

# 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

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fourth Sunday of Advent—18 December 2022 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 7:10-14](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 1:1-7](#)

Gospel - [Mt 1:18-24](#)

## 3rd Sunday of Advent – 11 December 2022 (YEAR A)

### Advent Reconciliation Service 2022

will be on

**Tuesday 20 December at 6.00pm**

**in the church.**

**Please come and join us.**

### *Reflection...*

Have you ever been on a farm during summer? If you have you will know how precious water is. When I was a boy, I spent several holidays on an uncle's property. There were often six or seven city-based cousins there for the long summer break. It was great fun, but the one thing of which we needed a daily reminder was to be careful with how much water we used. We seemed to luxuriate in the shower for twice as long as our country cousins!

I can remember that when we arrived for one holiday, it had not rained in the area for nearly nine months. A few days later, just at dusk, the thunder rumbled, the storm clouds gathered and the heavens burst open. The rain poured down. Like in the movies, everyone inside the house just stood up and walked out into the rain. No one said a word. We stood in the rain and soaked it in. The earth was not the only thing in need of a drenching.

In today's letter from St James the metaphor of waiting for rain is given to us as a way of understanding what it was like to wait for Christ. It is a potent image for Advent. In this season each year we remember that humanity waited through a long, dry and exhausting period for the sign of new life in Jesus. For generations people looked to the heavens every day for a sign that today would be the day when God's salvation would come. Then, one night, in a way no one could have ever imagined, with no fanfare, a child burst forth into the world and established the final reign of God's love.

Advent is not the time when we pretend that Jesus hasn't come into our world and that we are the first to anticipate his coming at Christmas. It's a richer season than that. It is the time when we recall what it was like before he came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.

The First Reading and the Gospel make it very clear that farmers never down tools just because the rain comes. We're told that as a result of being soaked in the love of God we are called to do all we can for those in our world who are lame, blind, deaf, lepers, poor and for any one left for dead.

This is a vital message for us to hear today because there are some in our country who tell us that all we have to do is look after 'our own back yard'. This line is many things, but it's not Christian. Advent reminds us that by welcoming Christ we have an obligation to care for all his children. Everywhere is our back yard because that's where our brothers and sisters live. May we gain from Christ this Christmas the generosity to see that the desert is meant to bloom for all people everywhere, not just a few of us lucky to live in an oasis.

We are ridiculously generous to others because God in Jesus has been lavishly good to us and our goodness remains a most powerful sign of God's salvation that is always seen in deeds not words.

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"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".



### 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.

3rd candle (rose) the Shepherd candle or the candle of joy. The angels sang a message of JOY!"

... and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

### 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 12 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Adoration after Mass**  
**Choir Practice 7.15pm**

#### Tuesday 13 December

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

#### Wednesday 14 December

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

#### Thursday 15 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

#### Friday 16 December

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

#### Saturday 17 December

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Mass 5.00pm**

#### Sunday 18 December

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**SFO 9.00am**  
**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.**

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS:

Parish Office will be closed from  
FRIDAY 23/12/22 – MONDAY 9/1/2023  
OUR CHRISTMAS NEWS BULLETIN  
will be the last until a resumption on  
9 January 2023.



### 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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The favourable outcome of a pre-employment health assessment. A Positive Notice Blue Card (you **do not** need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

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.

## 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!



### 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.

### Laudato Si and COP 27

This month COP 15 will be held from 5th -18th Dec in Montreal. This conference will aim to give biodiversity and ecosystems the same protection as the climate. Following on last week's seminars "Our Ocean Home" synodal dialogue process leading up to next year's, four yearly Conference of the Bishops of Oceania ("FCBCO"). Australians linked to the Laudato Si' Movement watched the film "The Letter" (<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/laudato-si-encounter-monthly-prayer-guide-december-2022/>) discussed "climate debt" and prayed for our neighbours in Oceania. A view from the business world is: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-12-06/cop15-what-can-you-expect-from-the-un-biodiversity-conference?leadSource=uverify%20wall> In terms of a theological, moral, LS, faith perspective on Loss and Damage see SCIAF's : [https://www.sciaf.org.uk/assets/000/002/564/Responding to the Signs of the Times - A Theological Reflection on Loss and Damage original.pdf?1662554455](https://www.sciaf.org.uk/assets/000/002/564/Responding%20to%20the%20Signs%20of%20the%20Times%20-%20A%20Theological%20Reflection%20on%20Loss%20and%20Damage%20original.pdf?1662554455)

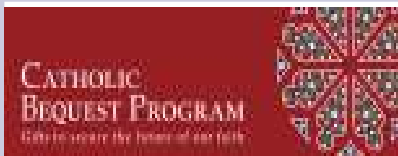
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### Secular Franciscan Order

In 1221 St Francis established the Third Order now called the Secular Franciscan Order. St Francis saw the need to establish an order for people living in the world and pursuing their ordinary lives. He drew up a very simple rule of life which any good earnest catholic might easily observe. Members of the Kedron Parish are welcome to join the Secular Franciscans who meet each third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

## MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.



### Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

**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...



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Jesus told John the Baptist's followers to tell him all they had seen and heard. How did Jesus help the following people?

Draw Jesus bringing the good news to the poor

Blind People

Deaf People

Lame People

Lepers

## Advent Wreath

Each Sunday during the season of Advent, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. The candle which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent is pink. All the other candles are purple. Colour in the Advent Wreath.



Matthew 11:2-11

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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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