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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 after the 8.00am Mass

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

1st Sunday of Advent, 28th November 2021 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

Toward the end of 1999 people were gearing up to welcome in the new millennium. Some Christians who take the scriptures literally joined in the fun and declared that the end of the world was nigh and that Christ would return on his two-thousandth birthday.

They seem to subscribe to the old adage that, 'one should never let the facts get in the way of a good story'!

Christianity took over the Roman calendar in what we now call the 4th Century of the Christian era. At Rome in 526, a scholarly monk named Dionysius Exiguus compiled a list of the dates of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. He assigned dates in the new Christian calendar for each of these events. Given the tools at his disposal, he did an extraordinary job. We know, however, from other historical sources and from the New Testament, where it mentions who the various Jewish and Roman rulers were in Palestine, that Dionysius was four years out with his dating. The church became aware of this mistake in 1582, but to correct it the world would have lost four years! So we have all lived with it ever since.

We can, however, safely assume that Jesus knows the year in which he was born and that if our fundamentalist Christian friends are right in believing he was going to return on his 2000th birthday, he would have done so in 1996!

The facts are that in every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

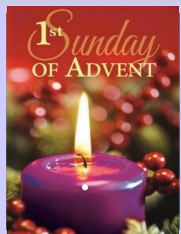
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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday of Advent – 5 December 2021

1st Reading [Bar 5:1-9](#) 2nd Reading [Phil 1:3-6. 8-11](#)

Gospel [Lk 3:1-6](#)



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.

HELP FOR PARISH SERVICES STILL WELCOME

Dear Parishioners, a number of our regular volunteers are unable to continue next year and so we are still in need of assistance. We would be grateful if you would consider assisting our community with even a little service. It may be just once a month or even less often.

The areas where we are most in need are for Children's Liturgy, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Church Cleaning, and Collection Counting.

A huge thank you to all who are currently volunteering and if you would like to do so or know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email, or me directly. Thank you, Fr Mario.

Parish Finance Committee met Monday 15 November 2021:

Martin Wilkie advised that St Anthony's is finishing the year well and the 2022 budget is in progress. Fee increases have been kept to the minimum possible in light of changes to education funding arrangements.

Parish finances are tracking well with ongoing parishioner support through Mass Collections, After School Care contributions and close monitoring of expenses. The Hall renovations project continues but has slowed due to delays in the quoting processes. Consultations with key stakeholders continue to ensure needs are understood and appropriately prioritised.



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Family Mass. We are looking for children who would like to help us tell the story of Jesus' birth by being in our Nativity play. If you would like your child to have a role in the play, please email Carmel Burroughs at the parish office on kedron@bne.catholic.net. Please understand that we cannot promise your child will have a particular role, but ALL children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 29 November

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 30 November

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

St Anthony Yr 6 Graduation

Liturgy 6.00pm

Wednesday 1 December

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 2 December

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

RCIA 6.30pm

Friday 3 December

Mass with Anointing of Sick

8.00am

Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 4 December

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

(Followed by Wine & Cheese)

Sunday 5 December

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

(Both followed by Sausage Sizzle)

Baptisms 11.00am

Mass 5.30pm

Get vaccinated for the common

good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have stated it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine available.

More information is at: [https://](https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus)

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LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** at the St Clares Room at the back of the church near the Sacristy. Everyone is very welcome.

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



Mass Times for Christmas

Sunday 19th December 4.30pm
Christmas Carols
(on the lawn)

Tuesday 21st December 7.00pm
Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday 24th December 5.30pm
Christmas Family Mass
(on the lawn with Carols from 5.00pm)

Friday 24th December Midnight Mass
(with Carols from 11.30pm)

Saturday 25th December
Christmas Day Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Saturday 25th December 5.00pm Vigil
(Normal Mass)

Sunday 26th December
7.30am, 9.30am and 5.30pm
(Normal Masses)

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Thérèse O'Regan, Edna Ang, Vincenzo Del Vecchio, James Sharry,
Raymond Edwards, Kathleen Devlin, Valda Willstead, Sr Margaret
Costello mfc, Tony Pennington, Sr Quentin mfc,
Dora Di Bella, Margaret Cavallaro

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Mollie Byrne, Rosy Varghese, Panikulan Varghese, Giuseppe & Isolina Maccarone, Angus & Mary Robertson, Vince Jowett, Joyce Swanson, Lorna Agli, Bill & Pat Ryan, Peter Moran, Monica & Edgardo Tandiani, Ronald O'Malley, Peter & Maria Yu, Elaine Ryan, Tony Febo, Tom Coles, Clair Brown, Elia & Gino Arquilla, Noela McHugh, Amabile Saffigna, Camillo, Diana & Fiona Saffigna, Daniel Green, Gemma De-battista, Millie Byrne, Lawrie Minton, Philip Carnes, Pierre Nobin, Margaret Denham, James Rice, Dick Akers, Annie Ranges

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

Musica Antiqua Collegii

Invites you to Celebrate Christmas with a program of well-loved carols, as well as favourite items such as Bach's Chorale, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Mozart's "Ave Verum"

Sunday, 12 December, 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Chermside Kedron Community Church
590 Gympie Road Chermside.

Entry \$20.00 Tickets via Trybooking only
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVHGI>



Please feel welcome to take prayer and gift suggestion tags from the Advent Tree.



The Samaritans, Kedron Parish

Tuesday Morning Activities, organised by the **Kedron Parish Samaritans**, operates each week during the school year. It is a morning of laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. The sandwiches specially made by the catering crews provides Morning tea/lunch with an added .

A very big and special thank you to all the Samaritan Volunteers for the enormous amount of effort that they do every Tuesday Morning The 30th November will be the last day for the Samaritans until 2022..



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 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 4th December at 11.00am

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other Parish Resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door or give it to Fr Mario or Rob.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Something for the Kids...

We are preparing for Jesus

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C



During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Write down some of the ways you can help family, friends and people in need during Advent.

I can help my family by

I can help my friends by

I can help those in need by

Find the opposite of each word, then rearrange the circled letters to complete the sentence below.



MAN	() _ _ _ _
UNDER	_ _ _ _ ()
OPEN	_ _ _ _ ()
SAD	_ _ _ _ ()
ALWAYS	() _ _ _ _

"the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great _ _ _ _ _ and glory."

Colour the shapes that contain dots purple.

Fill the other shapes with different colours.

Police Check and Blue-Card'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.

YUN TAEKWONDO & **HAP** SELF DEFENCE

Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL
Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm

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