

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent – 28 November 2021

1st Reading [Jer 33:14-16](#) 2nd Reading [1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2](#)

Gospel [Lk 21:25-28. 34-36](#)

Feast of Christ the King, 21st November 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy, Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP FOR PARISH SERVICES

Dear Parishioners, as we come to the end of the year, a number of our regular volunteers are unable to continue next year and so we are facing a real challenge so that those who remain are not overburdened. I am appealing to you all to please 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 and want to know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email, or me directly. Thank you, Fr Mario.

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. 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!

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 November
Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 23 November
Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
St Anthony's Yr 4 Farewell Liturgy 9.00am
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 24 November
Mass 9.00am

Encounter Leader and rehearsal 3.30pm
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
RCIA 6.30pm
JPICC 7.00pm

Thursday 25 November
Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass
PPC Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 26 November
Mass 8.00am

Divine Word Prayer (Hall) 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am
Memorial Mass at Columbarium 6.00pm

Saturday 27 November
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 28 November
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am
Kedron Youth Christmas Event 3.30pm
Mass 5.30pm

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.

Advent Colours and Symbols

The liturgical colour for Advent, as for Lent, is purple. However, the mood generated by the readings and texts for Advent is one of devout and joyful expectation – not penance. Hence a move away from the heavy purple of Lent to lighter violet shades for Advent is liturgically appropriate. It is also culturally appropriate. Our predominant colour during this time of year is blue – the blue of summer skies and sparkling water. As well there is the jacaranda and agapanthus.

A most effective way of decorating the worship space for Advent is to hang drapes in various shades of blue and mauve, perhaps with a different panel of colour added each week. Such "progressive" symbols which visually represent the build up to Christmas work well in Advent. The lighting of Advent candles also uses this principle.

The Advent wreath is of ancient origin and relates to celebrations of the winter solstice when European days are shortest and gloomiest. Because people longed for the return of the sun's light and life, they suspended wagon wheels, decorated with greenery and candles, in their celebration halls. There they waited for their sun gods to return.

Around 200 years ago, the Advent wreath became customary in German homes and public buildings. It made its way into the Church and has become a popular symbol of the passing of time during Advent.

The circle of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The evergreen leaves represented growth and hopes of eternal life. The symbol of evergreens is rather lost in our part of the world, so Australian gum leaves, nuts and flowers are sometimes substituted.

The four candles mark the four weeks before Christmas, with one more candle lit each Sunday during Advent. Traditionally three candles are purple with the candle for the third, or "Gaudete", Sunday being rose. Now that Advent no longer has a penitential focus, it is not necessary to set one Sunday apart from the rest for a bit of "light relief". All Sundays are days of festivity in any case!

Sometimes a "Christmas candle" is placed in the centre of the wreath on Christmas Eve. This candle should be lit throughout the Christmas season. Its visual link with the Paschal candle helps connect the celebration of Christ's birth with its fulfilment in the Easter mystery.

Because evergreen branches and burning candles lose much of their significance in the middle of a hot, lush Australian summer, some parishes replace the Advent wreath with other symbols which retain a sense of anticipation but which relate better to the local setting.

A Southern Cross banner, for example, combines the symbol of light with a uniquely southern hemisphere symbol. One star of the constellation can be added each week with the small fifth star added on Christmas Eve.

The visual environment of our churches during Advent serves to remind us that we are people who "wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Source: Harrington, E. Liturgy Lines. Liturgy Brisbane.

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/learn/liturgy-lines/advent-colours-and-symbols/>

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://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "Book of Remembrance" for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church. Or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office, or call 3357 6640 or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



Family and friends are invited on **Friday 26th November at 6.00pm** for an outdoor Memorial Mass at the Columbarium. This is to conclude the month of November for all our deceased family members and friends.



Our Advent prayer and gift suggestion tree will be in the Church next week - near the organ.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of this year, a few of our current Parish Pastoral Council Members will be completing their terms, and so I am inviting nominations of parishioners to the Council. To help you, I have included some basic information below about the role, but I would welcome any person who is approached and wants to know more before accepting nomination, to contact me directly so that I can assist them.

Please ensure that you tell the person you are nominating them before submitting the nomination form. Nomination Forms are near the entrance to the church.

ROLE OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

1. Listen and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners..
2. Encourage and support .the continuing good work of existing groups within our parish.
3. Provide opportunities for parishioners
 - to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.
 - to support and encourage them in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community.
4. Set short-term and long-term pastoral goals for our parish community.
5. Contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.
6. Provide support for our Pastor, working collaboratively with him and with each other.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF PPC MEMBERS

1. Have a regular active presence with the Parish community at Weekend Eucharist.
2. Attend the regular meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council, and actively participate in discussions.
3. Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners.
4. Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Parish Pastoral Council.
5. Be willing to reasonably assist in Parish activities and to motivate others to do so as needed.
6. Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist the Council's operations.

Thank you for your support of our Parish community, Fr Mario ofm

Join the Kedron Parish Community for Family Christmas Carols on the Lawn

Sunday 19th Dec from 4.30pm followed by Outdoor Mass at 5.30pm.

**Contact Christine Masters for info:
christine@musicmasters.com.au
Little Flower Church,
80 Turner Road, Kedron**

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 surprise.

Entry cost is \$5.00 and that includes three free tickets for prizes as well as a lucky door prize. Become a happy member of the exciting community of the Samaritans.

ENCOUNTER Term 4
You're in the Bible!

Thurs 25TH NOVEMBER
OT FESTIVAL

THIS TERM WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPLORING HOW THE STORIES OF PEOPLE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE ACTUALLY RELEVANT TO OUR LIVES TODAY! COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE

6pm - 8pm
@Mt A San Damiano

@ENCOUNTERKEDRON

JESUS YOUTH OLD

KEDRON YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

WE'RE WRAPPING UP A GREAT YEAR WITH A BIG PARTY!

NOVEMBER 28 | 3:30 - 5PM
VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

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:

Manurya & Edgardo Tandiani, Ronald O'Malley, Peter & Maria Yu, Elaine Ryan, Tony Febo, Tom Coles, Clair Brown, Elia and Gino Arquilla, Noela McHugh, Amabile Saffigna, Camillo, Diana & Fiona Saffigna, Daniel Green, Gemma Debattista, Millie Byrne, Lawrie Minton, Philip Carnes, Margaret Denham, James Rice, Dick Akers

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

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...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

A good king is a strong leader, who is wise.
A good king feeds his people and cares for them.
A good king leads his people and protects them.
Draw in the clouds examples of things Jesus did that showed he was a good king.

Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea at the time of Jesus' ministry. There are 10 things in this picture that you would not have seen 2,000 years ago! Can you find them all?



TRUE OR FALSE

Which of the following questions are true? Place a tick for true or a cross for false



- Jesus wore a crown of gold
- Jesus' kingdom is forever
- Jesus cured the sick
- Jesus was mean to his enemies
- Jesus had a fortune in gold
- Jesus loved everyone
- Jesus died for our sins

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.

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Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm
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