



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.

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Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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Third Sunday of Advent – 13th December 2020 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Today is traditionally called *Gaudete* Sunday. Over the first millennium of Christianity Advent was like a late Lent. Both were five weeks long, both were marked by fasting and penance and both gave the faithful a day off half way through. In Lent *Laudete* Sunday is still, roughly, half way through the five-week season. Advent, however, was shortened to four weeks in the tenth century, and Pope St Gregory the Great eased the fasting and penitential aspects of this season in the twelfth century, but the not-so-half-way *Gaudete* Sunday has remained. It is, literally, the 'rejoicing' Sunday when we look more directly at Jesus' coming at Christmas.

To enable us to look at Jesus we start with the man who heralded his mission in the world, John the Baptist. In today's Gospel John the Baptist is the model of humility, opening the way for the Kingdom of Jesus to break in upon the world. We should never underestimate talent spotters, for as this story demonstrates, they all have John the Baptist as their patron saint.

Fleming was a poor Scottish farmer in the nineteenth century. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse cottage. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied, waving away the offer.

At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family home. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow up to be a man you can be proud of.' And that is what he did.

In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St Mary's Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin.

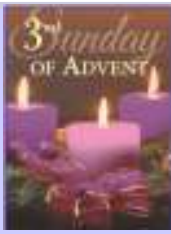
The nobleman's name? Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

John the Baptist, the embodiment of the old covenant, recognises who Jesus is for the world and encourages his foes and friends alike to welcome in the Christ, the new and everlasting Covenant. Just like Farmer Fleming or Lord Randolph Churchill, he could not have known the implications of what he was doing. John the Baptist simply saw Jesus and knew that Love had taken human form. Through his talent spotting and in his promotion of Jesus he enabled the first generation of Christians to see and believe that the promises made to their ancestors had been fulfilled.

No wonder we have him as our focus on *Gaudete* Sunday. And so may we all rejoice today, not only because salvation is always close at hand in Christ the Lord, but because we are also called to spot his love in every act of goodness we see, encourage and promote it as best we can and then watch nature and grace do the rest.

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.

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.

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 Advent 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 lives as Christians.

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 knew 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 through his 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 signs 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.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Isolina Maccarone, Josephine Seymour, Kerryn Brown, Paul Wren, Nicoleta De Marco, Enid Galt, Gemma Debattista
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Eileen Carroll, Brenden O'Brien, Des Dale, 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.

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

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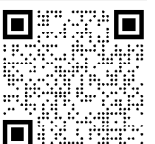
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LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

During the school holidays, our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation will be held in the Parish Office every Friday 9am. Everyone is very welcome - both beginners and familiar faces. We look forward to seeing you in person on Friday morning!

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



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 14 December

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 15 December

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 16 December

Mass 9.00am
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 17 December

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 10.30am

Friday 18 December

Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (Parish Hall)

Saturday 19 December

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 20 December

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Secular Franciscans Order
9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Christmas Carols 4.00pm
Mass 5.30pm (Outdoors)

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

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NEXT WEEKS READINGS

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 December 2020

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,
14, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:38

Something for the Kids...

Prepare for the Lord Jesus

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Who is John the Baptist?

Indicate whether each answer is either true or false

- The cousin of Jesus True False
- A pharisee True False
- Elijah True False
- The son of Elizabeth True False
- A preacher True False
- The Messiah True False

Decipher the message that John the Baptist gave to the priests and temple helpers

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The third Sunday in Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*; the Sunday of Joy! How can we share our joy for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas?

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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