

Parish Bugle



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It's December. Shoppers and worshipers alike greet each other: "Merry Christmas!" "Peace and joy!" Christmas is an amazing time of year. We Christians ought to enjoy Christmas more than anyone.

For on that first Christmas, the world was in desperate times. A census is being conducted. Murderous, paranoid Herod the Great is king of the Jews. It is winter on Bethlehem's hillsides - and cold. Inside a cave in the town sit a poverty-stricken carpenter and his young wife - far from home, chilled to the bone. She is in labour. Her child will be born in a stable, of all places. Why is it like this? She may have asked.

During this Christmas 2021 the entire world is still in the grip of COVID -19 spirals. Fear can grip us too; choke all faith out of our hearts. Borders are still closed; vaccination percentage is high but still restrictions, confusion and people losing their jobs. Fear itself constitutes a large part of the problems we face.

Here is the message of Christmas. What was the content of the sermon of the angel on that first Christmas night? "Fear not! Do not be afraid!" Four times in the Gospel accounts of Christmas the angels used the expression, "Fear not." The angel spoke these words to Zachariah, to Mary, to Joseph, and finally to a group of shepherds on a hillside near Bethlehem. "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

A Saviour comes to rescue people in danger, preserve those who are threatened by harm, and protect his people from the troubles that surround them. That's what saviours do! That's what Jesus came to do for us. The Real Christmas message is this: God has sent a Saviour for you, to save you from your sins and to help you in this life, to lift your burden and ease your fears. That's it! "Fear not ... for a Saviour is born to you — Christ the Lord!" I wish you all blessed Christmas!



Fr Subin Thomas, Your Parish Priest

We acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional families of the Yugambah region of South East Queensland, including the Kombumerri, Mununjali, Wangerriburra and others, and their Elders past present and emerging.

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Dream for a Better World!

In 1948, Alan Paton, a white South African, wrote a haunting book called *Cry the Beloved Country* describing the situation in South Africa under apartheid. In a truly prophetic book, he spoke of his dream that there would come a day when there was justice and equality for all.

On August 28, 1963, Dr Martin Luther King Jr delivered a memorable address in Washington DC. The speech was occasioned by the movement for civil rights for African Americans and captured the need for change in American society. The theme of his words was "I have a dream," and he outlined his hopes for the future integration of all people in the United States.

On October 3, 2020, Pope Francis travelled to Assisi where he celebrated Mass and signed the encyclical letter *Fratelli tutti* in which he writes about his dream for human solidarity.

Dreams are important and in different decades these three authors have challenged us to focus on the reality of the human community where difference and division have all too often triumphed over the recognition of our common humanity, and the need to work together for the creation of a better society in which all have an equal share.

In the Broadway musical *Man of La Mancha* based on the seventeenth century book by Miguel De Cervantes there is a wonderful song called "The Impossible Dream," in which the mad knight Don Quixote sings of his quest to "To fight for the right without question or pause, to be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!"

The dreams of all come together as we enter the season of Advent after yet another challenge with the global pandemic. The dreams echo the message of Jesus who came among us to proclaim and inaugurate the "kingdom of God." This kingdom is not simply about the future but about the need to transform current reality. It is not about pie in the sky, but about the transformation of contemporary reality.

As we begin the season of Advent, which concludes with the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ, we pause anew to dream of the reality that God is among us and the difference that Jesus makes to our lives.

Jesus calls us to dream and to work to create a world where there is greater equality and a deeper respect for the created world and cosmos which we inhabit. Our media has made us more aware of others and through travel we have been able to acquaint ourselves with the reality of other societies.

Our experiences of these global realities invite us to recognise difference and to work for the development of others. The negative option is to retreat into our own cocoons and to seek to protect ourselves and our way of life to the neglect of wider concerns.

Our experience of the pandemic has challenged us to think not only of our own national needs but also to work together to provide an international response based not just on national interests but on concern for the common good of all peoples. This is particularly important for the wealthy nations who must also be concerned for those who have fewer resources.

Hopefully, mindful of our separation from family, friends and our worship community we will have an enhanced ability to connect with one another. Mindful of our global community, we will have greater sensitivity to the situation of those who are in transit from their country of origin for political, religious, and economic reasons.

Mindful of local concerns, we will have a greater openness to people from other cultures and religious traditions and open our hearts and minds to understand their cultures and religious traditions. Mindful of personal concerns, we wish to open our hearts and lives to dream and to work for a better future for all. The season of Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of the birth of the Lord Jesus who is forever our source of hope for a renewed world.

