



The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am
& 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 8.00am
Friday 8.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**
please call Fr Mario to arrange a
time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
Ph: 0448 356 599

First Sunday of Advent – 28th-29th November 2020 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

These days most people keep vigils because they are anxious. We wait in hospital corridors for news of a sick relative. A parent stays up with an infant who may be teething or has a high temperature. We might even sit by the phone waiting to be reassured that a loved one is safe and well, or that we have passed the exam or got the job. Many of these occasions are highly stressed vigils. Some of the younger or more hardy ones amongst us sometimes keep vigils that are filled with excited anticipation, as when some of us sleep out to get tickets to a sports game or concert, or when we see the old year out and the new year in.

It was not long ago, however, that vigils were a much more common feature of people's lives. We often kept vigil with the dead. We used to keep all night vigils of prayer, especially when parishes had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps before any of us can remember, there were also vigils kept with the bride the night before her wedding, when she waited and watched for the sign of her approaching groom and his attendants. The Church has enshrined the experience of keeping vigil through the Vigil Mass on Saturday night, the Vigil Ceremony in the funeral rites and the most important one, the Easter Vigil.

This tradition starts with today's Gospel where we are exhorted to be alert, keep awake and wait for the Lord to return. In a sense this is a strange Gospel to have as we prepare for Christmas. It is linked to the first preface of Advent which reads, 'Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ our Lord will come in glory.' Our attention is, therefore, directed to a great future event, not the future feast we are about to celebrate.

This is unique. All other feasts of the Church either remember a past event, like those of Holy Week or Pentecost, or they are 'title feasts' which proclaim a truth about God's action among us which the entire church holds to be true, like Trinity Sunday. But not the First Sunday of Advent. Rather than talk about the coming of Jesus at Christmas it helps us reflect on the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. It is the bridge between the 'last days' of the Church's year, which we have been celebrating over recent weeks, and the first days of the Church's New Year.

And how does the Church ask us to approach this feast? As on a vigil. Not a vigil of anxiety, where we never want to hear the worst news. Not a vigil of excited anticipation where we pin our happiness on entry into an event. But a vigil of hope where we wait and trust in a person, who has shared our lot, understands our frailties and loved us to death. We place our hope in Jesus the Christ, our brother, saviour and friend. This First Sunday of Advent we look beyond Christmas to the final moment when heaven and earth will be united and our vigil will be complete. On that day we believe the Son will have dawned once, and for all, on the world. Now, don't you think that's something worth being awake to see?

The first week of Advent is like the first days of other vigils wherein we pitch out tents and begin the wait to make sure we have front row seats for what is going to be, when it arrives, the best show in town!



Join us for **Encounter Kedron** for youth in
 School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 29th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm.
 Come together for music & song, inspiring talks,
 meeting friends, and fun!

**Join us also for the Sunday 5.30 Mass
 beforehand which will be led by the
 Encounter Kedron music team**

Please pray for our recently deceased:
**Kerryn Brown, Paul Wren, Nicoleta De Marco, Enid Galt,
 Gemma Debattista,**
 and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
**Vince Jowett, Vince Jowett, Joyce Swanson, Robertson
 family, Miller family, Jowett family, Bernadette Okely, Clair
 Brown, Reg McIntyre, Tom Coles, Ron O'Malley, Noela
 McHugh, Lawrie Minton,**
**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DE-
 PARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
 Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation will be held in
 the Parish Hall every Friday 9am
 Everyone is very welcome - both beginners and familiar
 faces.
 We look forward to seeing you in person on Friday
 morning!

Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass



Planning for the Christmas Eve Family Mass has begun! In order to make this a special time for the Parish and families, we are looking for volunteers to help us with: set up, pack up, offertory and collection.

If you would like to help us with this Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640

THE SAMARITANS, KEDRON PARISH

The Samaritan family added a touch of Christmas on our last Tuesday Morning Activities for 2020. We ended this incredible year with hearts filled with joy.

