

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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WEEK DAY MASS TIMES

Monday	8.00am
Tuesday	8.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	8.00am
Friday	8.00am

Suspended
until
further
notice

HOLY HOUR &

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Monday 8.30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil)	5.00pm
Sunday	7.30am
	9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 May 2020 (YEAR A)

LIVE STREAMED MASS EACH SUNDAY AT 8.30AM

Go to Parish Facebook page: *The Little Flower Church Kedron*

at: <https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/>

or Connect via ZOOM using the Meeting ID: 919 0457 4460

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel according to St John, we hear these beautiful words from the lips of Jesus, "There are many rooms in my Father's house ... I am going now to prepare a place for you."

This "house of many rooms" does not of course refer to a physical place - we ought not think of Heaven as some sort of "place." For example, there is a true story of how when the first Russian cosmonauts ventured into space, one of them said that he had not found God up there, thus proving there was no God!

On the contrary, the "house of many rooms" surely speaks to us about the heart of God, about the sort of God whom Jesus came to show us - a welcoming and inclusive God who is so much at odds with the rejecting and excluding God that has sometimes been portrayed over the centuries.

These words of Jesus we hear today are perhaps some of the most consoling in Scripture - consoling because they not only imply that God has room for all of us, no matter our background, or status, or even religious affiliation, but also because these words evoke for us an image that is surely dear to all of us - the image of home. A home is probably one of the things that everyone on this earth most wants to have, and not only a physical place to live, but even more importantly, to have people among and with whom one can feel at home. What the message of Jesus seems to be saying to us is that with God, we will always have a home, that we need never fear of ending up homeless, no matter what this world may throw up at us during our lifetimes. All of us, because of Christ who is our Way and Truth and Life are offered the promise that we are heading home, that where we are destined to end up after this life's journey is finally over, is within the loving embrace of God and one another. Can there be a home any better than this?

Friends, we know that for all too many people, the gift of home has become or perhaps always was, nothing more than a fleeting dream. Homelessness, whether of the physical, social or emotional variety is a scourge in our world, even in wealthy nations like Australia. Its harsh reality is not particularly far from us - perhaps even more so in our current precarious economic time. Efforts are being made thankfully to help mitigate some of the economic contributors to physical homelessness, but we may also all be able to do something to help mitigate the other forms of homelessness - even in a small way. For example, can we watch out for that neighbour or work colleague or parent at the school, or elderly person who seems to appear lost or disconnected?

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we are giving thanks to those women who in various ways have helped us "feel at home," who have given us a sense of connection. In this sense, they are truly signs to us of the God of many rooms.

Fr Mario ofm

MORNING TEA IN THE CLOUD

Would you like to share a morning cuppa with friends around the parish? Just get onto ZOOM, log in using the Meeting ID: 946 7256 2355 and join others every Tuesday morning anytime between 10.00 and 11.00am (or stay longer if you like).

Why drink your cuppa alone when you can chat with others around the parish? Please call Sandra at the Parish Office or Fr Mario if you need help to connect.



A Reflection ...For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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Historical Context

It is for the best...

At the time of this gospel's writing, some 70 years after the events it describes, amazing things have taken place in the early Christian community. Rather than everything falling apart with the death of Jesus, the message of Jesus has spread further than he himself could ever have accomplished. It is the departure of Jesus from their midst and the sending of the Spirit that really prompts the disciples to act on what they had experienced while Jesus lived among them. The gospel writer has Jesus saying that he has to go away so that the disciples can reach their potential.

Please note ...

1. Fr Mario live-streams and uploads Mass every Tues, Thurs and Fri at 1.15pm. You can view this on the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook Page found at: <https://www.facebook.com/uqcatholicchaplaincy/live/>
2. Fr Mario is available (as always) for anyone who feels the need for support or to simply share their experience, in the current situation. This can be over the phone, or if preferred, at the parish office. Please don't hesitate to call as needed.
3. Please feel welcome to send us any intention you would like our Parish and the Friars to pray for.

Please pray for our recently deceased:
**Colin Lowcock, Patricia Donovan,
Denise Byrne, Irene Sherman**
and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now: **Frank Intelisano, Frankie McAnally Sullivan**
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Little Flower Care and Concern

Can you help support our Parish Care and Concern Group? Please let us know if you can cook a meal, provide transport, do some grocery shopping, or mow the lawn of someone in our community needing assistance due to age or illness. Or do you need help? Or know someone who needs practical assistance and has difficulty to obtain it?

