

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

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



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1st Sunday of Advent – 30th November 2025 (YEAR A)



Night and day is the dominant image presented to us in today's readings. The season of Advent is for the Church the time just before the dawn of Christmas, when the fullness of God's love took human flesh in Jesus.

The moments before dawn are often special: cities are still, the air is damp, noise is at a minimum and, at least on clear days, there is an anticipation of the sun bursting forth into daylight. No wonder Paul and Matthew found it such a rich metaphor for the coming of Christ.

American lyricist and composer, Marty Haugen has found the image of light and darkness inspirational in his text, *God of Day and God of Darkness* (© 1984, 1995, published by GIA Inc.) He writes:

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;

As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,

When the Son of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;

Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore

your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;

Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do.

Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew,

Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.

Marty Haugen's take on the light and dark in the world is entirely consistent with the way Catholic mystics have applied these metaphors. Being in the light is not just about what we see, it is about what we do. St Ignatius Loyola often spoke about the things we keep buried in the dark. For Ignatius the experience we won't speak about, the sins we won't confess and the memories we suppress are the signs of the bad spirit. They gain an inordinate power over us and we displace a lot of energy keeping them buried in the dark. Ignatius always saw the hand of the good spirit when these things came into the light. Every time someone says to me, 'Father, I've never told anyone this before, but I want to talk about it now...' I thank God that the good spirit is alive and active. St Ignatius encourages us to be alert to all the ways we con ourselves that keeping secrets hidden in the dark is a necessary or acceptable way to live.

May this Advent be the season in which we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light. May our preparation for Christmas confirm us in the truth of Haugen's words about Jesus Christ and humanity.

You shall be the path that guides us, you the light that in us burns;

Shining deep within all people, yours the love that we must learn,

For our hearts shall wander restless, 'til they safe to you return;

Finding you in one another, we shall all your face discern.

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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 1st December
NO Mass

Tuesday 2nd December

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

St Anthony's Liturgy 6.00pm
(Yr 6 Farwell)

Wednesday 3rd December

Mass 9.00am

(Anointing)

Padua Staff Xmas Mass 10.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 4th December

Mass 8.00am

Friday 5th December

Mass 8.00am

Saturday 6th December

Baptism Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 7th December

(Second Sunday of Advent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

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:

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,

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation with 51 years of history in the parish,

Tuesday Mornings
(during School Term)
9.30-12 with morning tea

Card games, Scrabble, Rummykub, Art class, and Bingo.

A fun packed morning!

Chance to make new friends - All welcome - transport offered.

Cost \$7.00 per visit

Come and enjoy a fun based morning in air-conditioned comfort in the Parish Hall (next to church)

Advent Colours and Symbols

The liturgical colour for Advent, as for Lent, is purple. However, the mood generated by the readings and texts for Advent is one of devout and joyful expectation – not penance. Hence a move away from the heavy purple of Lent to lighter violet shades for Advent is liturgically appropriate. It is also culturally appropriate. Our predominant colour during this time of year is blue – the blue of summer skies and sparkling water. As well there is the jacaranda and agapanthus.

A most effective way of decorating the worship space for Advent is to hang drapes in various shades of blue and mauve, perhaps with a different panel of colour added each week. Such “progressive” symbols which visually represent the build up to Christmas work well in Advent. The lighting of Advent candles also uses this principle.

The Advent wreath is of ancient origin and relates to celebrations of the winter solstice when European days are shortest and gloomiest. Because people longed for the return of the sun's light and life, they suspended wagon wheels, decorated with greenery and candles, in their celebration halls. There they waited for their sun gods to return.

Around 200 years ago, the Advent wreath became customary in German homes and public buildings. It made its way into the Church and has become a popular symbol of the passing of time during Advent.

The circle of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity. The evergreen leaves represented growth and hopes of eternal life. The symbol of evergreens is rather lost in our part of the world, so Australian gum leaves, nuts and flowers are sometimes substituted.

The four candles mark the four weeks before Christmas, with one more candle lit each Sunday during Advent. Traditionally three candles are purple with the candle for the third, or “Gaudete”, Sunday being rose. Now that Advent no longer has a penitential focus, it is not necessary to set one Sunday apart from the rest for a bit of “light relief”. All Sundays are days of festivity in any case!

Sometimes a “Christmas candle” is placed in the centre of the wreath on Christmas Eve. This candle should be lit throughout the Christmas season. Its visual link with the Paschal candle helps connect the celebration of Christ's birth with its fulfilment in the Easter mystery.

Because evergreen branches and burning candles lose much of their significance in the middle of a hot, lush Australian summer, some parishes replace the Advent wreath with other symbols which retain a sense of anticipation but which relate better to the local setting.

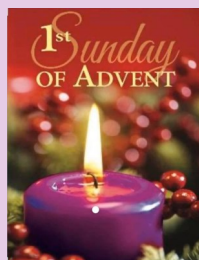
A Southern Cross banner, for example, combines the symbol of light with a uniquely southern hemisphere symbol. One star of the constellation can be added each week with the small fifth star added on Christmas Eve.

The visual environment of our churches during Advent serves to remind us that we are people who “wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

Source: Harrington, E. Liturgy Lines. Liturgy Brisbane.

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/learn/liturgy-lines/advent-colours-and-symbols/>

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.

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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