

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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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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Epiphany of the Lord—5th January 2020 (YEAR A)

Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

*'Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.*

I should be glad of another death.'

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

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Happy New Year

The parish office will reopen
Monday 6th January 2020

ROSTERS January 11-12	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
	ALTAR SERVERS	Achol Akot	Lucy Feltrim	Alan Benoy Isabell Benoy
	DATA PROJECTOR	VOL	Andrew Rossaro	Colin Dash
	HOSPITALITY		Second Sunday	Second Sunday
	READERS	Joan Pollard Paula Goodwin Therese Sheen	Stacey De Angelis Tim Dutton Bernadette Dutton	Lauren Cawley Katherine Cross Sophie Patterson
	SPECIAL MINISTERS	Janice Lowcock Lorraine McDonald Bernadette Wright Michael McDonald Joe De Pasquale Martin Wilkie	Stacy De Angelis Carole Tremblay Jo Galvin Michael L'Estrange Damian Galvin Julia Bell	Donna Faulks Gabiella Guppy Moria Flynn Angela Guppy Anthony Hitzke Max Guppy
	CLEANERS	Peter Jones Anne Flanigan		
	COUNTERS	Kate Eggar, Tim Eggar, Trish Condon		

Thank you from SVdP

The members of our Little Flower Vinnies conference would like to thank all parishioners who have offered their support during Advent. Your prayers and your gifts and donations through the Giving Tree have been exceedingly generous and thoughtful, as has been the response to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We thank you for your support, without which we could not operate. We extend our best wishes to all for the Christmas season and the New Year.

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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Children's Liturgy

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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.



In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. We will be starting Reconciliation next year. This is for children who are in Year 5 and above. If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

Reconciliation 2020 (4 week program)

Enrolment Forms:

29th January - 19th February

Program starts:

Monday 24th February
(2 weeks of Preparation)

Parent Night:

Tuesday 25th February
7.00pm

Reconciliation Evening:

Tuesday 17th March
5.30pm - 7.30pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Will start up again on
10th January 2020

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



Recently deceased

Jacquelyn Murphy

Antonio Febo

Des Dale

Bernadette Okely

Anniversaries

Maria Chirico

Doreen Beckwith



Relics of St. Theresia 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

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

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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.

The Epiphany of the Lord - 5 January 2020 Year A

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Next Weeks Readings:

The Baptism of the Lord - 12 January 2020 Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17