Gospel commences with the ministry of Jesus as announced by John the Baptist.

Who was Mark? The title 'according to Mark' was not found on the earliest scrolls and books that contained the Gospel but it was added very early. A person named Mark was a close associate of Peter and this may be behind who we know as the author of the Gospel of Mark. May the proclamation of the Gospel of Mark this year bring all of us closer to Jesus, our risen Lord.

With the school year coming to a close for Catholic primary schools I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our Parish school community every blessing for a safe and relaxing holiday. In particular, I would like to sincerely thank Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls and Mr Damien Sullivan for the outstanding leadership they have provided over many years. They both leave Sts Peter and Paul's and we wish them well in their new endeavours. To Mr Dean Estrich who has been in an acting leadership position this year and to all staff members who are leaving please accept our gratitude and prayers as you commence new appointments next year. It has been a most unique year for everyone, but we are especially grateful for the adaptability and perseverance displayed by all in the school community who have a responsibility for young lives and who were ready to seek the best out of very difficult circumstances. It is all part of lifelong learning!

The refurbishment of the church four years ago included the installation of excellent sound and amplification equipment. However, it does require regular attention. Over the last few months qualified and experienced sound technicians have been "tweaking" the system to set it at its best. I would be very keen to hear your feedback on any improvement you may or may not have noticed. Firstly, is the sound clearer, is the volume too loud or too soft, is it easier to understand what is said, and do some microphones sound better than others? Secondly, do those with a hearing aid and use the hearing loop, find it helpful as to its volume and clarity? Please let me know in whatever manner you find comfortable. Further work will include a new microphone at the Ambo that will be closer to the mouth of the speaker. We also hope to update the sound and visual equipment in the hall.

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

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of Power, Alleluia!
Live among us. Maranatha
Word of Freedom, Alleluia!
Save your people. Maranatha

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Clare Dugger, Maureen Twomey, Anna Harkin, Rob Stonier, Jennifer Tuck, Bill Hanley, Sr Clement Baseden SGS **recently deceased** and also for John Fletcher, Les Kamp, Ross Kamp, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzolka, Patrick O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Keith White, Patricia Vieyra, Begley and Bourke families, Josefina Torres, Leoncio Rodriguez, Cecil Thomson, Eileen Thomson, Karen Baker, Mike West, Vince Long, deceased family of Imelda Khoo, Muriel Jones, Roy Jones, Sandra Swales, Noel Nicholson, Les and Margaret Aylward, Frederick and Irene Stirling.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

DATE CLAIMERS 2020

- Monday 7 December** Advent Reflection Group
10am in the parish hall
- Wed 16 December** Mass with Reconciliation 7pm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- use the Giving App <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>
- **Drop off your donation** - parish office or via our locked letterbox at the end of the driveway or In the collection boxes at the Church doors.
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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 and open the link and select your preferred weekend mass, choose number of people you are registering for 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 **weekend Masses** via this link. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=686140&embed=true>
Christmas Masses are very popular and it is important for you to register a seat for your preferred Mass.



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Use of hand sanitiser on entry is still required. Physical distancing measures have been relaxed. If you do not have access to the internet, contact the Parish Office to register.



Christmas Masses

- Thursday - Christmas Eve (24 December 2020)**
6pm (SCHOOL HALL) and 8pm (CHURCH)
- Friday - Christmas Day (25 December 2020)**
7.30am and 9.30am Mass

Come and worship
Christ the New-Born King



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www.bulimbacatholic.com
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS – with Christmas occurring on a Friday this year, we require volunteers across the following ministries –



- Marshalling,
- Communion Ministers,
- Readers,
- Sacristans,
- Altar servers,
- Collectors at the door (holding the donation boxes)

A roster will be available at the back of the church to register your name across the required ministry. Or you may prefer to contact with the parish office to volunteer for your preferred Mass. THIS WILL BE A BIG JOB, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS. Thank You.

SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILY – There has been a wonderful response to date from parishioners in support of the Dayri family, refugees from Lebanon, whom the parish has made a commitment to support. Thank you for your contributions to date. Please keep this up if you can. The hope you are providing for this family is very much appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIFTING TREE – please return your gift cards direct to the parish office this week as preparations are being made for delivery. If you are unable to make it to the parish office during opening times, you may place in the locked letterbox at the end of the driveway, 25 Main Avenue or cash donations are welcome via direct deposit as follows – SVDP Bulimba BSB 064786 (CBA) A/C 100026603. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY DONATED. THE SUPPORT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL! Special thanks to the staff, children and families at the school for their fantastic contributions to the appeal. Merry Christmas!

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP- Our Pastoral Associate, Gerry, will be conducting an Advent Reflection/Prayer Group in the Parish Hall from 10am-11am on each Monday morning during Advent. If you would like to join in, please contact the Parish Office or just turn up! Participants will receive a **free copy** of the beautiful little booklet ‘*ADORE – Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*’.



ADORE – ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS - The Diocese of Wollongong has produced a booklet entitled *ADORE* which contains daily reflections for each day during the Advent and Christmas Seasons up until 10 January. Each reflection takes as its theme the readings of the day. If parishioners would like to purchase a copy, the booklet is available from the Parish Office for the nominal cost of \$3.

SONGS OF ADVENT JOY - each Thursday in December commencing at 7:30pm the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent. Come and explore hymns, prayers and motets rejoicing in the coming of Christ at Christmas, all led by the Cathedral Schola. Entry is by donation, with all money raised supporting the Cathedral Music program. Registration is via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html>

VOCATION VIEW: The cry of the people: “Lord, let us see your kindness”. Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today? Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us!
Three men die in a car accident on Christmas Eve. They all find themselves at the Pearly Gates waiting to enter heaven. On entering they must present something relating to Christmas. The first man searches his pocket, and finds some mistletoe, so he is allowed in. The second man presents a cracker, so he is also allowed in. The third man pulls out a pair of stockings. Confused at this last gesture, St Peter asks, 'How do these represent Christmas?' He answered, 'They're Carol's.'



Liturgy this Week 7 December – 13 December 2020

MONDAY	-	St Ambrose	-
TUESDAY	-	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	8:00am		Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: Third Sunday of Advent <i>No Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>
	<i>Readings – Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>		
OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER			
RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm		
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		

ENTRANCE HYMN

COME LORD JESUS

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Maranatha! God with us.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit to those waiting:

Maranatha! God with us.

Send your peace to all here

gathered:

Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel.

Give your hope to all the nations:

Maranatha! God with us.

Give your joy to all who love you:

Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from god, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

LIKE A SHEPHERD

*Chorus Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
And gathers the lambs in his arms,
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah:

“Prepare the way of the Lord”.

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:

Jerusalem here is your God.”

I myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray;
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:

Salt for the Kingdom of God:

Share the flavour of life, O people:

Life in the Kingdom of God.

*CHORUS Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God.*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:

Bring forth the Kingdom of God:

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

Grow in the Kingdom of God.

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