

# 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

## 3rd Sunday of Advent – 14th December 2025 (YEAR A)

Have you ever been on a farm during summer? If you have you will know how precious water is. When I was a boy, I spent several holidays on an uncle's property. There were often six or seven city-based cousins there for the long summer break. It was great fun, but the one thing of which we needed a daily reminder was to be careful with how much water we used. We seemed to luxuriate in the shower for twice as long as our country cousins!

I can remember that when we arrived for one holiday, it had not rained in the area for nearly nine months. A few days later, just at dusk, the thunder rumbled, the storm clouds gathered and the heavens burst open. The rain poured down. Like in the movies, everyone inside the house just stood up and walked out into the rain. No one said a word. We stood in the rain and soaked it in. The earth was not the only thing in need of a drenching.

In today's letter from St James the metaphor of waiting for rain is given to us as a way of understanding what it was like to wait for Christ. It is a potent image for Advent. In this season each year we remember that humanity waited through a long, dry and exhausting period for the sign of new life in Jesus. For generations people looked to the heavens every day for a sign that today would be the day when God's salvation would come. Then, one night, in a way no one could have ever imagined, with no fanfare, a child burst forth into the world and established the final reign of God's love.

Advent is not the time when we pretend that Jesus hasn't come into our world and that we are the first to anticipate his coming at Christmas. It's a richer season than that. It is the time when we recall what it was like before he came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.

The First Reading and the Gospel make it very clear that farmers never down tools just because the rain comes. We're told that as a result of being soaked in the love of God we are called to do all we can for those in our world who are lame, blind, deaf, lepers, poor and for any one left for dead.

This is a vital message for us to hear today because there are some in our country who tell us that all we have to do is look after 'our own back yard'. This line is many things, but it's not Christian. Advent reminds us that by welcoming Christ we have an obligation to care for all his children. Everywhere is our back yard because that's where our brothers and sisters live. May we gain from Christ this Christmas the generosity to see that the desert is meant to bloom for all people everywhere, not just a few of us lucky to live in an oasis.

We are ridiculously generous to others because God in Jesus has been lavishly good to us and our goodness remains a most powerful sign of God's salvation that is always seen in deeds not words.

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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 15th December**

**NO Mass**

**Inurnment 9.00am**

**Memorial Mass 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 16th December**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**NO Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 17th December**

**Mass 9.00am**

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 18th December**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Funeral Service 11.00am**

*[for the late Marilyn Blizzard]*

**Advent Reconciliation Service 7.00pm**

**Friday 19th December**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Saturday 20th December**

**Baptism 1.00pm**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 21st December**

*(Fourth Sunday of Advent)*

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**SFO 9.00am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Evelyn Hoffman, Marilyn Blizzard, Antonino Paradiso, Alfonso Pizzica, Fr Benignus Clowes ofm, Caryl Liyanage, Beverley McCarthy, Gabriele Pasqualini, Marie Thompson, Nolasco Villanueva,

**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Carmelo Angi, Kevin Jacob, Anson Thomas, Tracey Ihle, Yvonne Grero, Ron O'Malley, Elisabeth Backstrom, Belen Vargas, Killiher, Maureen Hudson, Michale Killiher, Elena Nedtran, Josie Grasso(nee Musumeci), Bill Cox, Philip Carnes,

**Advent Reconciliation Service 2025**

**will be on**

**Thursday 18 December at 7.00pm**

**in the church.**

**Please come and join us.**

**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**

Rejoice ("Gaudete") Sunday prompts images of **JOY** in song. Laudato Si' says, "When we fail to acknowledge ... the worth of a poor person....it becomes difficult to hear the **cry of nature; everything is connected**" (LS 117). Last week-end, Pope Leo attended a joyful *Concert For The Poor* ( <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-12/pope-leo-concert-with-poor-music-christmas-vatican.html> ) with an amazing choir and orchestra and vocalists. He said, "Jesus is God's song for humanity". Today he celebrates the **Jubilee of Prisoners** <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/pellegrinaggio/calendario-giubileo/GrandiEventi/Giubileo-dei-Detenuti.html>. The Shakers (like Enya and Pete Seeger previously) sang the hymn, "How can I keep from singing?" In today's reading, St James talks of patient farmers and rain and fruit of the soil. The Shakers were known for their winter, mail-order distribution of seed to farmers patiently waiting, but thus made ready, to plant in the spring. As these themes of Jubilee coincide with Advent they are celebrations, along with aspirations, of an 'already-but-not-yet' **connection to creation** – a kingdom or *kin dom* of **God**. Like the connection to **the sun** of that magnificent Paul VI audience Hall which has two thousand four hundred PV panels on its roof!

**Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass**

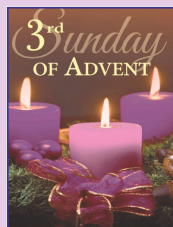
**We are needing people for our outdoor Christmas Eve Family Mass. In order to make this a special time for the Parish and families, we are looking for volunteers to please help us with: setup, pack up, offertory and collections.**

**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 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



**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.

3rd candle (rose) the Shepherd candle or the candle of joy. The angels sang a message of **JOY!**"

**... and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.**

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](mailto: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!)

### Important Notice for Christmas Vigil Mass

As we all know, the weather has become very unpredictable. If it looks like rain or has begun to rain our **Christmas Vigil Mass** will be moved to **La Cordelle at Padua**.

We are very grateful to Padua for allowing us to use their venue as a backup in case of bad weather.

**Please note:** Padua has kindly requested that all parishioners **avoid wearing shoes with high or pointed heels** to prevent marking their newly refurbished floor.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### 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.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS:**  
Parish Office will be closed from  
**WEDNESDAY 24/12/25 – MONDAY 19/1/2026**  
**OUR CHRISTMAS NEWS BULLETIN**  
will be the last until a resumption on  
19 January 2026.

### 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.

### Secular Franciscan Order

In 1221 St Francis established the Third Order now called the Secular Franciscan Order. St Francis saw the need to establish an order for people living in the world and pursuing their ordinary lives. He drew up a very simple rule of life which any good earnest catholic might easily observe. Members of the Kedron Parish are welcome to join the Secular Franciscans who meet each third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC  
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Gifts to secure the future of our faith

### 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.

## 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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