

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: For one hour after the 8am Mass

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until
the start of Friday 8am 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

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1st Sunday of Advent – 27th November 2022 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight. No wonder Paul and Matthew found it such a rich metaphor for the coming of Christ.

American lyricist and composer, Marty Haugen has found the image of light and darkness inspirational in his text, God of Day and God of Darkness (© 1984, 1995, published by GIA Inc.) He writes:

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;

As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,

When the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;

Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore

All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;

Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,

Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

Marty Haugen's take on the light and dark in the world is entirely consistent with the way Catholic mystics have applied these metaphors. Being in the light is not just about what we see, it is about what we do. St Ignatius Loyola often spoke about the things we keep buried in the dark. For Ignatius the experience we won't speak about, the sins we won't confess and the memories we suppress are the signs of the bad spirit. They gain an inordinate power over us and we displace a lot of energy keeping them buried in the dark. Ignatius always saw the hand of the good spirit when these things came into the light. Every time someone says to me, 'Father, I've never told anyone this before, but I want to talk about it now...' I thank God that the good spirit is alive and active. St Ignatius encourages us to be alert to all the ways we con ourselves that keeping secrets hidden in the dark is a necessary or acceptable way to live.

May this Advent be the season in which we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light. May our preparation for Christmas confirm us in the truth of Haugen's words about Jesus Christ and humanity.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;

Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,

For our hearts shall wander restless, 'til they safe to you return;

finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday of Advent—4 December 2022 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 11:1-10](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 15:4-9](#)

Gospel - [Mt 3:1-12](#)

"We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera People in Brisbane, and the Gubbi Gubbi People at Pomona as the traditional custodians, past, present, and emerging, of the land and waters where Kedron Parish stands. We pay our respects to them".

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

SALE Holy Cross & Delamore
Craft Groups
Christmas Market



Cards, Decorations, Plants, Jewellery, Food & Handmade Gifts

Saturday Morning 3rd December 2022
Time: 9.30am till 12 noon
Venue: the Chat Room
Delamore Retirement Community
115 Turner Road, Kedron



Parking via Delamore Main Entrance, [off Turner Rd next to St Anthony's School]
Enter Venue - Through Delamore House or via Moree Street Entrance

Supporting - The Works of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Baptism Preparation

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

email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next and final session for the year will be

Saturday 3 December 2022 at 11.00am



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

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Frank Trabucco, Bill Cox, Hazel Magowan, Herb Oliver, Stephen Jones, Narelle Geddes, Kathreena Anthoni, Mara Shaw, Rosaria Greco, Jeanne Hayes, John McGowan, John Albury, Margaret Loretto Gurney, Shirley Shepherd, Jianwen Feng, Cheryl Wright

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Carmelo Angi, Elena Nedtran, Bernard O'Shea & Family, Scott Hughes, Ronald O'Malley, Nolita & Melanio Cabrega, Elaine Ryan, Bill & Pat Ryan, Daniel Green, Noela McHugh, Dick Akers, Stephen Gibbons, Veronica & Jim Condren, Annie Ranger, Vince Salanitri, Reg McIntyre, Mollie Byrne, Philip Carnes, Alice Hafner, Aleyamma P. Mathew, Lawrie Minton, Madeline Jones, John McManus, Freda Vas, James Clyne, Loveday Harding, Giovanni & Dora Di Bella, Mariano & Maria Grasso, Nunzio La Spina, Gerda Janssen

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 November

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Funeral 10.30am

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 29 November

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

St Anthony's Graduation Yr 6 6.00pm

Wednesday 30 November

Padua Staff Mass 7.45am

Mt Alvernia Staff Mass 7.55am

(School)

Mass 9.00am

JPCCC 7.00pm

Thursday 1 December

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter Youth 6.30pm

Friday 2 December

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

St Anthony's End of Year Mass 10.30am

(School)

Saturday 3 December

Baptism Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

(Wine & Cheese following Mass)

Sunday 4 December

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am & 3.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** at Delamore. Everyone very welcome.

Piety Store

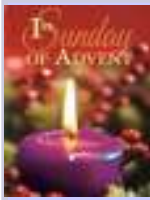
If you are looking for a gift, why not have a look at the Piety Store. We have new stock that has just arrived. There is a good selection and we can order items from the catalogue if your selection is not in stock. The Piety Store is situated at the foyer of the Church and is open before and after the weekend Masses - 5pm on Saturday; 7.30 am and 9.30am on Sunday.

The Advent books are available, \$5 each.

The Franciscan and Colomaban calendars are also on sale at the week end masses.

Ministry Rosters

New rosters for all our volunteers will be compiled shortly. If you are new to the Parish and would like to offer your talents, can I ask you to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible please. All new volunteers will be required to complete the necessary Safeguarding forms prior to commencement. Please contact Sandra on 33576640 or email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



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.

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.

**Please Join Us for the
HOUR OF GRACE
Thursday 8th December, 2022
12 noon – 1p.m.**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT
LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH
TURNER ROAD, KEDRON
(During Eucharistic Adoration) All Welcome**

Reflecting on Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Thank you to Jenny Close who last Wed night spoke about the theology of Advent and Christmas. If you would like to view her presentation here is the link to view it on YouTube
<https://youtu.be/WN6jI9WV7Y>

Laudato Si and COP27

Our faith demands that we care for God's creation and for the most vulnerable, who are being devastated by the destructive climate crisis.

Two of the fundamental principles of Catholic Social Teaching are related to the climate crisis: the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable and care for God's creation. The ecological crisis and climate emergency are destroying God's creation and our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters are suffering the most. As early as the 12th century, St. Hildegard of Bingen said, "The Earth sustains humanity. It must not be harmed; it must not be destroyed."

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/what-catholics-cant-miss-at-cop27/>

Mass Times for Christmas 2022

**Tuesday 20th December 6.00pm
Advent Reconciliation Service**

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

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

**Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
& 5.30pm**



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. And remember - All children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!



Advent is coming:

Your local Vinnies conference wish to advise that the Giving Tree will be in the church from the 1st Sunday of Advent (26/27 Nov). We invite you to select a gift and/or prayer tag and return your offering under the tree or on the collection plate in the next week or two (if possible) to assist with hamper preparation. Thank you for all your generosity and support now and throughout the year.



ENCOUNTER TERM 4

Walk with Jesus Series

FINAL ALL IN
Week 9

2nd of DECEMBER

Thursdays from 6.30pm-8.30pm

Our walk with Jesus series is going to five deep into what to do when you ask that question of what is next? What do I do if I feel stuck? Or when I cant here him? We are going to journey with it together.



HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 2nd December, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Booval Parish, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as intercessory prayer. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



Something for the Kids...

Stay Awake! Be Ready!



First Sunday of Advent, Year A

During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus.
What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



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Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.



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Police Check and Blue Cards 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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Safeguarding Commitment
The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.
The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

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