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NEWSLETTER

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe certainly has a grand name and makes a bold claim. In essence it names the all-embracing consequences of what it means to believe in Christ and follow him. The Feast says more about the meaning of faith than the status of Jesus. Is what I say and do determined by grace because I believe and belong to Christ? Do I look upon others, be they close to me or very different and see, every time, the face of Christ? Do I look upon the beauty of creation and appreciate that everything has been created through the eternal Word (or design) of God? Can I look upon the worst of human suffering and while I want to turn away still believe that life and peace will reign? If that is the case, then Jesus Christ is indeed Lord of all that I do and desire.

Today's solemnity also marks the final Sunday in the liturgical year. Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, means that the cycle of Readings comes from Year B and we will spend many weeks proclaiming and pondering the Gospel of Mark.

This Sunday onwards we will have the readings proclaimed from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This translation is used in many parishes where their Lectionary has fallen to pieces waiting for the Australian Bishops to determine which translation will be proclaimed throughout Australia. The selection and cycle of Readings are the same but I have no doubt you will soon be aware of some subtle differences. It will be very important for Lectors (Readers at Mass) to familiarise themselves with this different translation and prepare accordingly.

Don't forget to mark your diaries for the Wine and Cheese evening next Saturday after Mass and the Carols and Nativity Play on Tuesday the 19th December.

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 Camella Moretti, Raffaele Seminara, Cecily Hesse, 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, Bourke, Hanly and McLachlan Families, Ross, Giuseppe and Francesca Saffiotti, Jarrett Family, John Smith, Todd Robinson, Mal Thomson, Stan Grzegorzolka and Ricardo Cabrera.



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

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 27 November – 3 December 2023

Monday	-		-
Tuesday	-		-
Wednesday	-		-
Thursday	-	St Andrew	-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am		Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		First Sunday of Advent
	Readings – Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37		
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

Tuesday 28 November

Carer's Group meet in hall @ 10am

Wednesday 29 November

School graduation – No Parish Mass

Thursday 30 November

PLAYGROUP in the hall @ 9am

Saturday 2 December

ROSARY in the hall @ 4.15pm

WINE & CHEESE evening @

6.30pm

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue precautions -

- *Maintain good hand hygiene.*
- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *Maintain social distancing (1.5m) in the Church.*
- *Wear a mask when in close contact with others.*

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>

Please note the **PARISH OFFICE** hours will vary from the 'usual' opening times over the next week as staff are on annual leave. If you need to visit, you may wish to call first and check if the office is attended. Apologies for the inconvenience.

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

ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with a 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. If this sounds like you and you are looking for support, please consider dropping into the carer's gathering in the parish hall. Next held on Tuesday 28 November from 10am. All welcome.

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 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 phone 3399 2386 or email bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
*Just got home from Christmas shopping and found all the doors and windows wide open and everything inside gone...
What kind of thief would do this to my Advent calendar?*

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



A VOCATION VIEW: The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another. Scan the QR code to find out more, or call 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](#).

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 2nd December at 5pm. Free Admission. All welcome.

Give your son a lifetime of community and opportunity. **IONA COLLEGE** enrolment applications for 2026 are available. Regular college tours are held on Friday mornings during term. Please see the college website iona.qld.edu.au for dates. For more information, contact the enrolment team at enrol@iona.qld.edu.au or phone 3893 8801.

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 Tce, Bowen Hills. Tickets available from www.oldmuseumevent or call 3257 4089. For more details: www.qldchor.com/events



This week's goal: The Cry of the Poor

Consider donating to a charity that supports the poor and under-privileged. Our parish SVDP Christmas appeal is a good place to start!

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
BSB 064-786
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.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - You are invited to join us for a *Wine and Cheese* evening in the parish hall on Saturday 2 December (*First weekend of Advent*) at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please bring a share plate. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. **Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday 27 November.**

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:2-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

GATHERING HYMN

HAIL REDEEMER, KING DIVINE

Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

CHORUS Angels, saints and nations sing
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary".

King, whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, King of Kings.

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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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

CHORUS
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of
the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection I am the life.
You who believe in me, even if you die,
You shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are
the Christ,
The Son of God, who has come
into the world.



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

CHORUS
Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

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