



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

Second Sunday of Advent – 5th—6th December 2020 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

During Advent, Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it', she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.'

Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

There is a little bit of Danny in all of us.

We often think that we can bargain with God to get the best possible deal out of life. The problem with this bargaining image is that it cannot be reconciled with a Christian faith which believes in Advent. The bargaining image of God is the furthestest thing from the mind of the writers of today's readings – Isaiah, Psalm (84) 85, St Peter and St Mark.

These scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything he can to assure us of his saving love. He has shown us all what can be shown about how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love and how to transform our world for better.

The image of us 'doing a deal' with God is so prevalent in our theology and prayer that we can find ourselves lapsing into it all the time. 'If you make me well, God, I will lead a better life.' 'I will return to Sunday Mass if I pass my exams.' 'I will raise my children Catholic if I have a fine day for my wedding.' This is all dreadful stuff. And the Church has to take some responsibility for this and correct it.

The scriptures tell us from the beginning of time to the preaching of John the Baptist, to the life, death, resurrection of Jesus Christ and to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit among us today, that we have a God who risked everything so that we might know love and life in this world and in the next. We hold and proclaim, in season and out of season, a God who emptied himself of power and might and came to us as a baby.

That's not the profile of a deal-doer. It's the portrait of a lover.

So this Advent let's not ransom ourselves to a benevolent dictator. Let's ask for anything we need with confidence that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Today we light the 2nd candle (purple), known as the Bethlehem Candle or candle of preparation.

We are preparing to get ready to celebrate your birth.

Religious Instruction Training Day

Wednesday, 9th December
10am-2.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Centre, Bowman St, Hendra

Free, suitable for anyone who teaches, or would like to fill the great need to teach children more about their faith. In State schools the opportunity is there, but more volunteers are needed so the children don't miss out.

Main presenter, Carole Danby "Getting to Know Jesus" – a free storytelling resource

To register, call Genevieve – 0434 284 251

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!

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Josephine Seymour, Kerry Brown, Paul Wren, Nicoleta De Marco, Enid Galt, Gemma Debattista

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Des Payne, Mark Waddigton, Carmelo Angi, Jowett family, Joyce Swanson, Robertson family, Miller family, Bernadette Okely, Clair Brown, Reg McIntyre, Tom Coles

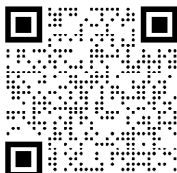
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done

over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> or simply scan the QR code



THE SAMARITANS, KEDRON PARISH

The *Samaritan Community* wish all parishioners and friends a **Happy and Holy Christmas.** Tuesday Morning Activities resume on 2nd February, 2021. Until then keep well and happy. We will be thinking of you all. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

Simbang Gabi 2020, a Filipino tradition of 9 day pre-Christmas celebration in joyful waiting and preparation for Jesus' birth in our hearts, will be on **15 to 23 December 2020** at **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles church, 70 Appleby Rd. Stafford** (6:45pm-Rosary; 7:00pm-Carols; 7:30pm-Holy Mass). Register to attend the Novena Masses at <https://simbanggabi2020.eventbrite.com.au> no later than 3 days before the Mass date. Further info: Jima 0432374239; Zara 0487435315

Join the Kedron Parish Community for

Family Christmas

Carols on the lawn

Sunday 20 DEC from 4pm

Bring...

- ◇ **A blanket or chair**
- ◇ **Your family and friends**

If your child would like to join those on stage contact Christine Masters for rehearsal info

christine@musicmasters.com.au

Little Flower Church, 80 Turner Road, Kedron

Hearing Loop...

Our Parish has a HEARING LOOP to assist those parishioners who have hearing difficulties. To use this device you need to sit in the front seven pews either side of the main aisle. If you are not hearing the celebration of the Mass using this device please contact the Parish Office.

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 9.00am

Thurs 31st Dec: Normal Weekday Mass 8.00am

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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 December

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 8 December

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 9 December

Mass 9.00am
Encounter Youth Leaders
3.30pm
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 10 December

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 11 December

Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (Parish Hall)

Saturday 12 December

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13 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.



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!



Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass

Planning for our outdoor 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 please help us with: setup, pack up, offertory and collections.

Please consider your availability during this special season on the church calendar. A volunteer sheet is now in the sacristy. Or if you can help us with this Mass, you can also contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640. We would be grateful!



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
acburroughs1@hotmail.com

Children's Mass

Mav Green
mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group

Christine Masters
christine@musicmasters.com.au

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13 December 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

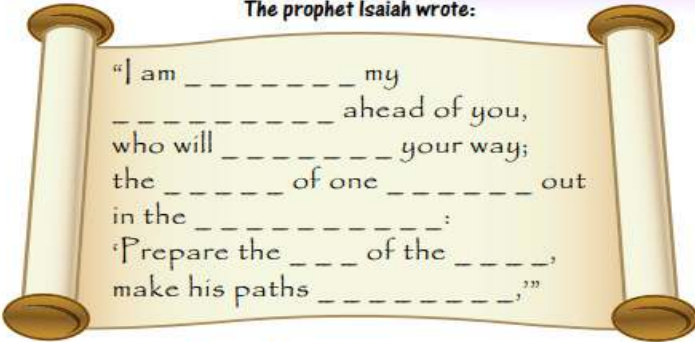
Something for the Kids...

Make a straight path for the Lord



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

The prophet Isaiah wrote:



crying
straight
way
voice
sending
prepare
wilderness
messenger
Lord



What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this second week of Advent?

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by telling people to turn back to God and baptising them. He wore clothes made from camel's hair and wore a leather strap around his waist. For food he ate grasshoppers and wild honey. Draw a picture of John baptising someone in the Jordan River.



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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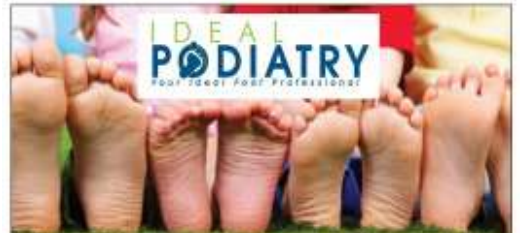
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