

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 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

2nd Sunday of Advent, 5th December 2021 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. The Israelites longed to see the day when the Messiah would come. Each generation hoped and prayed that they would be the one to witness the appearance of God's anointed. The Jewish people still hope and pray for this event in every generation.

But Jesus did not come as many expected. Some thought he would arrive in a dramatic event and the end of the world would occur. Others expected a regal entrance or a political overthrow of the Romans. Luke's Gospel repeatedly points out that the very people who longed for the day to see the Messiah missed out because they were looking for the wrong signs.

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

'Light looked down and saw the darkness.

"I will go there", said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

"I will go there", said love.

So he,

the Lord of Light,

the Prince of Peace,

the King of Love,

came down and crept in beside us.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Advent – 12 December 2021

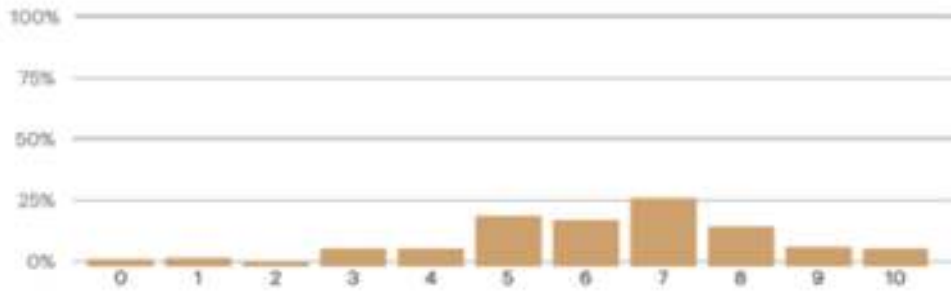
1st Reading [Zep 3:14-18](#) 2nd Reading [Phil 4:4-7](#)

Gospel [Lk 3:10-18](#)

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PARISH SURVEY - SUMMARY OF RESULTS (Up to 150 Responses received)

Ques 4. Generally, how engaged or involved do you feel you are in our parish?
(Ranging from 0 = No Engagement to 10 = Maximum Engagement)



Ques 5. What would help you become more engaged in the life of our parish?



SWOT Analysis of Responses to Ques 2, 3, 7 & 8

STRENGTHS

- Sense of community and belonging.
- Strong sense of connection developed over time.
- Inclusive.
- Welcoming and friendly.
- Meaningful & thought-provoking homilies.
- Quality Liturgy.
- Music/Singing – variety.
- The Franciscan spirit over many years.
- Children's Liturgy & Children's Mass.
- Youth Groups.
- Prayerful feel/atmosphere.
- Choice and availability of Mass.
- Adoration, Rosary, Prayer groups.

THREATS

- Are we in danger of overlooking our Franciscan roots / spirituality? e.g. for our youth.
- Ensuring we maintain a genuine spirit of service e.g. through St Vincent de Paul, social action that is balanced.
- Ensure we maintain prayerful atmosphere e.g. watching noise level before Mass.
- Ensuring we respect and include parishioners of all ages.
- Ensuring we foster youth and younger parishioner involvement e.g. in choir and music ministry.
- Ensuring that Parish Office Admin are in touch with parishioners and encourage and welcome volunteers.

WEAKNESSES

- Need to reach out to and involve people of all ages.
- Are we always as welcoming and inclusive as we ought to be?
- Need for clearer communication e.g. of financial situation of Parish.
- Need for greater clarity and understanding of the role & duties of the Parish Pastoral Council.
- Homilies can be long sometimes.

OPPORTUNITIES

Many suggestions on how:

- To Build Community, Connection & Inclusion.
- To form / educate people in the Catholic faith.
- To strengthen people's commitment.
- To cater for the needs of specific age groups in the parish.
- To enhance or broaden our Parish Liturgies.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 7 December
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 8 December
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 9 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 10 December
Mass 8.00am
Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 11 December
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12 December
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Youth Practice 12.15am
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://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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.

Christmas Eve Mass

Planning for our Christmas Eve Mass has begun! In order to make this a special time for all, we are looking for volunteers to help 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**

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

**Rita Sullivan, 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**

**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>



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.

Today we light the 2nd candle (purple), known as the Bethlehem Candle or candle of preparation.

We are preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth.

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.au 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!

Join the Kedron Parish Community for 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***



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

The ***Samaritan Community*** wish all parishioners and friends a ***Happy and Holy Christmas.***

Tuesday Morning Activities resume on
25th January, 2022

Until then keep well and happy.
We will be thinking of you all.

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...

What must we do?

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C

John, the son of Zechariah baptised people in the River Jordan to prepare them for the arrival of God's chosen one, Jesus. Draw John baptising one of the people in the river.



John the Baptist had great respect for Jesus. He told people, "Someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals." Write down in the shell how you can show your respect for Jesus.



Water is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of life and purity. Below there are clues to six hidden words that are all symbols used in Baptism and Mass.



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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
 All ages welcome - family discounts
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