


ROSTERS December 7-8	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
 <p><b>Please arrange a replacement by contacting each other directly</b></p>	ALTAR SERVERS	Heidi Day	VOL	VOL
	DATA PROJECTOR	VOL	Sally Galvin	Colin Dash
	HOSPITALITY	Cheese and wine	Second Sunday	Second Sunday
	READERS	Mary Wilkie Glenda Honan VOL	Stacey De Angelis Liz Feltrin Mark Feltrin	Carmel Hennessy Maria Esposito Marie Jones
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CLEANERS	Justine Moschella Tania Cole Tina Felsman			
COUNTERS	David Backstrom, Marie Barnard, Pat Collins			

**Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!**

There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>.

In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed.

**If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

All volunteers, whether directly or indirectly involved with children and vulnerable adults, are required to view a 25 minute video presentation, as part of our compliance with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy. It can be viewed at: [safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html](http://safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html)

Then go to top right-hand corner, scroll down using the far-right arrow, to Safeguarding Essential Presentation (level 1). At the conclusion, please print off and sign the PDF version called Certificate of Completion, and return it to the parish office, either in person, or to the secured box at the church entrance.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



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**WEEK DAY MASS TIMES**  
 Monday 8.00am  
 Tuesday 8.00am  
 Wednesday 9.00am  
 Thursday 8.00am  
 Friday 8.00am

**HOLY HOUR/EUCHARIST ADORATION**  
 Monday 8.30am

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
 Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am  
 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION**  
 Saturday 4.00pm - 4.30pm

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**First Sunday of Advent—1st December 2019 (YEAR A)**

Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight. No wonder Paul and Matthew found it such a rich metaphor for the coming of Christ.

American lyricist and composer, Marty Haugen has found the image of light and darkness inspirational in his text, God of Day and God of Darkness (© 1984, 1995, published by GIA Inc.) He writes:

*God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;  
 As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.  
 All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,  
 When the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.  
 Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;  
 Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.  
 Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore  
 All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.  
 Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;  
 Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.  
 Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,  
 Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.*

Marty Haugen's take on the light and dark in the world is entirely consistent with the way Catholic mystics have applied these metaphors. Being in the light is not just about what we see, it is about what we do. St Ignatius Loyola often spoke about the things we keep buried in the dark. For Ignatius the experience we won't speak about, the sins we won't confess and the memories we suppress are the signs of the bad spirit. They gain an inordinate power over us and we displace a lot of energy keeping them buried in the dark. Ignatius always saw the hand of the good spirit when these things came into the light. Every time someone says to me, 'Father, I've never told anyone this before, but I want to talk about it now...' I thank God that the good spirit is alive and active. St Ignatius encourages us to be alert to all the ways we con ourselves that keeping secrets hidden in the dark is a necessary or acceptable way to live.

May this Advent be the season in which we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light. May our preparation for Christmas confirm us in the truth of Haugen's words about Jesus Christ and humanity.

*You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;  
 Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,  
 For our hearts shall wander restless, 'til they safe to you return;  
 Finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.*

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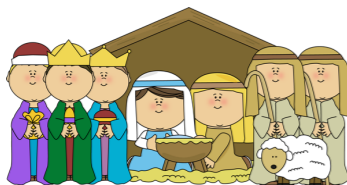
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## CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS



Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. At this stage, we are looking for little people who would like to help us tell the story by being involved in our Nativity play. If you know someone who would like to volunteer to be Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise kings, animals and star please email Carmel Burroughs on [acburroughs1@hotmail.com](mailto:acburroughs1@hotmail.com) to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity. We are also looking for a baby Jesus – no experience necessary! And remember - All children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The generous support of parishioners and schools enables your Kedron Little Flower conference to assist many locals in their time of need. We again ask for your help in any way that you can manage including:

- prayer, empathy and compassion for those enduring difficult times;
- financial donations (envelopes available at church doors);
- contributions to the Giving Tree during Advent; and perhaps your time - we always welcome new members to assist Vinnies work wherever their talents/time may lie. Just contact the parish office and we will be in touch.