*Extracts from article written by Fr Michael Kelly CSSR in Majellan Media.
Submitted by Anne Erbacher*

The Christmas Story as Told by Luke



In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

Christmas Greetings from Ballarat



To everyone in the Beenleigh Parish a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas bring joy to your heart and happiness to your home. Best wishes from Theresia Houghton in Ballarat.

If you wish to contact me then please see the Bugle team for contact details.

Theresia Houghton, former parish secretary, finance committee, craft group and many other things in our parish

Bequests to the Parish

Should any Parishioner be considering making a financial bequest to St. Patrick's Parish, such a bequest must be included in your Last Will and Testament.

There is an exactly worded statement required to be used when making such a bequest. This exact statement can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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Preparing for Advent with Children

Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming". Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, and it is a time to prepare and wait for the birth of Jesus. With the rise of commercialism and materialism, it is hard for children to make it through the long wait before Christmas Day!

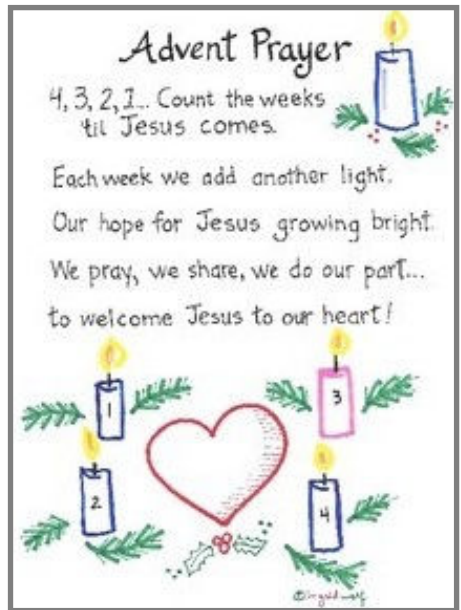
Help your children celebrate Advent, but first, as a parent, here are things you can do to make things more meaningful:

Prepare Ourselves First – it is the most important thing we can do to prepare our children for Advent. Lead by example, be patient and calm with your preparations for the season. Teach your children about quiet and expectant waiting. Talk about what we long for from the Lord and let them hear about "the coming of Jesus" at home.

Attend Mass Regularly with your children- The Church will also reinforce the meaning of the coming of Jesus for us. Our children will be watching us and listening to us - what we say and do, and what we fail to say and do. Show our children our own commitment to God, to be at Mass, and enter Advent as deeply as we can.

Prioritise - make a commitment to give our children what they really desire and need most – our time. Pick one or maybe two activities that will best suit your family and is most feasible for you to continue throughout Advent. Take a moment to look over your calendar. We want to be there for our families and spend time with them, to be present for our children. Your role as a parent is important for your spiritual growth as well as your family's holiness.

As we make these special family traditions during Advent, we will come up with others that fit our family well. Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and will give them day-to-day activities to make that endless month of December go by more quickly.



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Advent with Children—Focus on Jesus

Here are some tips to help your children keep the focus of Christmas on Jesus.

Talk to children about Advent and the anticipation of Jesus's birth, the true reason for the season. It is an opportunity to connect and identify with God's people, who are eagerly awaiting a Saviour. Children can participate in the anticipation of Christmas. You can prepare their hearts, minds and souls.



Allow Children to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word Advent Program - We want to open up Advent for them, so that they can get ready for - look forward to - Christmas in a different way. We want to introduce them to faith-filled meanings for light/darkness, hunger/thirsts, and all the other images of Isaiah. We want them to really know the meaning of "the Christmas story." What is so surprising about the story is that he comes, not like a king, but in great simplicity and poverty. Our God is truly with us, as a little baby. He knows what is like to be a child - everything.

Read books and stories about the Birth of Jesus - We can read the Gospel with them, reading the story from Luke's gospel first. Then we can tell them about Zachary and Elizabeth and about Joseph and Mary. Reading will help temper the materialism and consumerism involved in the marketing of Christmas to children.

An Advent Wreath at the dinner table— this is a simple way to add extra family prayer time to your home, you light a candle on each Sunday of Advent.

An Advent Calendar that families can do together. There are several options out there that are interactive—more than just opening a little window to get a piece of candy. Some have colouring pages, things you can cut and tape, or readings or activities. Remember, the activities must be engaging and robust enough to feel like it's worth everyone's time but doesn't require them to spend thirty minutes every day on it (because they won't).

Create a Nativity "place" in your home – Before we put a nativity scene there, we can let it be an empty space for a while. We can prepare for setting it up, by putting things in that place which represent the anticipation, the desire, the emptiness. We can begin with a basket and children can place notes in the basket that express what they hope for, for each member in the family, for their friends, for people in the world, prayers for loved ones who are sick, for a classmate who is difficult. We can keep telling the children that it is into this special place of our longing and faith that Jesus comes. Then, when we set up the Nativity scene in that place, it can become a special place for the children.

