

NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

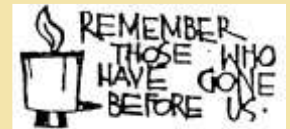
The Christmas Season is now over and lazy hot afternoons that simply linger are soon disappearing. For those not at work the thought of returning is quickly becoming more than just a thought. It is important to reflect on the days that have been. A simple thank you to God for the loving opportunities we shared as we made important memories for those in our care. A quiet prayer of support for those who really struggled, suffered a loss or faced Christmas and holidays alone is never wasted. There is so much for which we are to be grateful for, so may that be a help when we face the challenges that will inevitably arise in the year ahead.

In recent newsletters the members of Parish Ministries and Groups were thanked for their generosity in serving our faith community. I repeat those sincere thanks, but I would like to particularly thank those who made themselves available for the celebrations over Advent and Christmas. To Advent prayer and discussion groups, Nativity Play organisers, musicians and participants, to the sausage sizzlers, and to all who served in ministries at the Christmas Masses, THANKYOU. It would not have been the same without you.

There were some lovely moments during the Christmas celebrations and some of these were beautifully captured by Veronica, our communications person. These can be viewed on the Parish Facebook page (*Parish of Saints Peter and Paul - Bulimba*). Some shots were also uploaded on the Archdiocesan page (*Archdiocese of Brisbane*). Simply search and like to follow! Thank you Veronica and you make a great Star for the Tree!

God bless and may it be a gentle beginning for the year,
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 Sr Mary Patricia Hickey SGS, Stephen Tait and John Loftus recently deceased and also for Dolores Reyes, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka, Noel Nicholson, Les and Ruby Richards, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Norma, Katie, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker and Mike West.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Michael (Mick) Shelton, Ray Moresi, Megan Stuart, Remy Rossi, Roy Hogan and Lance Tutanoa.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 15 January – 21 January 2024			
Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	7:00pm	St Anthony	Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Readings – Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20		
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

Tuesday 23 January 2024
Carer's meet in hall @ 10am

Friday 26 January 2024
Australia Day Mass @ 9am

Sunday 28 January 2024
Baptisms @ 9:30am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
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There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. Calling the period of the church year outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter 'Ordinary Time' is rather unfortunate. The word 'ordinary' in common usage means everyday, unexceptional and uninteresting. The word 'ordinary' as used relates to ordinal numbers, as in the processing of counting. It is best to think of Ordinary Time as one of the liturgical seasons – the longest season of the church year. It has its own liturgical colour – green – which points to our Christian hope and life, entering into the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. As Christians, Sunday is our original feast day – the day to celebrate Christ's resurrection and our participation in the paschal mystery. Ordinary Time is simply the way the Church marks time, Sunday after Sunday, gathered to celebrate the good news of Christ's death and resurrection and enables us to devote ourselves to exploring the mystery of Christ in all its aspects and to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life.

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION for January 2024 – *Prayer for Christian Unity*

"If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, and diversity never cause conflict. The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God – everyone equal in God's love, and everyone different."

Let us pray that the Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church



This week's goal: Sustainable Lifestyle

This week's goal refers to our personal life needs and restraint in the use of resources and energy.

Consider your home use of water, electricity or gas. Limit where possible the use of plastic, petrol, paper, cosmetics and body sprays.

MINISTRY– Now is the time to consider how you will take part in the life of the parish this New Year. Please contact the parish office to volunteer of your time and talents or to ask for a ministry brochure. There is a variety of ministries on offer.

Helping Hands
Wanted



ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If this sounds like you, you are welcome to join with others at the parish carer's meetings, held on the last Tuesday of each month. Consider coming to the next meeting on Tuesday 23 January, held in the parish hall from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

ALPHA LAUNCH 2024. Are you someone aged 18-25 who is curious about life, purpose and faith? Then ALPHA Young Adult is the program for you. Our Lady of Graces, Carina are currently preparing for ALPHA and invite you to join for food, fellowship, discussions and questions. First session is Thursday 18 January from 6pm-8.30pm in the parish library. For further information, contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Paddy was sitting at the pub when the barman said, 'Why are you looking so sad?' Paddy replied, 'Me and my wife had a massive argument and she said she won't talk to me for a month.' The barman replied, 'What's wrong with that?' Paddy said, 'The month is up tomorrow!'

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from when we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please telephone 1300 133 544 or visit www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

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

Join us in the **IONA PASSION PLAY**. Experience the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary. Auditions on Sunday, 14 January from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm and Sunday, 21 January from 11 am - 12 pm at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production. For more details and audition package, visit www.passionplay.org.au or contact info@ipp.org.au.

ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL - Evening of Music and Reflection to launch the MASS OF THE ASCENSION. 6pm Wednesday 8 May 2024. This evening brings together a new composition of the Eucharist, other songs and pieces of music which seek to do just this: to name God in song in ways that help us to pray; to voice God in ways the generations of the future might resonate with. For more information contact xaviercentre@acu.edu.au

Liturgy News Summer edition is now available for free from Liturgy Brisbane. A full table of contents and the editorial for each issue can be found on the [Liturgy Brisbane website](#).

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a **WELCOMER AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** will be held on **Thursday 1st February from 9.30am until 1pm** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42

GATHERING HYMN

ALL THE EARTH

CHORUS *All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness,
Come into his presence singing for joy!

Know that the Lord is our Creator,
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own.

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.



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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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who
brings us truth and grace. 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 prayer

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

BE MERCIFUL

*Be merciful, be merciful, just as God is merciful to you.
Answer evil with good, answer hatred with love.
Be merciful as God is merciful.*

As a tender father God is merciful; as a loving mother,
God is merciful, slow to anger, and full of compassion.

Show compassion to the lost and forgotten;
give comfort to the sick and the dying.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Share your riches with the hungry and homeless,
and advocate for those in prison.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

And, as Jesus taught us, love your enemies,
do good to the ones who hate you.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Offer blessings to the ones who curse you,
and pray for the ones who abuse you.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Clothe yourselves in love and compassion;
Be forgiving as God has forgiven you.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

Chorus

*Behold the glory of God, the day star arising!
Christ Jesus shines on the earth with mercy
enduring!*

O how wondrous the gift of your love,
Tender gift on our behalf:
To redeem a slave lowly born
You gave us the Christ.

Lift your hands, offering thanks unto God,
Raise a hymn of endless praise:
Blessed be the Lord of our lives,
Whose mercy endures.

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