

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

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4th Sunday of Advent, 19th December 2021 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

The visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond.

In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been manifest to the Israelites. Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment.

On a more mundane level, however, a meeting like this would have occasioned much comment and speculation from those outside the inner circle. We only have to imagine it happening today in any small suburb or country town for us to appreciate the human scale of the unfolding drama.

The Iona Community has explored the unwritten history in their story of Mmes Matthew, Mark and Luke, 'The village gossips'.

Narrator: In any small village, news travels quickly. Therefore it is only to be expected that the strange changes in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth might have been food for other people's thought.

Mrs Matthew: Well, ladies, you know how I'm not one for gossip, but wait until you hear this. You know that old woman Elizabeth, with the man who has not spoken for nine months.

Mrs Mark: Yes, what about them?

Mrs Matthew: They say she's had a little boy.

Mrs Luke: At her age? She's 88 if she's a day!

Mrs Matthew: Well, that's what I heard and it was on very good authority!

Mrs Luke: Are you sure you've got the right woman? You're not mixing her up with her cousin?

Mrs Mark: Who? Mary?

Mrs Luke: That's her! Now, I'm not one for talking about anybody but wait until I tell you this. She's pregnant!

Mrs Mark: Never! How do you know?

Mrs Luke: You can tell. You can just tell.

Mrs Matthew: Oh yes, you can tell all right. I heard her in the store last week asking for a dress eight sizes too big for her.

Mrs Luke: There you are. Draw your own conclusions. Now, I know that this will not go any further, but I hear that she and a certain young man are planning to leave the district.

Mrs Matthew: Who is the young man?

Mrs Luke: The joiner's boy, Joseph.

Mrs Mark: Never!

Mrs Luke: Well, that's what they say and I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Mark: So, have you heard what they're saying about the so-called census?

Mrs Matthew: No. Tell us.

Mrs Mark: Well, I happened to hear that the reason the Romans want our names is not to send us birthday cards.

Mrs Luke: Well, why are they having a census?

Mrs Mark: To register us for a 'poll tax'.

Mrs Matthew: I heard it was a 'community charge'.

Mrs Mark: 'A rose by any other name.'

Mrs Luke: They wouldn't do that, would they?

Mrs Mark: Well I'm just warning you. Mind, I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Luke: Nor me.

Mrs Matthew: Nor me.

The story of the visitation keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is - it's true.

As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let's make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and always gives the gossips plenty to talk about.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Holy Family - 26 December 2021

1st Reading [Sir 3:2-6, 12-14](#) or [1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28](#)

2nd Reading [Col 3:12-21](#) or [1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24](#)

Gospel [Lk 2:41-52](#)



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

Advent Reconciliation Service 2021 will be on Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm in the church. Please come and join us.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 20 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 21 December
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Funeral 1.00pm

Wednesday 22 December
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
JPICC Group 7.00pm

Thursday 23 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 24 December
Mass 8.00am
Funeral 9.30am
Nativity Play Rehearsal 4.15pm
Christmas Eve Mass 5.30pm
Carols & Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Saturday 25 December
Christmas Mass 7.30 & 9.30am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm (*Sunday Vigil*)

Sunday 26 December
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm

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

SINGLE SUGGESTIONS @ CHRISTMAS

Spare a thought this Christmas and Holiday Season for family and/or friends who live alone and/or fit the marital status of 'single.' Whether widowed, divorced, clergy, religious Sisters or Brothers, never married, homeless etc., people who are single (or live alone) do not comfortably fit the Christmas mould of 'family' – especially that promoted by the media.