Spend Less, Give More - Help your children learn that they can give gifts without spending any money. They can give the gift of time by helping a neighbour mow the grass or talking with a relative who may be lonely. They can make recycled Christmas cards, donate old toys to the less fortunate, visit the elderly or the sick. Christmas carolling is a fun way to bring happiness to neighbours or doing small acts of kindness for siblings. The Advent season is a wonderful time to help teach children the life lesson of the importance of the gift of self.

Create opportunities for joy - We are waiting and anticipating the birth of our Saviour. It is this gloriousness that we should reflect to our children. Choose one night each week (that's just 4 nights!) to intentionally create an opportunity for joy and laughter. Hop in the car and look at Christmas lights or play games together as a family. It doesn't have to be elaborate.

St Vincent De Paul Society—St Patrick's Conference Beenleigh

VINNIES HOUSE UPDATE:

Despite numerous notices to the contrary, the house is still standing. This is the latest advice:

- Our conference will cease using the house as its base on: Tuesday 30 November 2021
- It will be demolished sometime during the school holidays, most probably before Christmas.
- St Patrick's Conference will continue to assist the needy in our community working from home and following the home visitation model.



FUND RAISING:

CHRISTMAS APPEAL. This Australia wide appeal will be held in our Parish on the weekend of 4/5 December. Donation Envelopes and additional information will be available on the last weekend of November.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE. We have been allocated Saturday 15 January as the next date for this excellent fundraiser. We thank the management at Bunnings Bethania for this opportunity to raise some badly needed funds.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE—NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

St Patrick's Conference here in Beenleigh is a small community which constitutes the front line of the Society. We cover a huge area and need new members in order to adequately respond to the ever growing demand for our services.

Our Conference needs people to carry out face-to-face interviews, home visitations and visits to those who are socially isolated.

TIME COMMITMENT- As little as 2 - 3 hours per week. Induction and training will be provided.

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- Connections with like-minded people.

For more info contact Regional President Bruce Laker
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CONFERENCE STATISTICS REPORT FOR SEP/Oct '21

Total number of contacts - 212

Number of singles - 296, Number partnered - 54, Number of singles with child/children - 85

Total value of assistance provided - \$11626.60

I have reproduced the figures provided in the computer generated statistical report. Apologies if they do not make sense. I can assure you that all moneys are spent very carefully.

Christmas Hampers

This year we are providing 40 Christmas Hampers. For the first time we shall be delivering them to people's houses on Saturday morning 18 December. We will be asking our parishioners to assist us with this pleasant and rewarding task. If you can help please register your details at the piety stall.

John Maksimas

40 Hour Famine Reflection

Introduction

As St Patrick's Beenleigh youth group, we participate annually in an event called the 40-hour Famine. The objective of this is to gain a better understanding of hardships and challenges experienced from a more underprivileged perspective. Therefore, our wonderful youth leader, Cathy, suggested that we give up something that we are entirely dependent on, and which forms an integral part of our everyday lives. In reality, the truth is quite simple, as our youth group uncovered during the course of the event. You guessed it, we gave up technology!



Impact of technology

We examined how technology has impacted most aspects of our lives, including social media. The technological revolution influences nearly every facet of 21st-century life, from transportation to food to health care. In fact, everything is digital and streamlined which presented us the most exciting challenge of all. Challenge accepted!

Events of the weekend

We are thankful that everyone in the group resisted temptation and survived to share with their friends and families their wonderful, faithful stories and experiences.

Our group stayed at Gina's apartment in Brisbane. It was a notable change from our usual routine as we did not bring our electronic devices. On our first night, we settled down nicely and spent time playing board games, cards, painting each other's nails, cooking, and reading. Since there was no digital clock in the room, we easily lost track of time and realised at 11pm that there was an analogue clock on the wall. This was well beyond the curfew we planned as part of our new adventure.

We realised that we can survive without using technology for a short period because technology also enriches our lives. It is an efficient form of communication and education which can be obtained through various search engines such as Google. There is no need for us to read an encyclopaedia because the world is constantly evolving. Our knowledge base is constantly being challenged in this ever-changing technological era which can result in both positive and negative outcomes.

Time to reflect

We often take the things we have been blessed with for granted and tend to have an entitled outlook. This experience encouraged us to reflect upon what God hopes for us as his children. We fundraised to help those supporting the millions of people suffering through the famine in East Africa and donations were accepted from friends and parishioners in cash and via an internet link. We raised a total of \$419 – thank you to all who donated!

