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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

1st Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2024 (YEAR C)

Toward the end of 1999 people were gearing up to welcome in the new millennium. Some Christians who take the scriptures literally joined in the fun and declared that the end of the world was nigh and that Christ would return on his two-thousandth birthday.

They seem to subscribe to the old adage that, 'one should never let the facts get in the way of a good story'!

Christianity took over the Roman calendar in what we now call the 4th Century of the Christian era. At Rome in 526, a scholarly monk named Dionysius Exiguus compiled a list of the dates of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. He assigned dates in the new Christian calendar for each of these events. Given the tools at his disposal, he did an extraordinary job. We know, however, from other historical sources and from the New Testament, where it mentions who the various Jewish and Roman rulers were in Palestine, that Dionysius was four years out with his dating. The church became aware of this mistake in 1582, but to correct it the world would have lost four years! So we have all lived with it ever since.

We can, however, safely assume that Jesus knows the year in which he was born and that if our fundamentalist Christian friends are right in believing he was going to return on his 2000th birthday, he would have done so in 1996!

The facts are that in every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

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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 2nd December
NO Mass

Tuesday 3rd December
Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

St Anthony's Yr 6 Liturgy 6.00pm

Wednesday 4th December

Anointing Mass 9.00am

Padua Staff Mass 10.15am

Funeral Service 12.00 noon

(for the late Marie Ahern)

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 5th December

Mass 8.00am

Funeral Mass 10.00am

(for the late Paul Crowe)

Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 6th December

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

St Anthony's school Mass 10.30am

Saturday 7th December

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 8th December

[2nd Sunday of Advent]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 & 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

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:

Marie Ahern, 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:

Elena Nedtran, Ricardo Lavada, Carmelo Angi, 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,

Our parish was recently selected as one of ten parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane to undergo an external safeguarding audit as part of the Archdiocese ongoing commitment to continuously improving its safeguarding practices.

Kedron Parish recently undertook an External Safeguarding Audit with O'Connor Marsden and Associates. Feedback provided is that the parish was very welcoming and accommodating and I thank you for this. The auditing team finalised their report. The parish is rated at 100% compliant which is a wonderful result.

Thank you to everyone

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/>



★ **The Advent Giving Tree is now available in the church foyer. If you can, please collect a prayer or gift tag from the tree and return any donations as soon as you can either on the collection plate (eg vouchers, education fund assistance) or under the Giving tree (eg. Christmas food or gifts). As the cost of living crisis continues, the number of local people requiring our help is rising. We appreciate any contribution, big or small, that you may be able to give. Should you prefer to donate to directly support our works you can use the appeal envelopes at the church doors - options include cash, cheque, credit card and bank transfer.**



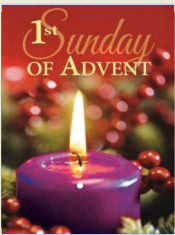
ENCOUNTER KEDRON

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.

INVITATION TO A HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family? An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardonia, Friday, 6th December, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun, PP Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a short personal prayer. Prayer ministry will also be offered after Mass for anyone who would like further prayer. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



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.

Please Join Us for the

HOUR OF GRACE

Sunday 8th December, 2024

12 noon – 1p.m.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

AT

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES

STAFFORD

All Welcome

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates.

Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next baptismal Information will be

Saturday 6th December

at 11.00am

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

"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with crouching, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:34-35)

If you are looking for further inspiration, see this calendar about living a Laudato Si' Advent 2024: <https://laudatosimovement.org/advent2024/>

How do we find ourselves already 'weighed down' and trapped in daily life? How are we already witnessing nations 'in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea' (Luke 21:25)? Be attentive to how yourself and others suffer from the ecological crisis, and consider how Advent is a time foundational to Christian hope which encourages both contemplation and action for the whole of creation. Think of ways in which Advent can be a time to unsettle your habits and comforts in order to focus more fully on Christ and to respond to ecological destruction. Give yourself the mission of 'reclaiming' Advent from its usual consumerist emphasis in order to lean into a more profoundly Christian understanding of this time.





Safeguarding Commitment

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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