


ROSTERS December 21-22	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	VOL	VOL
	DATA PROJECTOR	Peter Ivers	Dan McManus	Thomas Morris
	HOSPITALITY		Fourth Sunday	Fourth Sunday
	READERS	Paula Goodwin Trish Carroll Theresa Sheen	Theresa Malpas James Taylor Jillian Rosenstengel	Leo Saffigna Rosa D'Arx Paul Masters
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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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Third Sunday of Advent—15th December 2019 (YEAR A)

Advent Reconciliation Service 2019

Will be on this
Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm in the church.
Please come and join us.

Have you ever been on a farm during summer? If you have you will know how precious water is. When I was a boy, I spent several holidays on an uncle's property. There were often six or seven city-based cousins there for the long summer break. It was great fun, but the one thing of which we needed a daily reminder was to be careful with how much water we used. We seemed to luxuriate in the shower for twice as long as our country cousins!

I can remember that when we arrived for one holiday, it had not rained in the area for nearly nine months. A few days later, just at dusk, the thunder rumbled, the storm clouds gathered and the heavens burst open. The rain poured down. Like in the movies, everyone inside the house just stood up and walked out into the rain. No one said a word. We stood in the rain and soaked it in. The earth was not the only thing in need of a drenching.

In today's letter from St James the metaphor of waiting for rain is given to us as a way of understanding what it was like to wait for Christ. It is a potent image for Advent. In this season each year we remember that humanity waited through a long, dry and exhausting period for the sign of new life in Jesus. For generations people looked to the heavens every day for a sign that today would be the day when God's salvation would come. Then, one night, in a way no one could have ever imagined, with no fanfare, a child burst forth into the world and established the final reign of God's love.

Advent is not the time when we pretend that Jesus hasn't come into our world and that we are the first to anticipate his coming at Christmas. It's a richer season than that. It is the time when we recall what it was like before he came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.

The First Reading and the Gospel make it very clear that farmers never down tools just because the rain comes. We're told that as a result of being soaked in the love of God we are called to do all we can for those in our world who are lame, blind, deaf, lepers, poor and for any one left for dead.

This is a vital message for us to hear today because there are some in our country who tell us that all we have to do is look after 'our own back yard'. This line is many things, but it's not Christian. Advent reminds us that by welcoming Christ we have an obligation to care for all his children. Everywhere is our back yard because that's where our brothers and sisters live. May we gain from Christ this Christmas the generosity to see that the desert is meant to bloom for all people everywhere, not just a few of us lucky to live in an oasis.

We are ridiculously generous to others because God in Jesus has been lavishly good to us and our goodness remains a most powerful sign of God's salvation that is always seen in deeds not words.

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The Catholic Leader - still only \$2.
On sale at the doors.

Christmas Break
The parish office will close
Tuesday 24th December
and will reopen



Why is ADVENT important?

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life.

The vision of life that Advents gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ come to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus know that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love, In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in this spirit, the church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the sings and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the “greater significance” of Advent. In these few short weeks we take in the sweeping panorama of time—from Christ’s birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas, but also for Christ's Second coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Christmas Rosters

We are now calling for help for the [masses for Christmas and New Year](#). Please consider your availability during this special season on the church calendar. A volunteer sheet has been prepared and is now in the sacristy.

It takes a lot of work to prepare this roster as some people are away and also worshipping with other family, so if you are home for Christmas please consider being involved in these special occasions.

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 or let Fr Mario know after Mass. Thank you!

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.



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.



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS

Plans are well underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. If your child would like to volunteer to be an angel or shepherd, 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 come on Christmas Eve already dressed up as an angel or shepherd and share in the magic! Rehearsal will be on 22nd December straight after 9.30am Mass.



ADVENT Wisdom from St Francis of Assisi

Difficult People

I speak to you, as best I can, about the state of your soul. You must consider as grace all that impedes you from loving the Lord God and whoever has become an impediment to you, whether brothers or others ... And may you want it to be this way and not otherwise. And let this be for you the true obedience of the Lord God and my true obedience, for I know the certitude that is true obedience. And love those who do those things to you and do not wish anything different from them, unless it is something the Lord God shall have given you. And love them in this and do not wish that they were better Christians.

(St Francis A Letter to a Minister)

PRAYER

Lord there are some people around me who just have the ability to step on my last nerve. This is especially true during Advent when tensions are highest and I tend to be more stressed than usual. May I genuinely want what is best for those whom I might not necessarily like.

ADVENT ACTION

Who is it that gets on your nerves? Give thanks for this person for he or she could be a presence in your life that is helping to grow in ways that please God. Wish this person well or perform some other act of kindness for this person today.

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. BYO chairs)

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 30st December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Tuesday 31st December 8.00am (Normal Mass)

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



Relics of St. Therese Pilgrimage 2020 Kedron Parish	
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 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. 3rd candle (rose) the Shepherd candle or the candle of joy. The angels sang a message of JOY! ... and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

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 Masses are at 8.00am
Please come and join us.

Holy Hour Eucharist Adoration

For one hour every Monday morning straight after 8.00am Mass
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