

# 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:

Third Sunday of Advent—11 December 2022 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 35:1-6, 10](#)

2nd Reading - [Jas 5:7-10](#)

Gospel - [Mt 11:2-11](#)

## 2nd Sunday of Advent – 4 December 2022 (YEAR A)

### Reflection...

Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again. May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

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### 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.*

### Mass Times for Christmas 2022

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

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

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass**  
**(with Carols from 11.30pm)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Day Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**& 5.30pm**



### 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:

Agnes Mines, Nona Catali, 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, Cherlyn Wright

### and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Clair Brown, Marie Davis, Peter Moran, 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

### 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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Monday 5 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Adoration after Mass**  
**SVdP 7.00pm**

#### Tuesday 6 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**

#### Wednesday 7 December

**Mass 9.00am**  
**Mass 4.45pm**  
*(Delamore)*

#### Thursday 8 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**24hr Perpetual Adoration**  
**Hour of Grace 12.00noon**

#### Friday 9 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**  
*(Delamore)*

#### Saturday 10 December

**Inurnment 11.00am**  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Mass 5.00pm**

#### Sunday 11 December

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**Baptisms 11.00am**  
**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.

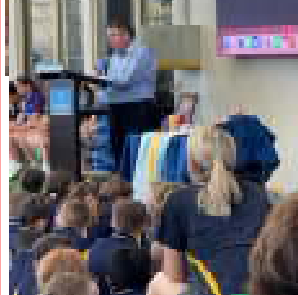
**The Advent books are available, \$5 each.**  
**The Franciscan and Colomaban calendars are also on sale at the week end masses.**



Last Saturday night we had a wonderful evening farewelling Fr Mario. Thank you to everyone who came and made the night a wonderful celebration ...



...Then on Monday afternoon Fr Mario was also farewelled by the wonderful children of St Anthony's ...



### Position Vacant-Crossing Supervisor-St Anthony's/Padua College precinct

We are looking for School Crossing Supervisors to help get our kids safely to and from school. School Crossing Supervisors must be available for work in both morning and afternoon shifts on a rostered basis (in all weather conditions).

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If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please email St Anthony's School [pkedron@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pkedron@bne.catholic.edu.au) and an application form will be sent to you. The job will remain 'open' through the holidays with Interviews conducted in the week prior to school commencing for 2023.



### Giving Tree

You are welcome to take a gift/prayer tag to support others during this Advent season. Offerings can be returned under the tree or on the collection plate. Thank you.



### 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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au). 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!

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door .

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Something for the Kids...

*Make a straight path for the Lord*



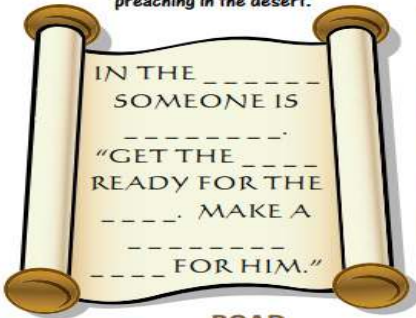
2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A



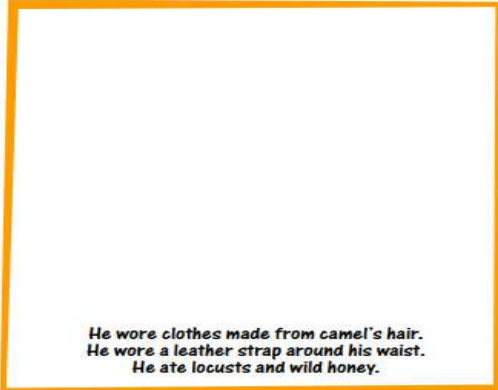
At each bend in the road write down something that you are sorry for doing.

Use the words below to complete Isaiah's prophecy which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the desert.

Draw a picture of John the Baptist from his description in the bible.



ROAD  
STRAIGHT LORD PATH  
SHOUTING DESERT



He wore clothes made from camel's hair.  
He wore a leather strap around his waist.  
He ate locusts and wild honey.

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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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