

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)

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2nd Sunday of Advent — 10 December 2023 (YEAR B)



CHRISTMAS BREAK - The Parish Office will close Friday 22nd December at 12 noon and re-open on Monday 15th January at 8am.

Reflection...

During Advent, Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it', she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus knew he was a brat so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.'

Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

There is a little bit of Danny in all of us.

We often think that we can bargain with God to get the best possible deal out of life. The problem with this bargaining image is that it cannot be reconciled with a Christian faith which believes in Advent. The bargaining image of God is the furthest thing from the mind of the writers of today's readings – Isaiah, Psalm (84) 85, St Peter and St Mark.

These scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything he can to assure us of his saving love. He has shown us all what can be shown about how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love and how to transform our world for better.

The image of us 'doing a deal' with God is so prevalent in our theology and prayer that we can find ourselves lapsing into it all the time. 'If you make me well, God, I will lead a better life.' 'I will return to Sunday Mass if I pass my exams.' 'I will raise my children Catholic if I have a fine day for my wedding.' This is all dreadful stuff. And the Church has to take some responsibility for this and correct it.

The scriptures tell us from the beginning of time to the preaching of John the Baptist, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit among us today, that we have a God who risked everything so that we might know love and life in this world and in the next. We hold and proclaim, in season and out of season, a God who emptied himself of power and might and came to us as a baby.

That's not the profile of a deal-doer. It's the portrait of a lover.

So this Advent let's not ransom ourselves to a benevolent dictator. Let's ask for anything we need with confidence that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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 11th December

NO Mass

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late Sr Jo Scanlan mfc)

Taekwondo 4.30pm - 8.00pm

Choir Practise 7.15pm

Tuesday 12th December

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 13th December

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 14th December

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 15th December

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Saturday 16th December

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 17th December

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Sr Jo Scanlan mfc, Marisa Emlyn - Jones,
Sesto Porcellini, Belen Vargas, John Cook,
Fr Greg Bourke OFM, Maguire

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

Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green, Bill Ryan,,
Marianne Desmond, Kevin Jacab, Annie
Ranger, Thomas Family, O'Shea and
Delaney Families, Elena Nadtran

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Advent
17 December 2023 — Yr B

1st Reading

[Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11](#)

2nd Reading

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-24](#)

Gospel

[John 1:6-8. 19-28](#)

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 2023/2024

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)

Sunday 24th December - 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (on the lawn with carols from 4.30pm)

Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day Mass) - 8.30am Mass only



Tuesday 26th December Boxing Day - 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Wednesday 27th December - 9.00am (Normal Mass)

Thursday 28th December - 8.00am (Normal Mass)

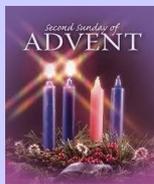
Friday 29th December - 8.00am (Normal Mass)

Saturday 30th December - Vigil Mass 5.00pm



Sunday 31st New Year's Eve Day - 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm (Normal Mass)

Monday New Year Day 1st January – no masses



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.

**Little Flower Church
Christmas Eve Family Mass**

Planning for our outdoor 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 please help us with: setup, pack up, offertory and collections.

Please consider your availability during this special season on the church calendar. A volunteer sheet is now in the sacristy. We would be grateful!



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

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: _____

Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by praying before a Nativity scene

This year, Catholics will be able to receive a plenary indulgence from Dec. 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Feb. 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church.

Earlier this year, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the faithful gathered at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, to Honor the beloved Italian saint and celebrate the **800th anniversary** of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio.

As part of the celebration of this Franciscan Centenary, the **Conference of the Franciscan Family** asked Pope Francis for the approval of this plenary indulgence.

The conference wrote: "In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there."

The Apostolic Penitentiary welcomed the request, allowing the faithful to receive this indulgence under the usual conditions. Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their sufferings up to the Lord or by "carrying out practices of piety."

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.



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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!



Laudato Si

Pope Francis is scheduled to inaugurate the "Faith Pavilion" at COP28. It aims to convey a message of peace to the world. He has modelled peace by his cooperation and friendship with Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of al-Azhar. Cardinal Czerny has called this friendship "a model of listening which is absolutely indispensable if, with all our differences, we are going to live as siblings and together take care of our common home". In his recent exhortation Laudate Deum the Pope has said, "If we are confident in the capacity of human beings to transcend their petty interests and to think in bigger terms, we can keep hoping that COP28 will allow for a decisive acceleration of energy transition, with effective commitments subject to ongoing monitoring". (LD 54). Laudate Deum speaks of the "actors" which it hopes will make sure that "ethics will prevail over local or contingent interests" (LS39). The actors are the scientific community, the entrepreneurial world, young people and new generations.... A generation of teachers, Teachers of compassion. Teachers of new opportunities for our planet and its inhabitants. Teachers of hope. And teachers who defend the life of our planet". <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2023-10/pope-francislaudate-deum-cop28-osservatore-romano.html> On prayer and action see: An Advent in action for our common home: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/prayer-and-action-an-advent-in-action-for-our-common-home/>

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.



Something for the Kids...

Make a straight path for the Lord



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

"I am _____ my
 _____ ahead of you,
 who will _____ your way;
 the _____ of one _____ out
 in the _____:
 'Prepare the _____ of the _____,
 make his paths _____'"

crying
 straight
 way
 voice
 sending
 prepare
 wilderness
 messenger
 Lord



What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this second week of Advent?

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by telling people to turn back to God and baptising them. He wore clothes made from camel's hair and wore a leather strap around his waist. For food he ate grasshoppers and wild honey. Draw a picture of John baptising someone in the Jordan River.



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