During our prayer time, the feeling that God was present resonated with me. I knew he was watching over us and at that moment I knew this was one of the most valuable experiences in my life that brought God closer to me.

We all woke up early and attended 7am Mass at Fairfield on the final day. 'Human nature leads us to take things for granted, so we should be grateful for what we have'.. That was the message we heard. As though God had communicated with us via the priest, this also correlated with what he had asked of us on this experience.

Following our group discussion, we believe that we have developed an unbreakable connection with our Lord due to the experience. A member of the group said, "I was given the choice of attending the 40-hour famine or my break-up netball carnival. This left me in a dilemma, and I was not sure what to do. As a result of my prayers, the Lord appeared to me one night before bed, and I immediately knew what I needed to do to fulfil his desire for me as his child.

From this experience we are now certain that God loves all of us equally, and he wants us to live our lives to the fullest extent possible. It is also important to remember that our goal was only achievable because we did it as a collective – team support. *Ava McLean*

St Joseph Tobruk Primary School

Socktober

Our school community was involved in the Catholic Mission Campaign of Socktober during the month of October. Our students were involved in creating 'sock balls', made from old socks, clothes, plastic bags and string that students then used in soccer shootout activities. Fr Subin joined us for these activities and was an outstanding goalie! With each class that challenged him he let fewer and fewer goals through. Our school community raised \$1075. Our Mission Ambassadors did a wonderful job talking at Mass to raise the profile of this campaign for parishioners. Please continue to keep the Sisters of Good Shepherd in your prayers.



Remembrance Day – 11th November



On the 11th November we paused for one minute of silence to remember those who have served and died in wars, conflicts and peacemaking operations. Mr Terry Dex, from the Beenleigh RSL joined us for our prayer service. His grandfather was a Rat of Tobruk. Our school gained its title "Tobruk Memorial" in memory of the men and women who served at "the Siege of Tobruk" from April 10 to November 21 1941. Fr Owen Steele who was appointed Parish Priest of Beaudesert, of which the township Beenleigh was a part at the time, served as a chaplain in the armed forces during World War 2. During the North African campaign, Fr Owen Steele was one of the famous "Rats of Tobruk",



who fought bravely over many months to hold a prized port, Tobruk from German hands. One of our Prep classes made this beautiful wreath of poppies for our service.

As our school year comes to a close for 2021, we are thankful for the many opportunities we have had to learn and grow. We thank the parish for their continued prayers and support for the important work we do in our school. We wish our Year 6 graduating class every success as they head off to high school and pray that they continue to walk with courage, faith and love. To all our school and parish families we wish you each a Christmas season filled with joy and happiness. We look forward to the many new possibilities and opportunities that await us in 2022.

Kathryn O'Toole, Acting APRE—St Joseph Tobruk Primary

Mother Teresa News

Outreach- Friday Morning Toast Club

Every Friday of this term, the Year Six students have been participating in a Toast Club. The students eagerly volunteer each week to provide toast to students before school commences just in case they miss out on breakfast or in case they are still hungry. The aim of the initiative is to teach our students the importance of service to others. All food items have been kindly donated by members of the school community.



MTS Sock-it to Poverty Day- Wednesday October 27

Socktober for Mission Month is a celebration of and engagement with mission for entire school communities. Socktober provides young people in Australia with the opportunity to lead in mission, encouraging them to think not only of what they will do to help, but *why* they will do it. The students were invited to wear a crazy pair of socks for a day and the Year Three class hosted a Bakesale to sell sweets to raise money and awareness for Catholic Missions.



The Blessing of the Animals

To celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the school held a Blessing of the Animals to commemorate St Francis as the patron saint of animals and ecology. The students were asked to bring in an image of their pets for a whole school blessing before school. It was great to see the students involved with this event and the deep love and respect they showed for the animals in our school community.

*Adam McCoy,
APRE—Mother Teresa School*



Youth - My 1st Ignite Conference

During the school holidays, six of us young people (including Cathy) from St. Patrick's Youth Ministry attended the 2021 Ignite Conference at Rothwell, Redcliffe where the theme for this year was "UNLEASH". Ignite (Youth) Conference is all about pointing people to the ultimate source of adventures and purpose – a life following Jesus.

This year was my **FIRST TIME** going to the Ignite Conference and I had the most amazing, memorable and inspiring time and experience. The keynote speakers like:

- Robert Falzon were so inspiring, impactful and meaningful where he told us a story of how he encountered God in many different ways.
- Sister Melissa (a Canossan nun) told us a story of how she was unchained.
- My favourite workshops were called "5 HOT TIPS FOR ANY CHRISTIAN YOUNG ADULT" with Chelsea Lay-Youn and Zac Parnell; and
- "HOW TO PRESENT FOR YOUTH MINISTRY" with Hogan Rogers.

