



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 2024 (YEAR B)

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass

until the start of Friday 8am Mass

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

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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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 18th November

NO Mass

Padua Year 6 9.00am

[Crossing of the Road]

Memorial Mass 6.00pm

Tuesday 19th November

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 20th November

Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 21st November

Mass 8.00am

Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 22nd November

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Baptism 10.00am

Saturday 23rd November

Baptism 10.15am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 24th November

[Feast of Christ the King]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

St. Agnes of Assisi (November 19)

Abbess and miracle worker, the younger sister of St. Clare of Assisi. Born in Assisi, Agnes was the youngest daughter of Count Favorino Scifi and Countess Hortulana (now Blessed). On March 18, 1212, Clare renounced her inheritance and family and founded the Poor Clares, the Franciscan cloistered Order. Agnes joined her sixteen days later at the Benedictine cloister of St. Angelo in Panso, where they received their initial training. Her father, Count Favorino, sent armed men to carry Agnes away. She was badly beaten but was not taken back to her father because of the miraculous efforts of Clare. Agnes was accepted by St. Francis and placed in St. Damian's. She and Clare were soon joined by other noblewomen of Assisi, and there Agnes achieved perfection as a religious at a young age. She was eventually named abbess, and in 1219, was sent by St. Francis to direct the Poor Clares at Monticelli, near Florence. Agnes wrote a letter to Clare, and this surviving document clearly demonstrates her love of poverty and her loyalty to Clare's ideals. Agnes also established Poor Clares in Mantua, Padua, and Venice. In 1253, she was summoned to Clare's deathbed and assisted at her funeral. Agnes followed quickly as Clare had predicted, dying three months later, on November 16 of the same year. Her mother, Hortulana, and a younger sister, Beatrice, had already died, and Agnes was buried near them in the Church of St. Clare of Assisi.



The Samaritan Community



50 years of support in the Parish - new volunteers needed

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

Contact 0405241644 for further information

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Zita Beasley, Benedict Veluz, Lorna Le Mura, Max Wilgen, Eleanor Feeney, Annie Ranger, Benjamin Sandiego, Tom Davies, Maria Papa, Dymrna Jones, Michael Cappiello, Falina Land, **those whose**

Anniversaries occur about now:

Dick Akers, Reg McIntyre, Bill Cox, Ronald O'Malley, Catherine O'Malley, Victor Kelly, Philip Carnes, Ernesto Checa, Loreta Checa Edgar Checa, Emelita Checa, Jose Lebita, Maximina Lebita, Chiara Lebita, Belen Vargas, Narelle Gednes, Stephen Gibbons, Bruce Awning, Madeline Jones, Martin family,

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "Book of Remembrance" for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



★ **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.

Padua Memorial Book 2024

As we prepare the Padua Memorial Book for 2024, we invite parishioners to submit the names of loved ones, including Old Boys, friends of the college, or family members who have recently passed. This memorial book is a cherished way to honour and remember those who have been part of our community.

To add a name, please email us at admin@padua.qld.edu.au





ENCOUNTER KEDRON

Our Youth Group, Encounter Kedron is a home for High Schoolers (Year 7-12). A place where young people can connect with friends, faith filled leaders and encounter something and someone greater than themselves.

This term we're diving into the theme of Leadership and Advent! Join us for a night of games, great music, an engaging speaker and small groups.

Musica Antiqua Collegii presents

Voices Through Time: From Vivaldi to Gjeilo

*performing Antonio Vivaldi's 'Gloria in D Major'
featuring soloists and string ensemble*

Sunday, 1 December 2024 - 2.30 pm

**Chermside Kedron Community Church
590 Gympie Road, Chermside**

Admission \$30

Includes Afternoon Tea

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CVZWH>

Tickets also available at door - credit card or cash



Enquiries: musicaantiquacollegii@gmail.com



Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass. If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

Piety Store

If you are looking for a gift, why not have a look at the Piety Store. We have new stock that has just arrived. There is a good selection and we can order items from the catalogue if your selection is not in stock. The Piety Store is situated at the foyer of the Church and is open before and after the weekend Masses - 5pm on Saturday; 7.30 am and 9.30am on Sunday.

In store at the moment are - 2025 CALENDARS

Franciscan \$6.00

Columban \$10.00

All proceeds go to the missions.

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.

scan the QR code here to register today!



For unto us
a child is born!



Christmas Mass Nativity

24 December

5pm on the lawn outside

2024

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 on Sunday 24 November for more information.

Rehearsals are on Dec 22 @ 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!)

Laudato Si

'Laudato Si' says that, "science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both" (LS 62). The Pontifical Academy of Sciences established in 1936 by Pope Pius XI. The Academy has a long track record of, "issuing science-based statements addressing the large-scale destruction of nature and the climate crises, artificial intelligence, rising inequalities, hunger and poverty, and increasing local and global conflicts". (<https://www.pas.va/en.html>). Our human minds need to categorize with concepts like ecosystems, families, genera and we do this down to the level of species. But we have unifying 'spheres' - atmosphere, biosphere, geosphere and hydrosphere. We may not think alike but we breathe the same air and drink the same water and they are heavily polluted. COP 16 on biodiversity which concluded "the irreversible effects of biodiversity loss will not pause while Parties figure out a process for approving a budget" and that, "119 Countries submitted some level of Global Biodiversity Framework indicating that even in turbulent times, governments are still treating nature loss with increasing seriousness" (see: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/newsroom/closing-statement-the-nature-conservancy-un-cbd-cop16-cali/>) For more on what was the task and what actually happened, see Client Earth report, <https://www.clientearth.org/latest/news/what-is-cop16-the-convention-on-biological-diversity/>



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The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

2024 Year of Prayer*



"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

Pope Francis

Prayer

You speak, Lord God, even in silence and we listen with ears of the heart. We listen and our eyes are opened to see all things as they are. We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened to speak of our joy and our sorrow, to sing your praise and seek your help. This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to earth, heart speaking to heart. Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew, lead us deep into the heart of Jesus who is our prayer for ever and ever.

Amen.



+Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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