A very big and special thank you to all the Samaritan Volunteers for the enormous amount of effort it took to return our Tuesday Morning Activities to the **highlight of our guests' week.** Love to all. Jill 0438 612 177

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.

1st Candle (purple) *The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope.* We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS

Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. At this stage, we are looking for children 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 the various roles in the play, please email Carmel Burroughs on 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!



Mass Times for Christmas & New Year

Sat 19th Dec: Normal Weekend Mass 5.00pm
Sun 20th Dec: Normal Weekend Mass
7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm
4.00pm Christmas Carols (on the lawn)

Mon 21st Dec: Advent Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Thurs 24th Dec: Christmas Family Mass 6.00pm
(outside on the lawn with Carols from 5.30pm)

Thurs 24th Dec: Midnight Mass 12.00am
(with Carols from 11.30pm)

Fri 25th Dec: Christmas Day Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Sat 26th Dec: Normal Weekend Mass 5.00pm

Sun 27th Dec: Normal Weekend Mass
7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm



Mon 28th Dec: Normal Weekday Mass 8.00am

Tues 29th Dec: Normal Weekday Mass 8.00am

Wed 30st Dec: Normal Weekday Mass 8.00am

Thurs 31st Dec: Normal Weekday Mass 8.00am

Fri 1st Jan: New Year's Day Mass 8.00am



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm

Tuesday 1 December

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
St Anthony Graduation Liturgy
5.30pm

Wednesday 2 December

Mass 9.00am
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 3 December

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Friday 4 December

Mass 8.00am
St Anthony School Mass 9.00am
Meditation 9.00am (Parish Hall)

Saturday 5 December

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 6 December

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm

Advent Giving tree...

Our Advent Giving Tree will feature prayer and gift suggestions ... St Vincent de Paul members will deliver baskets of food and gifts to families in need before Christmas. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.



Padua College are proud to announce the arrival of our Virtual Tour.

The Tour has been uploaded to our YouTube Channel and may be viewed via this link: <https://youtu.be/XNOwnhseOzQ>

It is also available to view on our College Website: www.padua.qld.edu.au.

To personally get the most out of this video, we encourage you to watch it on your mobile phone via the YouTube app, turn on your sound, tilt your phone to landscape view, or, on any desktop, drag your mouse.

Improve the quality of your view by adjusting the Settings cog at the base of the screen.

Watch in 3D by choosing the 3D option and using a VR headset for maximum effect.

We hope you enjoy the Padua College Virtual Tour. Please share with family and friends to learn about the Good Men of Padua in their own words. We Are #paduaproud.



Flourish at Mount Alvernia College, Kedron.

Enrolment applications currently are being accepted for **Year 7, 2024**. Closing date is 6 February 2021.

Application Forms are available from the website – www.mta.qld.edu.au or by contacting Camilla Horn (enrolments@staff.mta.qld.edu.au; ph 3632 8599).

Expressions of interest for campus tours and small group events also can be made on our website under *Visit Us*.

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy is on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass. This will resume in Feb 2021.

Our Children's Mass (already recommenced) is on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

For more information, contact:

Children's Liturgy

Carmel Burroughs

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Mav Green

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NEXT WEEKS READINGS

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Luke 3:4,6

Something for the Kids...

Watch out and be ready!

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Let's Get Ready
Complete these sentences

I get ready for church by _____

I get ready for school by _____

I get ready for bed by _____

I get ready for Christmas during Advent by _____

During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Christmas **Jesus** **prepare**

season _____ is the _____ when

arrival we _____ for the _____

Advent of _____ at _____

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An Outreach of the Catholic Church Celebrating Life...

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

Go to the Safeguarding Training Tab at the top of the page. Click. Scroll down the page past "Safeguarding Essentials Preparation (Level 1) to **"Safeguarding Induction"**. Click on the arrow to play the video. On conclusion. Please print off and sign the PDF version of the "Certificate of Completion", and email (or return original to the Parish Office). For convenience, certificates may be placed into an addressed envelope marked "SAFEGUARDING" and placed in the collection plate at any mass.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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