Please contact us by Email on: littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com

or by Phone: Jo Galvin: 0423 053 043 Liz Feltrin: 0408 555 693, Sandra at the Parish Office: 3357 6640

PHONE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Our Phone Circle of Support is up and running. If you know anyone who would like to receive a call, or if you would like a call yourself, please let us know through the Parish Office. Before anyone is called, we will first obtain their permission to give their number to a caller.

THANK YOU to all who have already volunteered to be callers!

MASS COLLECTIONS *PLEASE...*

Our Parish continues to function while public Masses are suspended. Fr Mario continues to celebrate Mass and perform his parish ministry, and Sandra remains working full-time in the Parish Office.

If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly offering to both Collections. This is how:

For the FIRST Collection which supports the Friars and their work, please try the new **Parish Giving Portal** located on our Website or in the email containing the Sunday Mass link. Or you can continue making offerings directly to the Parish Office or using **Direct Deposit** (see below).

For the SECOND Collection which all goes towards Parish expenses, please continue using your **Envelopes, Direct Debit, or Direct Deposit** (see below).

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname and Envelope No. (if you have one) in the Reference field. It will be presumed that you wish your deposit to be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections. If not, please email the office your preferred allocation.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish**

BSB: **064 786**

Account Number: **006 641 100**

Bank: CBA Reference:

1st Initial & Surname & Envelope Number

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If you use **Direct Debit**, we would appreciate you continuing this practice and perhaps review your contribution if appropriate. **This amount all goes to the parish.**

If you have any enquiries or wish to join Direct Debit Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office for the required forms. Thank you!

PARISH GIVING PORTAL

The Archdiocese has established a **Parish Giving Portal**. Dear Parishioners, **can you please use this portal for our First Collection**. Please look at the Step by Step Guide published in last week's Newsletter on how to use the app. Thank you for your help. Fr. Mario

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish Meditation Group which usually meets every Friday at Delamore is going online.

Current members of the group, as well as any newcomers, are welcome to join each session. To do so, please download the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting. Details are:

Meeting Time: Every Friday morning, at 9.00 am

ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988



A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a
Mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all our fears.
There are times when only a Mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a Mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a Mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.*

The Samaritans have enormous pleasure in Wishing all **women** a very special **Thank You** And

Happy Mother's Day

As ALL women contribute to the caring of children Especially in extraordinary ways helping behind the scenes in a supportive role

That sometimes aren't necessarily noticed.

Bouquets to each and every one of you.

Enjoy your day ALL women.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

1. Currently the Catholic Leader is free to view online at: www.catholicleader.com.au
2. Please visit our parish *Facebook Page* – **The Little Flower Church Kedron** for the most up to date news. **Each Sunday at 8.30am, we will Live-stream and upload Mass that you can view on this Facebook page. Just click on this link:**
<https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/>
Or visit our Parish Webpage:
<https://www.kedroncatholicparish.org.au/>
where the parish newsletter is available under **NEWS** every week. If you click on the Facebook Icon at the top of the website homepage, it will take you directly to our Facebook Page. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view it.

If you know someone who is not on our mailing list but who wants to receive digital updates, please invite them to contact our parish office (3357 6640 or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) to give us their contact details.
3. The newsletter is also available at the front of the parish church. A long bench has also been placed there if you wish to spend time in personal prayer.

Food Item Donations

We truly appreciate all items that you donate to assist local people doing it tough. Last year, your Kedron Little Flower conference made more than 350 home visits, most requiring food assistance. Any items that you generally buy for your own household will be useful and appreciated but, in response to questions about the items we commonly run low on, see the following list:

Breakfast cereals	Pasta sauces	Tinned vegetables and beans	Coffee – smaller bottles	Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
Long-life or Powdered milk	Pasta	Tinned salmon, tuna etc.	Toilet paper and Toiletries of all sorts	Rice
Spreads e.g. jam, vegemite	Noodles	Soup	Meal in a tin options e.g. stews	Tea

.... and any clean plastic shopping bags cluttering up your car or kitchen we can also put to good use!

A position exists for a Casual School Crossing Supervisor at St Anthony's School

A School Crossing Supervisor must be able to work in all-weather conditions,

Up to 1 hour and 30 mins per day and up to 5 days per fortnight

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Pay Rate \$30.34 per hour.



Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment.

A Positive Notice Blue Card (you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position).

Applications close Monday 18th May and are available from the School Office. Please return the application to the St Anthony's School Office.

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