

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass
until the start of Friday 8am Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am

(unless of another event that day)

(Booking is essential)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st, 2nd and 3th Sunday of the Month - 9.30am

(School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am

(School term only)

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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1st Sunday of Advent — 3rd December 2023 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

These days most people keep vigils because they are anxious. We wait in hospital corridors for news of a sick relative. A parent stays up with an infant who may be teething or has a high temperature. We might watch the phone waiting to be reassured that a loved one is safe and well, or that we have passed the exam or got the job. Many of these occasions are highly stressed vigils. Some of the younger or more hardy ones amongst us sometimes keep vigils that are filled with excited anticipation, as when some of us sleep out to get tickets to a sports game or concert, or when we see the old year out and the new year in.

It was not long ago, however, that vigils were a much more common feature of people's lives. We often kept vigil with the dead. We used to keep all night vigils of prayer, especially when parishes had perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps before any of us can remember, there were also vigils kept with the bride the night before her wedding, when she waited and watched for the sign of her approaching groom and his attendants. The Church has enshrined the experience of keeping vigil through the Vigil Mass on Saturday night, the Vigil Ceremony in the funeral rites and the most important one, the Easter Vigil.

This tradition starts with today's Gospel where we are exhorted to be alert, keep awake and wait for the Lord to return. In a sense this is a strange Gospel to have as we prepare for Christmas. It is linked to the first preface of Advent which reads, 'Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ our Lord will come in glory.' Our attention is, therefore, directed to a great future event, not the future feast we are about to celebrate.

This is unique. All other feasts of the Church either remember a past event, like those of Holy Week or Pentecost, or they are 'title feasts' which proclaim a truth about God's action among us which the entire church holds to be true, like Trinity Sunday. But not the First Sunday of Advent. Rather than talk about the coming of Jesus at Christmas it helps us reflect on the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. It is the bridge between the 'last days' of the Church's year, which we have been celebrating over recent weeks, and the first days of the Church's New Year.

And how does the Church ask us to approach this feast? As on a vigil. Not a vigil of anxiety, where we never want to hear the worst news. Not a vigil of excited anticipation where we pin our happiness on entry into an event. But a vigil of hope where we wait and trust in a person, who has shared our lot, understands our frailties and loved us to death. We place our hope in Jesus the Christ, our brother, saviour and friend. This First Sunday of Advent we look beyond Christmas to the final moment when heaven and earth will be united and our vigil will be complete. On that day we believe the Son will have dawned once, and for all, on the world. Now, don't you think that's something worth being awake to see?

The first week of Advent is like the first days of other vigils wherein we pitch out tents and begin the wait to make sure we have front row seats for what is going to be, when it arrives, the best show in town!

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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".

**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 4th December
NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30pm - 8.00pm
SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 5th December
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 6th December
Anointing Mass 9.00am
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 7th December
Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 8th December
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Franciscan Sisters 150 year
Celebrations 10.30am
Hour of Grace Prayer 12.00noon

Saturday 9th December
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 10th December
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Marisa Emlyn - Jones, Sesto Porcellini, Belen Vargas, John Cook, Fr Greg Bourke OFM, Maguire, Loreto Giacomantonio, Pietro Rossitto, Ross Hielscher,

**and those whose Anniversaries
occur about now:**

Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green, Bill Ryan,, Marianne Desmond, Kevin Jacob, Annie Ranger, Thomas Family, O'Shea and Delaney Families, Elena Nadtran, Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, Geoff Ludgate

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2023 — Yr B

1st Reading

[Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

2nd Reading

[2 Peter 3:8-14](#)

Gospel

[Mark 1:1-8](#)

The Samaritan Community

The Samaritans Morning Activities, will be back in the New Year on the 23rd January 2024 . Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year. Thank you from the Committee.



Mass times for Christmas and New Year

Tuesday 19th December 7.00pm

Advent Reconciliation Service

**Saturday 23rd December 5.00pm Vigil
(Normal Mass)**

**Sunday 24th December 7.30am and 9.30am
(Normal Mass)**



**5.00pm Christmas Family Mass
(on the lawn with carols from 4.30pm)
Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm
Monday 25th December (Christmas Day Mass)
8.30am**

**Saturday 30th December Boxing Day 5.00pm
Vigil (Normal Mass)**

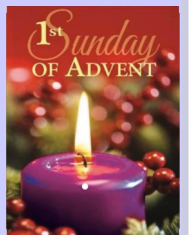
**Sunday 31st December 7.30am, 9.30am and
5.30pm (Normal Mass)**



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.



1st Candle (purple) *The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope.* We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.

We need you help for Ministries

As you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. It needs the involvement of as many of us as possible, sharing our gifts and time with one another, for the good of one another, as well as our own nourishment. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

But we also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, we'd like to welcome new volunteers to come forward to make their contribution to our community, simply to the extent that they are able. We are happy to be flexible!

Where we can use the help is for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting, and our Tuesday Morning Samaritans Group.

We are also wanting people for the 5.30pm to go on a roster. This will help out our priest who would be on that evening mass.

A huge thank you to all who have already volunteered but if you think you could also assist or you just want to know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email—kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Piety Store

Advent Books: Little Blue Books from America \$5.00. Australian Advent Books \$6.00.

Calendars 2024: Columban Calendars \$10.00 Franciscan Calendars \$8.50

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: _____

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8th)



"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her.

Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to Thy Word," in response of the Angel Gabriel's greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God's Plan.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

"The word of the Lord came to me thus: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS
 Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. At this stage, we are looking for children who would like to help us tell the story by being involved in our Nativity play. If you know someone who would like to volunteer to be the various roles in the play, please email Mav Green on mav_sp_green@hotmail.com to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity. We are also looking for a baby Jesus – no experience necessary!
 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 or parish office. Thank you.

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly
 You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.
 If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

150 YEAR CELEBRATION

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

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EUCHARIST 10:30AM

DEC | 08th | 2023

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VOLUNTEERS...WE NEED YOU!
 Co.As.It. is seeking volunteers who love to spend time and make a difference in the lives of older people. We are specifically seeking people from particular linguistic and cultural backgrounds visiting at home or in aged care centres. All that is required is one hour per fortnight and a smile. If this sounds like you, come and be part of our volunteer team.
 Please call Sarina, Luisa or Loretta on 3624 6100 or email us at lorettai@coasit.asn.au.

Something for the Kids...

Watch out and be ready!

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Let's Get Ready

Complete these sentences

I get ready for church by

I get ready for school by

I get ready for bed by

I get ready for Christmas during Advent by



During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.



Christmas

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Jesus

prepare



season

_____ is the _____ when



arrival

we _____ for the _____

Advent

of _____ at _____

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