

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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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent—27 November 2022 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 2:1-5](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 13:11-14](#)

Gospel - [Mt 24:37-44](#)

Feast of Christ the King – 20th November 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feast day! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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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

Reflecting on the Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Wednesday Nov 23rd, 6.30 – 8.00 pm
at the Parish House
134 Somerset Rd, Kedron
Presenter: Dr Jenny Close

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. So, when Advent begins on Sunday 27th Nov, we start to hear the Year A cycle of readings including passages from the gospel of Matthew. The theology expressed in the readings and prayers during Advent and Christmas is vast and deep. Folks who only come to Christmas liturgies see the crib and hear a quaint and heart-warming story about a child born in a manger and their understanding of the theology of the season stops there. There is so much more to the meaning of the season. Come and explore the depth and breadth of the theology of Advent and Christmas - and its visual expressions - with Jenny Close (artist, liturgist, theologian).

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
SVDP meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 22 November

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
St Anthony Yr 50 Reconciliation 11.15am
St Anthony's Farwell Liturgy Yr 4 1.30pm

Wednesday 23 November

Mass 9.00am
Encounter Leader 4.00pm
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
Advent & Christmas Liturgy Seminar 6.30pm
(Parish House)
JPCCC 7.00pm

Thursday 24 November

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter Youth 6.30pm

Friday 25 November

Mass 8.00am
Divine World Prayer Group 8.30am
(Church)
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Saturday 26 November

Baptism 11.30am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm
Parish Farewell Dinner for Fr Mario 6.30pm
(St Anthony's School Hall)

Sunday 27 November

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
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

Holy Cross & Delamore Craft Groups



Christmas Market

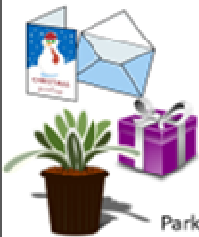
Cards, Decorations, Plants, Jewellery, Food & Handmade Gifts

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

Enrolments Prep 2024 - Open Now

If you have a daughter or son who will be commencing Prep in 2024, please click on the following link to complete the online application.

<http://www.stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au/enrolments/Pages/default.aspx>
<http://www.stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au/enrolments/Pages/default.aspx>

Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may be considering a 2024 Prep enrolment at St Anthony's.

Prep 2024 enrolments close on 28 February 2023.

Eligible birth dates

Children Born 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019
Eligible for Prep Year 2024

Please pray for our recently deceased:

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, Cherlyn Wright

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

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

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/>

Mass PowerPoint Slides

In recent months, a group of parishioners have created slides shown before and immediately after Mass each week. The slides are designed to make the Gospel and current faith-related messages relevant to our Kedron community and to help us get to know each other a little better. We’d love your thoughts on how useful or relevant these slides may be for you, your faith and your Christian approach to life. All feedback and suggestions welcome! Please add your thoughts to:

- the Suggestion Box in the church foyer (pencil and paper available); or an email to the parish office: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au; or Ring Judy Brown 0407 580 174



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!

FAREWELL
PARTY
IN HONOR OF
FR MARIO

Sat 26th Nov 2022 at 6.30pm

BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH ALL
[Please let Sandra know what dish you will be bringing]
at St Anthony’s School Hall

RSVP: SANDRA 21 NOVEMBER
PH: 3357 6640 or
EMAIL: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Advent is coming:



THE Giving Tree

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.

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/>

Something for the Kids...



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

Throughout our history there have been kings who were selfish, arrogant and cruel towards their people, while other kings have been kind and wise leaders who have protected their people. What kind of a king is Jesus Christ and how does he treat his people?



Jesus showed his love for us by suffering, dying and rising again so that we too may enter the kingdom of God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows Jesus how you are thankful for the sacrifice he made.

Place a cross **+** next to the words that best describe Christ the King

- POWERFUL
- UNJUST
- SELFISH
- COMPASSIONATE
- MERCIFUL
- GREEDY
- LOVING
- DISRESPECTFUL
- PROTECTING
- FORGIVING



Luke 23:35-43

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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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