Remember also people who are living in a family circumstance, but may be feeling psychologically alone, single, deserted or vulnerable. Christmas is a time when the contented family unit of mother, father and child/children is proclaimed as the norm, creating a sense of displacement for many people who live singularly or feel alone. Individuals may be reminded of their own experience of loss – loss of family, spouse, children, parents, intimacy, love, identity, or the life they imagined. Regrets can take the place of Christmas celebration and people may feel out of place (or an 'add-on') at family gatherings as they watch each family unit within the extended family celebrate their own togetherness. People who throughout the year embrace and celebrate their single life can suddenly feel uncomfortable and profoundly alone. They may crave, albeit momentarily, the connection and intimacy of family. Some single people are experiencing their first Christmas alone and others have expended time and energy creating a Christmas experience to avoid feeling out of place.

Maslow (1943) clearly identified 'belongingness' as a fundamental human need. It is this need that can often create a sense of loneliness and superfluity at Christmas for single persons - whether at family gatherings, amidst the crowds at Christmas shopping forays, or anticipating and experiencing Christmas dinner in an aged care facility.

As people who care, let's please be aware of our own approach to family and friends this Christmas. Our gentle and discreet expressions of inclusiveness, kindness and understanding can make all the difference to someone's experience of Christmas.

Wishing you all a very special Christmas experience.

Trish Carroll, *Elder Matters (Kedron Parishioner)*





Mass Times for Christmas

Sunday Dec 19th at 4.30pm
Christmas Carols on the lawn

Tuesday Dec 21st at 7.00pm
Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday Dec 24th at 5.30pm
Christmas Family Mass
with Carols from 5.00pm
(on the Church lawn if weather permits
or in La Cordelle, Padua College if rain)

Friday Dec 24th Midnight Mass
with Carols from 11.30pm

Saturday Dec 25th at 7.30am & 9.30am
Christmas Day Mass

Saturday Dec 25th at 5.00pm
Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday Dec 26th at
7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Louise Mitchell, Joyce Barrett, Doris Heffernan, Val Davidson, Charlotte Stevenson, Denese O'Brien, Thérèse O'Regan, Edna Ang, Vincenzo Del Vecchio

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Barney Curran, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett, Noel & Connie Peach, Brendan O'Brien, Eileen Carroll, Rita Sullivan, Mollie Byrne, Rosy Varghese, Panikulan Varghese, Giuseppe & Isolina Maccarone, Angus & Mary Robertson, Vince Jowett, Joyce Swanson, Lorna Agli

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

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

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

We are still 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



ALL children are welcome to come dressed as angels or shepherds on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

First Dress Rehearsal is this Saturday Dec 18th at 3.30pm and Final Dress Rehearsal is at 4.15pm on Christmas Eve before the Mass.

Thank you from Vinnies

Your response to the Giving Tree in recent weeks has been tremendous with donations of gift/food vouchers totalling nearly \$2000 and loads of Christmas food and gifts. The generosity of the parish and our 3 local schools has allowed hampers to be put together to meet the Christmas needs of over 75 local households. The bulk of the hampers were delivered by parish, school and Vincentian community members on 13 December. Additional hampers will be delivered as required for the remainder of the festive season so please be assured that any late donations will still be put to good use.

On our Giving Tree, we also invited donations to assist with education costs for local families in need. The Samaritans group are also faithful and generous supporters of this aspect of our work. With your generous donations, we have already assisted with the books and uniform costs for 6 local families and we are still working with others for the 2022 school year,

Thank you again for your commitment to and support for the work of your Kedron conference and we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.



Something for the Kids...

The Lord will keep his promise

4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?

At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by doing special things. Write down why you think it's important to do each of the following things as well as adding one of your own.

I celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to others.

I celebrate Christmas with a family meal.

I celebrate Christmas by going to Mass.

I celebrate Christmas by....

DE-CODE ELIZABETH'S MESSAGE
Use the key below to find out what Elizabeth said to Mary.

A - 20	F - 25	K - 19	P - 17	U - 5
B - 12	G - 1	L - 22	Q - 26	V - 4
C - 6	H - 3	M - 14	R - 2	W - 13
D - 10	I - 9	N - 11	S - 15	X - 21
E - 18	J - 24	O - 7	T - 8	Y - 23
				Z - 16

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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.

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