



Vox Populi

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As we await the birth of the baby Jesus let us all embrace the eternal Christmas message of peace, hope and goodwill.

The Christ Child is the Prince of Peace, who brings with Him the divine invitation to embrace peace in our hearts, and share it with those around us, no matter where we are.

It is not always easy to find peace and hope in the chaos, struggles and challenges that so often surround us.

However we know from the scriptures if we put our trust in God, and make room in our heart for Jesus each day, we will not be left alone nor lose sight of the transformative power of joy.

The Apostle Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13).

As the angels sang of peace on earth and goodwill to all at the time of the birth of Jesus in a humble manger in Bethlehem, let us also sing His praises this Christmas season.

And as we experience His gifts of peace, hope, and love, let us also observe the spirit of giving to others.

To everyone in the Diocese of Broken Bay may you all have a blessed Christmas and the New Year be one of joy and fulfilment.