

# weekly bulletin

6 December 2020



*Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way*

## Bible readings:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13;

2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

## Weekly reflection

Today is the second Sunday in Advent and the candle we light today is the candle of peace. Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Prince of Peace and yet Jesus said on one occasion, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace but a sword," referring to the divisions and strife that the gospel would bring in lives of those who followed him, rejecting the faith of their fathers. The apostle Peter enjoins us to pursue peace and in the beatitudes, Jesus proclaimed that peace makers are blessed. So it's an important but problematic theme. May God open our eyes to how we can be at peace with God, with ourselves and with our neighbours and to how we can be peacemakers in all those contexts.

Blessings

Ian

## Congratulations

Today we celebrate the upcoming marriage of Heather Coupland to Christopher Ohnsorge next Saturday. May God enrich their lives as they become one in His presence.

Today is the last day in which we have the opportunity to give to the Inala Family and Accommodation Services so that they may provide some relief to families over Christmas. Please place your donation in the red envelopes from the Christmas tree in the foyer.

Registration to attend our Carols service on 20th December and the Christmas Day Service can be made by following the link to our website at <https://www.oxleydarrauc.org.au/> Access the ticketing link and register how many of your family are coming to ensure we are complying with Covid safe policies.

## Contribute:

Email [communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com) by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

## Please pray for:

- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Clyde L, David W, David G, Leona
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Margaret R, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G.
- On this Celebration Sunday we pray for the leaders of our church family, especially those who give their time to our youth and children
- Families in need of the Inala Family and Accommodation Services
- Give thanks for the re-opening of borders between states
- Heather and Christopher as they enter into marriage
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.

## Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for October is \$1,994.19 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$31,819.12 Gain.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.

**Date for next year's diary** - Church Family Camp - Bribie Island weekend of 23-25 April 2021

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**GIVING PROGRAM.** This year's giving program will be conducted differently. You can register your giving on line as per the email sent this week, or for those not on the email the paper forms are still available in the foyer. Please see Russell or Harry for further information.

## Upcoming Date Claimers

**Sunday 6.12.20** 10am

Celebration Service for Sunday Connect

**Thursday 10.12.20** 7.00pm - CLT meeting

**Sunday 13.12.20** 10am - Rev Andrew Gunton will be taking the service, followed by a picnic in Cawonga Park

**Saturday 19.12.20** 8am - working bee at the manse, 2 Gregwal Crt Oxley. Please bring gardening equipment

**Sunday 20.12.20** 6pm - Christmas Carols service, Please register your intent to come

**Friday 25.12.20** 8.30am - Christmas Day Service. Please register your intent to come

