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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

### 3rd Sunday of Advent – 15th December 2024 (YEAR C)



**CHRISTMAS BREAK - The Parish Office will close**  
**Friday 20th December at 12 noon**  
**and re-open on Monday 13th January at 8am.**  
**OUR CHRISTMAS NEWS BULLETIN**  
**will be the last until a resumption on**  
**13th January 2025**

During Advent, Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas.

'Danny, we can't afford it', she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.'

'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.'

Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat so he tore it up and tried again.

'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.'

Danny knew this wasn't true so he tore it up and tried again.

'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.'

Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church.

He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter.

'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more. I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

There is something of Danny in all of us.

We often think that we can bargain with God to get the best possible deal out of life. The problem with this bargaining image is that it is based on faith that does not believe in Advent. The bargaining image of God is the furthest thing from the mind of the writers of today's readings – Zephaniah, the Canticle from Isaiah, Philippians and Luke. Each of them rejoices in the undeserved gift God gives to the world. We do not deserve God's love given to us in the Babe of Bethlehem. It is God's overflowing goodness which pours out in Jesus and through him and the Spirit we have been welcomed into the family of God and bear his name.

These Scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything he can to assure us of his saving love. He has shown us all what can be shown about how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love to transform our world.

In today's Gospel John's disciples are full of wanting to know what they can do to earn God's love. The crowds, tax collectors and soldiers ask what they can do to gain God's favour. While there is much to do, Advent reminds us every year that all we do is a response to the initial, undeserved goodness of God.

Still the image of us 'doing a deal' with God is so prevalent in our theology and prayer. 'I will be a better person if I get well.' 'I will return to Sunday Mass if I pass my exams.'

All dreadful stuff. And the Church has to take some responsibility for this and correct it.

Advent teaches us that we have to witness to a God who risked everything so that we might know love and life in this world and in the next. We hold and proclaim, in season and out of season, a God who emptied himself of power and might and came to us as a baby.

That's not the profile of a deal-doer. It's the portrait of a lover.

So this Advent let's not ransom ourselves to a benevolent dictator. Let's ask for anything we need with confidence that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ.

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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 16th December**  
**NO Mass**

**Tuesday 17th December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**

**Wednesday 18th December**  
**Mass 9.00am**  
**Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 19th December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 20th December**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

**Saturday 21st December**  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 22nd December**  
*[4th Sunday of Advent]*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**Baptism 11.00am**  
**Mass 5.30pm**

**The Samaritan  
Community**



SAMARITANS is now in recess for the Christmas break. The activities begin again on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Thank you to all who helped in any way with Samaritans this year. We are grateful for your support.

Contact 0405241644 for further information.

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Brian Sullivan, Paul Crowe, Marie Ahern, Annemarie Kofler, Helmut Kofler, Zita Beasley, Benedict Veluz, Lorna Le Mura, Max Wilgen, Eleanor Feeney, Annie Ranger, Benjamin Sandiego, Tom Davies ,  
**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Tracey Ihle, Michael Kelliher, Maria La Rosa, K. A. George, Mariam Augusty, 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,



VENICE

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**PILGRIMAGE TO  
ITALY**

ASSISI

LA VERNA

**Kedron Parish Pilgrimage September-October 2026**

Dear Parishioners,

We normally celebrate birth rather than death. However, any passing of a loved one reminds us of the words "Remember we are but travellers here" (*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*), our life is a pilgrimage and "our citizenship is in heaven" (*PI 3,20*). This coming 2026 marks 800 years of the passing of our Franciscan Family Founder St Francis of Assisi (1226-2026). As believers, we consider our passing as our birth to eternal life with God.

Therefore, to mark the death of St. Francis, our Parish is planning a pilgrimage to Assisi for those who are interested in this event. In order to organize this journey, we need at least a minimum of 20 people for it to proceed. The number registered will affect the cost: the more people in our group the lower the cost will be. So, we encourage any of you who are interested to make a booking via our Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can prepare in advance, an itinerary and the necessities needed for this pilgrimage, which will certainly be a great experience for all those who travel this journey.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM

**Mass times for Christmas and New Year 2024/2025**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass**  
**(on the lawn with carols from 4.30pm)**

**Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day Mass) – 9.00am Mass only**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day – NO MASS**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December - 8.00am NO Mass**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December - 5.00pm Vigil (Normal Mass)**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December -7.30am and 9.30am and 5.30pm (Normal Mass)**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December – NO MASS**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Day – 8.00am (Normal Mass)**

**Wednesday New Year Day 1<sup>st</sup> January – 9.00am (Normal Mass)**

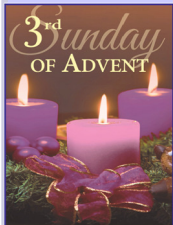




## Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass

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!



### The 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.*

Fr. Joseph and Fr. John are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with the set-up and breakdown for our weekend baptisms. Your support would make a significant difference as you assist with setting up, warmly greeting families, and guiding them to their seats. We hold two sessions, one at 11:00 a.m. and another at 11:45 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and connect with families. If you're interested in making a positive impact, please reach out to Fr. Joseph or contact the parish office. Your help is truly appreciated!

### 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](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 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

"And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:10-11. "An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness.... a world of exacerbated consumption is at the same time a world which mistreats life in all its forms" (LS230) Advent is an "already-but-not-yet" time of relationship to the Creator. "Our world is all about relationships. It's all about respect. It's all about responsibility, but most importantly it is about how we live in peace and harmony with our environment from the beginning of time", says Professor Anne Poelina, Nykina at the Nulungu Research Institute, University of Notre Dame. Serious efforts even in common law are being made to consider for instance the rights of rivers as legal persons. (<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/news/MLS/rivers-have-rights-what-happens-next>) How much more ought we Christians seek to embody, demonstrate and proclaim the "kin dom" of God. (Steve Bevans, SVD in Community of Missionary Disciples p.11)?







## 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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