Yet the most impactful stories I've learnt were from "KIM'S COUCH", where there were three people who wrote a letter to their younger selves where it was indeed very deep and meaningful. My favourite song from Emmanuel Worship was "I CAN BE". Anyway, my overall experience was so much more than I expected and I walked away knowing that I was UNLEASHED. I look at life in a whole different way now and that God is always right by your side and you are loved.

Thank you to the people that helped us raise so much money and to Anna (Cathy's friend: you know who you are!)

By Chelsea Steven (SPYM member)



COLOUR IN ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath typically consists of **greenery** with candles:

First Candle is **Purple** – also called the Prophet's Candle and it represents **HOPE**

Second Candle is **Purple** – also called the Angel's Candle and represents **PEACE**

Third Candle is **Pink** – also called the Shepherd's Candle and represents **JOY**

Fourth Candle is **Purple** – also called the Bethlehem candle and represents **LOVE**

Many advent wreaths also include a white JESUS candle in the middle.



Family Scribbles

A colleague of my husband's recently passed away after being involved in a terrible car accident. Her two daughters and partner who were also in the car were critically injured but thankfully survived. It was such a tragic loss of life and is a real shock to the system of how fragile and quick life can be; and being so close to Christmas, it really highlights the important things in life.

It's easy to be swept up in the frenzy of Christmas must haves— must have beautiful wrapping, must have the best Christmas crackers, must have the fanciest tree. So on and so forth... But when it comes down to it they're not important at all.

Christ wasn't born in a hospital, or even a fancy loft. He was born in a stable amongst the animals. Placed in a make shift crib made from a manger, and the only visitors who came offered gifts that were essentially useless to a baby. But what was present there are the most important things in life- Family and love.

So this Christmas make it a point to hold your loved ones a little tighter. Tell them how much they mean to you. Put down your device and live in the moment. Because you never know what may happen.

I dedicate this scribble to the May Family. Please keep them in your prayers this Christmas season.

Erica Ng Philips



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RAP Group Update

Since the last issue of the Bugle, the RAP group have attended the Archbishop's endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and The Waterhole Experience. We have been involved with the Beenleigh Housing Development Company (BHDC) in a yarning and art process, have participated in the Archdiocese pilot parish review and networking workshop and have had the opportunity to complete a 'Cultural Competence in a Catholic Context' course.

Through Cynthia Rowan, our RAP Project manager we received an invitation from the Archbishop to attend the public endorsement of the Uluru Statement From The Heart. The event was held in September at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

"Through our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the Archdiocese of Brisbane is on a journey towards reconciliation with First Nations peoples. On that journey, we want to endorse and support the move to enshrine in the Constitution an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice with government which includes constitutional acknowledgment of the rich cultural histories of our First Nations peoples".

"Dean Parkin (Director, From The Heart) will speak to the Uluru Statement From The Heart, explaining why it matters for all Australians. Following Dean's talk, I will endorse the statement on behalf of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This will be an historic moment for the Church in Brisbane and for our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Our group had a lovely day listening to the speakers, exploring the beautiful settings with a view over Stradbroke Island. We learned a lot by speaking to the lovely people we met and we enjoyed a scrumptious lunch.

The RAP group also received a kind invitation to participate in yarning circles with the Beenleigh Housing Development Company (BHDC). The two first circles were held at the Eagleby Wetlands and another three circles have been held at St Patrick's, the last two with children from St Joseph's and Mother Teresa schools and Trinity College.

As a part of the Yarning Circles we were drawing art to reflect and describe reconciliation. Many beautiful images and words have appeared. During the yarning circles we have talked - yarned - about ways in which we can work together in a mutually respectful way.

Next year the yarning artwork will be put together to paint a mural, which will be a very special place in the garden. Thank you to Kevin Billion, principal of St Joseph's and to principals and teachers from the other schools for participating and allowing the children to attend and thank you to BHDC, Aunty Robyn Williams, Uncle Norm Sheehan, Will Davis and the Jinndi team for making this great experience possible.

The St Patrick's RAP group is open to everybody with an interest in reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office or anyone in the group.

Merry Christmas wishes from St Patrick's RAP Group





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May you all have a very peaceful Christmas and New Year. May God bless you all!

St Patrick's Bugle Team

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- Children's Mass - 6pm
- Youth Mass - 8pm
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- Midnight Mass - 12am

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