

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church -
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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

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)

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

(Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

2nd Sunday of Advent – 7th December 2025 (YEAR A)

Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

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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 8th December
NO Mass

Tuesday 9th December

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

NO Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral Service 10.00am

[for the late Antonino Paradiso]

Wednesday 10th December

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 11th December

Mass 8.00am

Friday 12th December

Mass 8.00am

Saturday 13th December

Baptism 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 14th December

(Third Sunday of Advent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

Parking Notice – Safety Reminder

It has come to our attention that some parishioners have been double-parking in the main driveway of the church and school. We understand that parking can be difficult, especially during weekday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

However, we kindly ask that parishioners

do not park in front of the church bollards or double-park along the church driveway. This is important because emergency vehicles must have clear access to the church and school grounds at all times. Blocking these areas creates a serious

Work Health and Safety (WHS) risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our parish safe and accessible.

Laudato Si

The theme of this Global Jubilee Year is hope. “May Hope Fill your Heart” was Pope Francis’ wish. In this **Adventure** together towards the feast of the Incarnation we wait in **hope** but know we are on a **joyful** journey into **light**. Today’s reading from Isaiah is striking for its integral ecological theology. It talks of *scions* from *root-stock* and describes a peaceable ‘*kin-dom*’ - *wolves* living with *lambs*, *lions* domesticated and children at ease in the presence of *snakes*. The Psalmist talks of justice flourishing and peace till the *moon* fails and wishes the Creator’s name endure like the *sun*. Such everyday mysticism grounds action. John Paul VI said, “If you want **peace**, work for justice”. Pope Francis inaugurated the Laudato Si’ Action Platform (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGqMJEXy2Mc>) for individuals and parishes to act for justice both for human dignity and for care of our common home. Dr Iyad Abumoghli, head of the UNEP *Faith for Earth Coalition* said at COP30, “We need Faith-Institutions-Determined Contributions since they own 8% of habitable land on earth. We need an accountability system”. UNEP offers a roadmap: <https://wedocs.unep.org/rest/api/core/bitstreams/7e07f9ee-44b8-4468-b382-f6db360c8c44/content>

Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass

We are needing people for our outdoor Christmas Eve Family Mass. 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!

Please Join Us for the

HOUR OF GRACE

Monday 8th December, 2025

12 noon – 1p.m

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AT**

**OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES
STAFFORD**

All Welcome



**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Antonino Paradiso, Alfonso Pizzica, Fr Benignus Clowes ofm, Caryl Liyanage, Beverley McCarthy, Gabriele Pasqualini, Marie Thompson, Nolasco Villanueva, Fr Huong Nguyen, Buu Loc Nguyen, Alexander Goldthorpe,

those whose

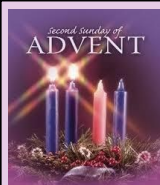
Anniversaries occur about now:

Carmelo Angi, Yvonne Grero, Ron O'Malley, Elisabeth Backstrom, Belen Vargas, Killiher, Maureen Hudson, Michale Killiher, Elena Nedtran, Josie Grasso(nee Musumeci), Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, and Claremont and Souls of Purgatory, Annie Ranger, Leona Akers, John McManus,



Please note the Samaritans last day was on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 and will restart 3rd February 2026.

Wishing you all a very and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year



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.

For unto us
a child is born!



Christmas Mass Nativity

24 December

5pm on the lawn outside

2025

Little Flower Church

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS Plans are currently underway for the Parish Christmas Eve Nativity Mass.

We are looking for children who would like to help us tell the gospel 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 Aimee Bodley abodley@bne.catholic.edu.au to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity play.

We will meet following 9:30am Children's Mass this Sunday 23 November for more information.

Rehearsals are on Dec 21 @ 2:30pm in the Parish Hall before a final rehearsal on Dec 24 @ 4pm prior to our Christmas Eve Mass.

(All children, in the play or not, are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!)



★ **Advent is coming!** St Vincent De Paul are preparing the Giving Tree for the Advent Season again this year and will be asking parishioners to support in any way they can - prayer, gifts, vouchers or education fund assistance. Our schools are also busy preparing hampers ready for delivery closer to Christmas - they are amazingly generous. To help with timing of hamper deliveries, early donations are very helpful but whatever or whenever you can contribute, be assured it will be gratefully received. Please keep all concerned in your prayers and keep an eye out for the Giving Tree.

Groundsman – Permanent Part-Time

Kedron & Stafford Parishes, Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane
The Parishes of St Therese of Lisieux & St Anthony of Padua (Kedron) and Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (Stafford), staffed by the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit Province, are seeking a **dedicated and proactive Groundsman** to maintain and enhance the parish grounds.

About the Role

This **permanent part-time position** requires **30 hours per week**, split between our two parish locations:

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain and develop grounds at the church, parish hall, and parish house.
- Mow lawns and care for garden areas, including planting and landscaping.
- Arrange pest control spraying and treatments.
- Operate equipment such as a mower, whipper snipper, and hedge cutter.

Assist with manual work and general repairs across all parish sites.

About You

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- ✓ Experience in groundskeeping, gardening, or landscaping.
- ✓ Ability to work independently and take initiative.
- ✓ Basic knowledge of tools and equipment maintenance.
- ✓ A commitment to maintaining a welcoming and presentable parish environment.
- ✓ Physical capability for outdoor manual work.

For further information please contact HR Recruitment Coordinator Chantel Nguyen nguyench@bne.catholic.net.au

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults

Mass times for Christmas

Thursday 18th December
7.00pm Advent Reconciliation Service

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

Midnight Mass with carols from
11.30pm Thursday 25th December

(Christmas Day Mass)
8.00am Mass only

Friday 26th December Boxing Day
NO MASS

May the magic of Christmas fill your heart and home with
love and laughter

FLOCKNOTE SIGNUP

Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the QR code and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office or scan the QR code here to register today!



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responsibility.

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