

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church -

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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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## Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day 25 December 2022 (YEAR A)

Dear friends and parishioners,

On behalf of the parish community and the friars, I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

During the Christmas season, I understand that there can be both joys and challenges. There is joy in eating, drinking and celebrating with family, friends and the community of the Church.

There can also be challenges for those who are alone and sick, separated from their family, and for those who have lost loved ones.

Wherever we find ourselves, I hope you know that God is not too far. The birth of Jesus offers us: HOPE, PEACE, and FORGIVENESS. Let us then offer this love to others as well.

Harry Chan ofm

Parish Administrator



## Reflection...

A pentecostal friend of mine tells the story of leaving church one Christmas morning as the preacher was standing at the door, greeting everyone and shaking hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The pastor said to him, 'You need to join the Army of the Lord!' To which my friend replied, 'I'm already in the Army of the Lord, pastor.' The pastor looked amazed and said, 'How come I don't see you here at church then, except at Christmas and Easter?' My friend whispered back, 'Because I'm in the secret service.'

If you are like my friend and find yourself in the 'secret service', you're in good company at Christmas time. The first hearers of the Christmas story were not much into church-going either. Shepherds in first century Palestine had to watch their flocks around the clock for fear of thieves and wolves. This didn't leave much time for temple attendance. They prayed where they were, as they were. These shepherds, however, were in the right place at the right time to hear the first Christmas message. Maybe they had the right disposition too.

Sometimes, publicly religious people can sound as though they know the mind of God better than God does! It's a trap we need to avoid and Christmas helps us do it. No one predicted the way God would send us a saviour. No one knew the day or the hour of God's coming. No one foresaw that God would be born a homeless person. No one envisaged that the first witnesses to the birth would be illiterate shepherds from nearby fields. While some waited for a mercenary to overthrow the Romans, others held their breath for the procession of a heavenly king.



The love of God, however, took flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone and came to us as a poor, defenceless baby.

That's our God, not bound by our precepts or expectations, but honouring the promises made to our ancestors, in the most surprising of ways. And Christmas provides us with the most tender images of our God, One who needs to be nurtured, suckled and held tight. It's not a bad metaphor for our Christian faith either. If Christmas means anything to us then it's not an annual religious outing or something to fill in time on a public holiday. It's a moveable feast which we celebrate every time we do something just, loving or peaceful. That's why we gather here for the Eucharist each week: to be nurtured, fed, suckled and held in God's embrace, if only for a while, so that we find the courage and strength to go out from here, confront the wolves and thieves of our own day and be in the right place at the right time for God to find us.

As a result of that first Christmas, Christ wants to nurture a people who by their lives will change the world for the better, for all people everywhere. So this Christmas cash in your secret service card and, 'Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.'

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**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS:**  
Parish Office will be closed  
**FRIDAY 23/12/22**  
and reopen  
**MONDAY 9/1/2023**  
**OUR CHRISTMAS NEWS BULLETIN**  
will be the last until a resumption on 9 January 2023.

**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Monday 26 December**  
*(Boxing Day)*  
**Communion Service 8.00am**

**Tuesday 27 December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**

**Wednesday 28 December**  
**Mass 9.00am**

**Thursday 29 December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 30 December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**  
*(Delamore)*

**Saturday 31 December**  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 1st January**  
*(New Years Day)*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**Mass 5.30pm**

**Mass Times for Christmas 2022**

**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**

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**  
Sr Patricia Sullivan rsn, Agnes Mines, Nona Catali, Frank Trabucco, Bill Cox, Hazel Magowan, Herb Oliver, Stephen Jones, Narelle Geddes, Kathreena Anthoni, Mara Shaw, Rosaria Greco,  
**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,

**SVdP- Thank you for generosity**  
The Little Flower Vinnies conference would like to whole heartedly thank the Kedron parish and community for their generous support of the conference this year, particularly with the Giving Tree and hamper delivery this Christmas. Our first meeting back will be: **16 January, 7pm at Parish House.**  
New members always welcome.

**HEALING MASS – BARDON**  
Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6th January, 2023 at 7.30pm. Fr James O'Donoghue will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as prayer petitions. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**1st January 2023 — Yr A**  
  
1st Reading - [Nm 6:22-27](#)  
2nd Reading - [Gal 4:4-7](#)  
Gospel - [Lk 2:16-21](#)








**CHRISTMAS  
EVE FAMILY  
MASS**  
All children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

**Final rehearsal is at 4.15pm on Christmas Eve before Mass. Please come fully dressed**

*We would like to thank you for your support and wish you and your families every blessing for this Christmas Season*



**Fr Mario Debattista ofm**  
**Fr Harry Chan ofm**  
**Fr Joe McKay ofm**  
**Sandra Di Francesco**  
**Maria Oliveri-Calabrese**  
**Maria Hopes**  
**Tim McCoy**  
**Rob and Donna Byrne**

*May hope and peace be renewed as we together celebrate the birth of the Saviour*

**SINGLE SUGGESTIONS @ CHRISTMAS**

Spare a thought this Christmas and Holiday Season for family and/or friends who live alone and/or fit the marital status of 'single.' Whether widowed, divorced, clergy, religious Sisters or Brothers, never married, homeless etc., people who are single (or live alone) do not comfortably fit the Christmas mould of 'family' – especially that promoted by the media.

Remember also people who are living in a family circumstance, but may be feeling psychologically alone, single, deserted or vulnerable. Christmas is a time when the contented family unit of mother, father and child/children is proclaimed as the norm, creating a sense of displacement for many people who live singularly or feel alone. Individuals may be reminded of their own experience of loss – loss of family, spouse, children, parents, intimacy, love, identity, or the life they imagined. Regrets can take the place of Christmas celebration and people may feel out of place (or an 'add-on') at family gatherings as they watch each family unit within the extended family celebrate their own togetherness. People who throughout the year embrace and celebrate their single life can suddenly feel uncomfortable and profoundly alone. They may crave, albeit momentarily, the connection and intimacy of family. Some single people are experiencing their first Christmas alone and others have expended time and energy creating a Christmas experience to avoid feeling out of place.

Maslow (1943) clearly identified 'belongingness' as a fundamental human need. It is this need that can often create a sense of loneliness and superfluity at Christmas for single persons - whether at family gatherings, amidst the crowds at Christmas shopping forays, or anticipating and experiencing Christmas dinner in an aged care facility.

As people who care, let's please be aware of our own approach to family and friends this Christmas. Our gentle and discreet expressions of inclusiveness, kindness and understanding can make all the difference to someone's experience of Christmas. Wishing you all a very special Christmas experience.

*Trish Carroll, Elder Matters (Kedron Parishioner)*

**Ministry Rosters**  
All new roster have all now been completed. If you would like a hardcopy please see Rob at the Church. 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)

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# Something for the Kids...

**Today is born our Saviour**  
 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day



God gives us all that we have. What are some of the gifts you have received from God?

Four empty rectangular boxes, each containing a small illustration of a gift box, for children to write their answers.

Join up the angels and see what they spell



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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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