

# 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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4th Sunday of Advent – 18 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...

Today's Gospel announces that 'God is with us'. In this final week of Advent the following story reminds us that God comes to us in unpredictable ways often with unsettling messages.

'I hurried into the shop to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever. I hurried to the toy department and wondered if the grandkids would even play with my gifts.

'My eye caught a little boy holding a doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I watched him turn and ask, "Aunty Jane, are you sure I don't have enough money?" Gently, the woman replied, "Emily doesn't need a doll David." The woman went to another aisle. The boy continued to hold the doll. David looked so sad that I couldn't resist asking who the doll was for. "My sister wanted it so badly for Christmas." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said "No, Santa can't go where my sister is...I have to give the doll to Mummy to take to her." I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the tear-filled eyes, "She has gone to be with Jesus. Daddy says that Mummy is going to have to go to be with both of them soon too." My heart nearly stopped beating.

'David went on, "I told Daddy to make sure Mummy goes nowhere until I got back from the store. I want Mum to take this doll to Emily."

'While he wasn't looking I reached into my purse and pulled out some cash. "David how about we count that money again?" He grew excited, "I asked Jesus to give me enough money. I just know I have enough." I slipped my money in with his and we began to count it. He looked up from the count and exclaimed, "Jesus has given me enough money for Emily's doll."

'In a few minutes his aunty came back and I wheeled my cart away. I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started.

'On the way home I remembered a story in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl and that the mother was left on life support. Two days before Christmas I read in the paper where the family had turned the machine off. The day before Christmas there was a funeral notice saying that a Requiem Mass would be celebrated on St Stephen's Day for Julia Norris and her daughter Emily. Michael was their husband and father, and their son and brother was David.

'As I gathered with my family in front of an overblown meal which none of us could finish, holding expensive gifts we didn't need and drinking more alcohol than was necessary, I thought "we've lost the plot with Christmas". God-with-us arrives as a simple child in need of love; and in the honour of that day we spend money, eat too much and get drunk.

'I left the table went to my desk and wrote a card for each member of my family. I told them what I'd never been able to say: "I want you to know I love you."

'When they read those cards, my family thought I was losing it, but through David and that doll, God visited me in the last week of Advent and Christmas will never be the same again.'

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Nativity of the Lord—25 December 2022 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 52:7-10](#)

2nd Reading - [Heb 1:1-6](#)

Gospel - [Jn 1:1-18](#)

"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".

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.



### 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.

### 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**

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Monday 19 December

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

#### Tuesday 20 December

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**  
**Reconciliation Service 6.00pm**

#### Wednesday 21 December

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

#### Thursday 22 December

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

#### Friday 23 December

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

#### Saturday 24 December

**Christmas Carols 5.00pm**  
**Mass (Outside) 5.30pm**

#### Sunday 25 December

*(Christmas Day)*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**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.

### 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,

### and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Tracey Ihle, 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,

### Ministry Rosters

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 Safe-guarding forms prior to commencement. Please contact Sandra on 33576640 or email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



## 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



## 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!

**First rehearsal is this Sunday 18th Dec after 10.30am and final rehearsal is at 4.15pm on Christmas Eve before Mass. Please come fully dressed**



### 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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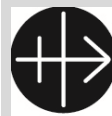
Relief opportunities on your days off

Long service leave entitlements

Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on:

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.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

through our Christmas appeal *Sharing Hope with Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas*. The support we are pledging to them is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope. The projects we are supporting are projects such as medical aid, community help and gifts for children in Lebanon, as well as support for lay faithful and accommodation for families in Syria. It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas!

To watch videos and read stories of the projects we are supporting visit [www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022](http://www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022)

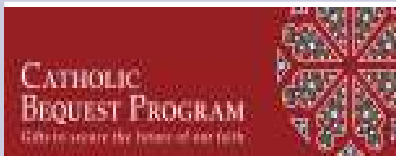
*Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid our brothers and sisters who are suffering so deeply in Syria and Lebanon*

### 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_to_the_Signs_of_the_Times_-_A_Theological_Reflection_on_Loss_and_Damage_original.pdf?1662554455)

### 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.

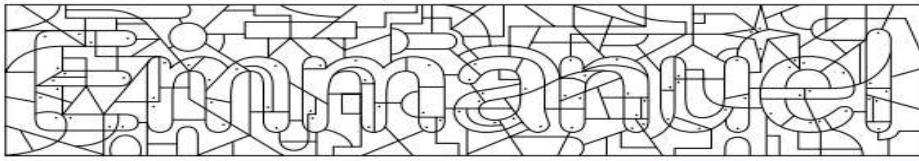
**To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door.**

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

# Something for the Kids...



Colour in the shapes with dots to reveal a special name.



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?



Follow the branch that extends from King David to the birth of Jesus.

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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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