

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

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Epiphany of the Lord, 3rd January 2021 (YEAR B)

**The parish office is currently closed and will reopen on
Monday 11th January 2021.**

Reflection ...

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.

STAYING CONNECTED Are you on our mailing list for the weekly newsletter, or occasional breaking news alerts? If not, please email us at: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Sometimes we have added a person to our email-list but the email is going to their 'spam' or 'junk-mail' folder. It is a good idea to check these folders to see if it is there. If that is happening, you can mark these emails as 'approved' or 'not-spam/junk', so your email server lets them through.



Join other youth in your parish for a Sunday afternoon of games, activities and encounter!

UPCOMING DATES:

February 21st, March 21st, May 16th

VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL

TIME: 3.30pm TO 5.00pm

SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

For further information contact:

kedron@bne.catholic.net.au or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861

Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



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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Baptism Preparation

If you have a child or newborn infant and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (33576640) or

Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next session will be on Saturday 6 February at 11.00am.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Baptism of the Lord - 10 January 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 4 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 5 January

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Funeral of Catherine Burchill
2.00pm

Wednesday 6 January

Mass 9.00am

Thursday 7 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 8 January

Mass 8.00am

Saturday 9 January

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 10 January

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

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.

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Catherine Burchill, Isolina Maccarone, Ken Munro, Josephine Seymour

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Mary Galea, Barney Curran, Warren Tickle, Doreen Beckwith, Thomas KS, Cornelius Janssen(Holland), Marie Davis, Eileen Carroll, Brenden O'Brien, Des Dale, Des Payne, Mark Waddigton

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

Help the three wise men find their way to Bethlehem - watch out for King Herod!

