


ROSTERS December 14-15	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
 <p>Please arrange a replacement by contacting each other directly</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	Heidi Day	Sofia Poy	Carolina Sierra Hannah Jeavons
	DATA PROJECTOR	VOL	Tim Dutton	Michael Stark
	HOSPITALITY		Third Sunday	Third Sunday
	READERS	Gary Humphrys Kerry Humphrys Peter Ivers	Johnny De Angelis Jo Galvin Steve Felsman	Colin Dash Rosa D'Arx Denise Sherrington
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	CLEANERS	Alison Christian Rosa D'Arx Trisha Kerrin		
COUNTERS	Jeanette Lequertier, Paul Byrne, Paul Woodward			

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

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

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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Second Sunday of Advent—8th December 2019 (YEAR A)

Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

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Christmas Break
 The parish office will close
 Tuesday 24th December
 and will reopen
 Monday 6th January 2020



Relics of St. Therese Pilgrimage 2020 is coming to Kedron Parish



The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia next year on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, Sts Louis and Zélie Martin.

From February through May 2020, the family's relics will travel to New South Wales and ACT, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia.

The pilgrimage of the relics in 2020 will be an opportunity for Australians to come together, to have that sense of belonging, and to find inspiration in the life of St Thérèse and her parents." The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux last came to Australia in 2002.



St Thérèse was born in 1873 and felt an early call to religious life. She entered the Carmelite order at age 15 after experiencing what she called her "complete conversion". Her simple way of living, spiritual writings and her parents, Louis and Zélie, became the first spouses to be canonised as a couple in 2015. The togetherness of the family is an important feature of next year's pilgrimage.

'The connection between the relics of St Thérèse and of her parents gives all of us an opportunity to consider the importance of relationships and family life.'

Below is our itinerary:

Tuesday 11 February 2020	
Arrive Kedron 5pm	5.30pm Welcome Ceremony 6pm Veneration of Relics 7.30pm Mass 8.30pm All night vigil – Veneration of Relics
Wednesday 12 February 2020	
Depart Kedron 12pm	9am Mass 10am Prayer with St. Anthony school 11.30am Farewell liturgy 12pm Depart

Advent Giving tree...

Please feel welcome to take a prayer suggestion and or gift suggestion tag from our Advent Giving Tree...Members of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference thank you for your help.



Wishing you a **Happy and Holy Christmas** from the Samaritans!

Loads of prizes, noisy chattering, presents and cards sums up the fun at the final Activities this year. It was very enjoyable!

Samaritans had a very successful Craft Stall at the masses last weekend and we want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to you all for your wonderful support.

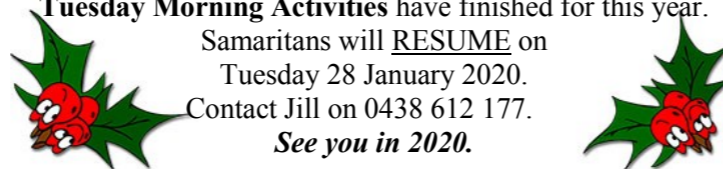
The two Hampers were won by Beryl McGubbin and Janice Lowcock and third prize went to Darren Davies.

Tuesday Morning Activities have finished for this year.

Samaritans will **RESUME** on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

See you in 2020.



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

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS

Plans are now underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. If you know someone who would like to volunteer to be angels and shepherds, please email Carmel Burroughs on acburroughs1@hotmail.com to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity. All children are welcome to dress up on Christmas Eve and share in the magic! Rehearsal will be on 22nd December straight after 9.30am Mass.



Mass times for Christmas and New Year

Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 24th December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Family Mass) (on the lawn)

Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

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

Thursday 26th December Boxing Day 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Friday 27th December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Saturday 28th December 5.00pm (Vigil Mass) (Normal Mass)

Sunday 29th December 7.30am (Normal Mass) and 9.30am (Normal Mass)

Monday 30th December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Tuesday 31st January 8.00am (Normal Mass)

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



A very special congratulation to all our Franciscan Sister who are celebrating their profession of vows this weekend. Also a very happy Feast Day to all of our MFIC.



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

Advent Wreath...



The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that typically holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Most Advent wreaths use three colors of candles – purple, pink, and white. 2nd candle (purple) The Bethlehem Candle or candle of preparation. *We are preparing to get ready to celebrate your birth.*

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
Susan Andersen
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