


ROSTERS December 28-29	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
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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](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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**Fourth Sunday of Advent—22nd December 2019 (YEAR A)**

Over the last three Sundays, we've been hearing about John the Baptist and on the part he played in preparing the way for the coming of Jesus. Today, on this last Sunday of Advent, a few days before Christmas, our attention is drawn to the person of Joseph. Just as in the case of John the Baptist, we hear about Joseph not for his own sake, but for the part he played in the birth of Jesus. We always need to keep in mind that when we hear the Gospels, their intention is not to give us facts about different characters, but to draw our hearts to faith, love and commitment to the person of Jesus. Today's Gospel is no different.

St Matthew's account of how Jesus Christ came to be born ends with the message that Jesus is the Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." But just how God came to be with us began, according to Matthew, with a very difficult dilemma for the man Joseph. While St Luke pays attention to the role of Mary, Matthew focuses on Joseph because he knew that his largely Jewish-Christian community needed to hear about the birth of Jesus from the perspective of Joseph.

Joseph, we hear, is already betrothed to Mary which in the culture of the time, meant that he and Mary were already effectively married, though not permitted to live together. The dilemma for Joseph arises when he learns that Mary is already with child. Now, for probably most men of his day, this would not have been much of a dilemma at all. According to the Jewish Law, the woman would have been guilty of adultery, a crime punishable by stoning. And one can only guess that most men of the day would have gone along with this course of action.

But, Joseph is not one of those types of men. We are told that being a man of honor, he wanted to spare Mary both adverse publicity and, no doubt, a death sentence. So he decides to divorce her informally. This is what he believes is the right thing to do even though it goes against the religious law of his day that was far less kind to the woman concerned.

But then, we are told, God intervenes in this rather difficult situation. Joseph is told in a dream about the origin of this child and his future role as the Savior of the people from their sins. Joseph hears this message for what it is – God's will – and in faith, takes Mary to be his wife and raise Jesus as his legitimate son in his own family line. Joseph, who up till now has played no part in God becoming one of us, has now been given a role – he is to give Jesus not his physical birth, but his social birth, his legitimate place as a member of his family and society. This was crucial because without it, Jesus would not have been able to fulfill his future role; he would have had no acceptance in the eyes of the people if he were not also an accepted member of a family.

So Joseph, like Mary, is someone who does not simply follow the rules, or what others might tell him, or the customs of his day. Rather, he hears God's voice in his life, takes this to heart, allows it to form his conscience, and then acts accordingly. He does this even at his personal cost. He sacrifices his own desires for the sake of what in faith, he sees to be God's desire for him. Joseph does not seek to be the star of the show, but a link in the chain that will allow God's work to unfold for the good of the world. In so doing, he plays his part in allowing Jesus to be born and live among us. Let's remember that, like Mary, Joseph is like us – he is made of the same stuff as we are. Can any of us hope to do any more that what he did? Can we, like Joseph, agree to play our part, no matter how small it may sometimes appear to be, so that we too can be links in the chain of the unfolding story of God-with-us, a story that continues to be told today, and which will continue long beyond our time.

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 Tuesday 24th December  
 and will reopen  
 Monday 6th January 2020



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**How Did Francis of Assisi Begin the Christmas Nativity Scene Tradition?**

Up until Francis set up the first nativity scene in 1223, people celebrated Christmas primarily by going to Mass (a worship service) at church, where priests would tell the Christmas story in a language that most ordinary people didn't speak: Latin. Although churches sometimes featured fancy artistic renditions of Christ as an infant, they didn't present any realistic manger scenes. Francis decided that he wanted to make the extraordinary experiences of the first Christmas more accessible to ordinary people.



Francis, who was living in the town of Greccio, Italy at the time, got the Pope's permission to proceed with his plans. Then he asked his close friend John Velita to loan him some animals and straw to set up a scene there to represent Jesus Christ's birth in Bethlehem. The nativity scene could help people in the area imagine what it may have been like to be present on the first Christmas long ago, when they came to worship at Christmas Eve Mass in December 1223, Francis said.

The scene, which was set up in a cave just outside Greccio, featured a wax figure of the infant Jesus, costumed people playing the roles of Mary and Joseph, and the live donkey and ox that John had loaned to Francis. Local shepherds watched over their sheep in nearby fields, just as shepherds in Bethlehem had watched over sheep on the first Christmas, when the sky suddenly filled with angels who announced Christ's birth to them.

During the Mass, Francis told the Christmas story from the Bible and then delivered a sermon. He spoke to the people gathered there about the first Christmas and the miraculous impact that placing their faith in Christ, the baby born in a simple manger in Bethlehem, could make in their lives. Francis urged people to reject hatred and embrace love, with God's help.

*Loving Father,*  
 help us remember  
 the **birth of Jesus**  
 that we may share in  
 the *song of the angels,*  
 the gladness of the shepherds  
 and the *worship of the wise men.*  
 Close the door of hate and  
*open the door of love* all over the  
 world. Let kindness come with every gift and  
 good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from  
 evil by the *blessing which Christ brings,* and teach us  
 to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning  
 make us happy to be *Thy children,* and the Christmas  
 evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
*forgiving and forgiven,*  
 for Jesus' sake.  
 Amen.

**ADVENT Wisdom from St Francis of Assisi**

**ACCEPTING CORRECTION**

Blessed is the servant who endures discipline, accusation, and reprimand from another as patiently as he would from himself.

Blessed is the servant who, after being reprimanded, agrees courteously, submits respectfully, admits humbly, and makes amends willingly.

Blessed is the servant who is not quick to excuse himself, and endures with humility, shame, and reprimand for a sin, when he did not commit the fault.

(St Francis - The Admonitions)

**PRAYER**

Lord, open my mind and heart so that I might grow from the wisdom that others have to offer me. This Advent, may I respond positively, rather than defensively, to the correction pointed out by others, so that such correction might make me a better disciple of yours.

**ADVENT ACTION**

When someone else corrects you today, rather than becoming defensive, smile and thank him or her for the direction and advice. Whether the correction is justified or not, consider how it could be used to help you grow into a better person.

**Australia Day BBQ**

The Parish will be celebrating Australia Day on 26 January after 9.30am mass. We would like to recognise the many cultures in our community and ask that people bring a small plate of food to share that reflects your culture. As is tradition, the Parish will offer a sausage sizzle and organise a game of cricket. This year you can also enjoy a quiet (or maybe not!) game of bocce. Delamore are challenging the Parish to a game or two so please come and register on the day to get involved. We look forward to seeing you all there.



**Mass times for Christmas and New Year**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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> December 8.00am (Normal Mass)**

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



**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**

Antonio Febo

Des Dale

Bernadette Okely

Allan Goldthorpe

Monica Tardiani

Susan Andersen

**Anniversaries**

Maria Chirico

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We would like to thank you for your support and wish you and yours families every blessing for this Christmas Season  
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 Merry Christmas  
 May hope and peace be renewed as we together celebrate the birth of the Saviour

**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

Relics of St. Therese Pilgrimage 2020	
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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2019 Year A**

Proper of the Mass

**1st Reading** Isaiah 7:10-14

**2nd Reading** Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel** Matthew 1:18-24

**Next Weeks Readings:**

**Holy Family**

**29th December 2019 Year A**

**1st Reading** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**2nd Reading** Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