**With Advent, we now have the Giving Tree available near the statue of Mary.**

**Please take a prayer or gift tag if you wish to contribute.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you peace and joy in this Advent and Christmas season.

## Little Flower Church Family Christmas Eve Mass



Planning for the Family Christmas Eve Mass has begun! In order to make this a special time for the Church and families, we are looking for volunteers to help us with: set up, pack up, offertory and collection. John De Angelis will email Special Ministers to see who can help and allocate you location on the lawn. If you would like to help us with this Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640, John De Angelis on 0438 119 709.

### HELP NEEDED FOR MINISTRIES

We are needing some more volunteers for Readers, Data Projection, Altar Society, Cleaners and Counters. If you are able to assist, please contact Sandra at the parish office via email [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Thank you**, one and all volunteers who have returned your completed Volunteer Forms, and other relevant paperwork, e.g. Statutory Declarations and Police Check Forms. **There still remains a significant number of forms yet to be returned, deemed necessary for all active ministry volunteers.**

Please kindly note that this is now a mandatory requirement of all parishes, including Little Flower parish, to be fully compliant with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy. If you have mislaid your forms or need assistance in completing them, please ring the parish office on 33576640 or call in Monday to Friday during office hours.

**lights OF CHRISTMAS**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

6:30pm carols  
7pm light show (every 12 minutes)

11 - 24 December

FREE

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and childrens' activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6:30 - 10:30pm.

### Mass times for Christmas and New Year

Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (on the lawn)

Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

Wednesday 25th December 9.00am Mass  
(Christmas Day Mass)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm (Vigil Mass) (Normal Mass)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 7.30am (Normal Mass) and 9.30am (Normal Mass)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Wednesday 9.00am (New Year Day) (Normal Mass)



### PRAYER IN TIMES OF DROUGHT

Eternal God, In wisdom and love, you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, please send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians; Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop; Pray for us.

### Feast of Christ the King First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019 Year A Proper of the Mass

1st Reading Isaiah 2:1-5  
2nd Reading Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

### Next Weeks Readings: Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2019 Year A

1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10  
2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9  
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

### Spiritual Director

Hello dear fellow parishioners. I'd like to share some good news and an invitation with you. What is this you ask? I've been trained to offer spiritual companionship and listen deeply to the presence of the Spirit in another's life. I offer a sacred and confidential place to tell the story of who you are and to give voice to your experiences of God.

If you'd like to arrange a time to meet, or simply to know more, please contact me or 0409 894 553 or email: [liz.anderson22@gmail.com](mailto:liz.anderson22@gmail.com)

Listen to your own heart's promptings and join me in this new adventure!

### SFO

The Secular Franciscan Order meets every Third Sunday after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall at the Kedron Parish.

Inquiries to contact the parish office.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

is held on Friday between 9.00 - 10.00am in the Delamore "chat room".  
*All welcome.*



### Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass. Our Children's Mass is held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

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### Holy Anointing Mass date

Friday 10th January

All Holy Anointing Mass is at 8.00am

Please come and join us.

### Holy Hour

#### Eucharist Adoration

For one hour every Monday morning straight after 8.00am Mass  
All are welcome.



*Please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

### Recently deceased

Allan Goldthorpe  
Monica Tardiani  
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Algerino Camerengo  
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A special THANK YOU to St Anthony's Choir. They lifted our spirits with the rendition of a variety of carols and Aussie themed Christmas songs. The Samaritans were thrilled. Again thank you.  
A special thank you to all those people who donated books for Sr Cecilia's planned library at Woorabinda. The books have arrived safely in Woorabinda and the library will be up and running before new year. LASTLY  
Next Tuesday, 3 December, is the **Final Tuesday Morning Activities for 2019**  
Don't miss the fun of the Christmas breakup  
Extra prizes, extra treats.  
See you there!