

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 20th December 2020 (YEAR B)

Advent Reconciliation Service 2020

Will be on this
Monday 21st December at 7.00pm in the church.
Please come and join us.

Reflection ...

Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer.

Eventually they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours; lines of code streaming up the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes and takes out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.' 'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.' Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, how can Jesus' program be intact?' God chuckles and says, 'Ah – because Jesus saves.'

On this final Sunday of Advent the Church moves our gaze to the Annunciation. The whole scene hinges around one word: 'Yes.' Mary's fiat sets in motion the entire Christian drama. In his film *Jesus of Nazareth* Franco Zeffirelli pictures the Annunciation this way: Mary is asleep at night when a gust of wind opens a high window. Afraid at all the commotion Mary gets up and starts to pray. As she prays, we see her face change and her body bend over. With tears in her eyes, Mary looks up through the window to the moonlit sky and simply says, 'Yes'. The swirling wind dies down at once.

In recent years successive popes have reminded us that the best devotion to Mary is one that leads us to do what she did: say 'yes' to Jesus. Mary is not a stop on our journey of faith; she is a guidepost that always sends us on to Christ. Mary does not save us, for we believe she needed to be saved by Christ as well. That's why she could say yes in the first place. Mary recognised the gift and the giver and became the bearer of God for the world.

In this final week of Advent let's keep reminding ourselves of this simple but life-changing fact: Jesus saves us. Jesus saves us from death. Jesus saves us from living lives devoid of purpose and meaning and Jesus saves us from ourselves.

We don't save ourselves. We cannot earn salvation by good works or prayers or penance. And, as difficult as it is to hear, we cannot save anyone else. That includes our children, spouse, grandchildren, parents or friends.

Our prayers, good works and faith are the responses we make to the salvation of Christ we claim here and now. And how we live is the way by which those we love will find the gift of God's salvation for themselves.

In the midst of this frantic final week before Christmas when so many other things can distract us from what this grace-filled feast is really all about, let's take a moment to join Mary in accepting into our lives and hearts the greatest of all gifts – our undeserved salvation, Jesus Christ the Lord.

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The parish office will be closed from the 24th December 2020 and will reopen on Monday 11th January 2021.

The 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.

4th Candle (purple). The Angel's candle or the *Candle of Love*. The angel's announced the good news of a Saviour, God's only son sent to save us.

Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

The new Liturgical Year began on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/tablet/phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel.

The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1* may be accessed at the following URL address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



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!

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 \[camburroughs1@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:Carmel.Burroughs@hotmail.com\)](mailto:Carmel.Burroughs@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!



Just a reminder to everyone that there will be a rehearsal on Sunday 20 December straight after 9.30am Mass.



The Samaritans Christmas Greetings for 2020
Is packed full of Virus-free HUGS.

My special friend sent them to me
So I am passing them on to
Everyone in our Parish
Everyone in our families AND
Everyone around the world.

Love and peace always. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group will take a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on Friday Jan 15th at 9.00am. Everyone is very welcome - both beginners and familiar faces.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Nativity of the Lord — 25 December 2020
1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Isolina Maccarone, Ken Munro, Josephine Seymour, Kerry Brown, Paul Wren

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Doreen Beckwith, Thomas KS, Cornelius Janssen (Holland), Marie Davis, Eileen Carroll, Brenden O'Brien, Des Dale, Des Payne, Mark Waddigton, Joyce Swanson,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.





Mass Times for Christmas & New Year

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 Masses
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 21 December
Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass
Advent Reconciliation Service
7.00pm

Tuesday 22 December
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 23 December
Mass 9.00am

Thursday 24 December
Christmas Eve
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Carols before Mass 5.30pm
Christmas Family Mass 6.00pm
(outside)
Carols 11.30pm
Midnight Mass 12.00am

Friday 25 December
Christmas Day
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Saturday 26 December
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 27 December
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm

- PLEASE NOTE -

If the weather on Christmas Eve is not suitable for an outdoor Mass, we will have Mass in "La Cordelle" the Padua College Assembly Hall. Ushers will direct you to the location. Rain or shine, the Family Mass will proceed! Please remember to register your attendance.

Fr Mario Debattista ofm

The Friars at Adele Street

Sandra Di Francesco

Maria Oliveri-Calabrese

Maria Hopes

Mark Shipperley

Rob and Donna Byrne

*We would like to
thank you for
your support and
wish you
and your
families every
blessing for this
Christmas
Season*



*May hope and peace be renewed as we together
celebrate the birth of the Saviour*

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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Children's Mass

Mav Green

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Singing Group

Christine Masters

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Something for the Kids...

His name will be Jesus

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas



In the story of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that God has chosen her to bring his Son into the world. What are some ways that we can bring Christ into the world for others?

Use the words below to find out what the angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.

favoured one!
The _____ is with you.
Don't be _____!
God is _____
with you. You shall
have a _____ and his
name will be _____.



I am the

of the Lord!
Let this

as you
have said.

Jesus afraid happen servant Lord Greetings pleased son

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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