



The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**
please call Fr Mario to arrange a
time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th July 2020 (YEAR A)

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice.

'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!'

The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace. Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' To which there was bemused silence. So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

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Sacramental Programme

First Holy Communion

In keeping with the guidelines for the Sacraments of Initiation for Children Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Sacramental Programme our Parish offers is family-centred and Parish-based. Essentially, this programme is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic. Our Kedron Parish Community coordinates such a programme for First Holy Communion.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation** is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries via email at:
sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Dates for First Holy Communion 2020

A. Information Session

Sunday 19th of July at 11am or Tuesday 21st of July at 7pm at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony, 80 Turner Street, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, at which there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.

B. Enrolment Mass

All children with one parent are required to attend one of the following masses (preferably Sunday 4.30 or 6.00pm):

July 25 (Saturday) 5.00pm
July 26 (Sunday) 7.30am, 9.30am, 4.30pm, 6.00pm

C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 22 (Saturday) 1.00 pm - 3.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Mass

August 29th (Saturday) 5:00pm
August 30th (Sunday) 7:30am, 9:30am, 5.00pm

or

September 5th (Saturday) 5:00pm
September 6th (Sunday) 7:30am, 9.30am, 5.00pm

(Your time preference is to be completed on the Enrolment Form, and because of expected COVID-19 restrictions, there is a cap of 15 children per mass, so first in best dressed)

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Fr Norbert Pittorino ofm, Aldo Pozzedon
 and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

**Gerrit Janssen, Brian Carroll, Edmond Jones, Bridget Jones,
 Peter Lee, Mary Rosa, William Beckwith, Kath Hennessy**
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PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 July

Mass 8.00am
Adoration 8.30am
Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 7 July

Mass 8.00am

Wednesday 8 July

**Fr Mario away helping for
 Retreat to Seminarians**
Mass 9.00am
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 9 July

**Fr Mario away helping for
 Retreat to Seminarians**
Mass 8.00am
Adoration 8.30am

Friday 10 July

**Fr Mario away helping for
 Retreat to Seminarians**
Mass Anointing 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 11th July

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12th July

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

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

You are welcome to join each session by downloading the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting.

Time: Every Friday at 9.00 am
ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988

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 ☆ Remember singing "Catch a Falling Star and put
 ☆ it in your pocket" when we were teenagers. ☆
 ☆ **Our Samaritan Community** has been carrying ☆
 ☆ that star in our pockets for a very long time. ☆
 ☆ Maybe it is time for us to retrieve our Star from ☆
 ☆ our strides and coat pockets. ☆
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 ☆ Give yourself a very big **boost** ☆
 ☆ From our very own Falling Star ☆
 ☆ To our very own Hearts. ☆
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 ☆ Share your STAR story, Lift your Spirits ☆
 ☆ And coax the **Tuesday Morning Activities** in the ☆
 ☆ Parish Hall back into action. ☆
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 ☆ Contact Jill on 0438 612 177. ☆
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm, Sunday 7.30 & 9.30am

To allow entry to the church to be as quick and easy as possible, please try to use the **TryBooking** Link prior to attending Mass. If you cannot come after booking, please remember to cancel your booking or call the Parish Office. And if you cannot book ahead, you can still come to the church where you will need to record your name and contact details on the sheets provided. Please understand however that once we reach our 100 person limit, we will not be able to let you enter the church.

The **TryBooking** link is at the top of our **Parish Website Homepage**. Alternately, you can copy this link into your browser: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVUR>

WEEKDAY MASSES - As per our normal schedule.

There is no pre-booking needed as the number of attendees is less than 100. On arriving at the church, please record your name and contact details.

FOR ALL MASSES: Please remember that for the safety of others, do not come if you are feeling unwell, or show any flu-like symptoms. Please use the hand sanitizers provided, observe social distancing requirements, and follow the markers showing where you can sit, as individuals or as a family group.

MASS COLLECTIONS PLEASE . . .

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 sent you containing this newsletter. Or you can bring offerings directly to the Parish Office, use **Direct Deposit** (see below), or use the **Collection Boxes** at the doors of the church.

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

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!

SAFEGUARDING

Next week Kedron Parish will be preparing for its Safeguarding assessment for 2020. New posters are being prepared and our local Safeguarding representative will be following up with current parishioners and any new volunteers to ensure volunteer registration is carried out and Blue Cards and security checks are renewed where required.

Please look at your Blue Card expiry date now and take steps to renew if needed. Check out the Archdiocesan website: www.safeguardingaob.com.au where you will find all information on standards and resources. Level 1 training for all new volunteers and refreshers is available on the site. If you have any questions or concerns please call me any time.

Sandra - Safeguarding Coordinator

Little Flower Care and Concern

Please let us know if you or someone you know needs practical assistance and has difficulty to obtain it? Please contact us:

littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com

Jo Galvin: 0423 053 043

Liz Feltrin: 0408 555 693

Sandra at the Parish Office: 3357 6640



Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more - otherwise they would have been following someone else!

PARISH GIVING PORTAL



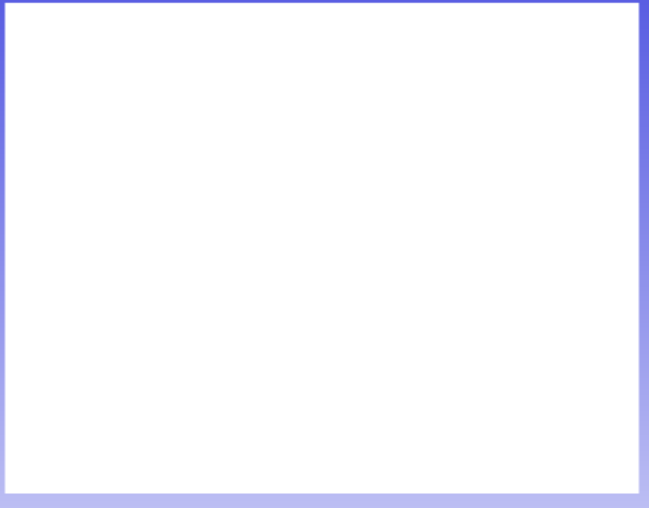
The Archdiocese has set up a **Parish Giving Portal**. This can be used for our **First Collection**. Thank you for your help.

Something for the Kids.....

In the box below, write down some things that are burdens which people carry in their lives.



Jesus tells us that he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble like Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself being gentle and showing humility towards others.



Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



_____ to me all who _____.
 I will give you _____.
 I am _____ and humble of _____.
 My _____ is easy.
 My burden is _____.

heart gentle labour
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