

# 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  
& 5.30pm

## 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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th July 2020 (YEAR A)

## A Reflection ...

Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible who have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, *The Bible in 50 words*.

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

At this Eucharist, let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

Little Flower Church



# KEDRON YOUTH

Join other youth in your parish for a Sunday afternoon of games, activities and encounter!

DATES: 2ND AUGUST & 13TH SEPTEMBER  
 VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL  
 TIME: 5:30 TO 5:00PM  
 SCHOOL YEARS 5 TO 8

For further information contact:  
 kedronebne.catholic.net.au  
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861



Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland

**Secular Franciscans ...** We are slowly but surely beginning to reconnect again. As we go about our daily tasks, let us be mindful always that it is in God's world we live and God is good, every good, total good.

This month we celebrate with Damian his profession. When we celebrate profession in our fraternity, we celebrate God's work as He once again calls us to follow Him and adds companions to our Fraternity. Secular Franciscans by their profession remember the call received from Christ, and publicly affirms his or her personal commitment to live the Gospel in the world according to the example of St Francis and by following the Rule of the OFS. We are grateful and joyfully celebrate God's providence to our Fraternity. Fr Joe McKay will celebrate Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the Parish of St Therese and St Anthony, Kedron "The Little Flower Church" and the Profession ceremony with take place within Mass.

## St. Bonaventure Lecture

Please join us for the Fourth Annual St. Bonaventure Lecture hosted by Padua College on **Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** commencing at **6.30 pm**. This lecture is held annually to honour the founder of the Franciscan intellectual tradition, St Bonaventure, Franciscan Friar and Doctor of the Church.



This year's Lecture will be presented by Fr John Boyd-Boland OFM, former Rector and current Chaplain of Padua College. The title of the Lecture is '*Reform, Renewal and Resistance – 50 Years of Reflection*'. Fr John will reflect on his 50 years as a friar and priest, in the light of the legacy given to us by the Second Vatican Council and the consequences it has had for a church looking to find itself in the modern world.

**RSVP:** Please note that for COVID-19 regulations and catering purposes, online registrations will close at 12pm on Friday 24 July. The link for online registration: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/LlcPqR1Y>

We warmly welcome you to this special event and look forward to seeing you then. Any further enquiries please contact: [mwinney@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:mwinney@padua.qld.edu.au) or Tel: 07 3857 9982

### Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

#### Dates for First Holy Communion 2020

##### A. Information Session

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of July at 11am or  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of July at 7pm**

at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony, 80 Turner Street, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, when 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 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 5:00pm  
August 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 7:30am, 9:30am, 5.00pm  
or**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 5:00pm  
September 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 7:30am, 9.30am, 5.00pm**

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

*(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)*

## WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

**Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm**

To allow entry to the church to be as quick and easy as possible, please try using 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 attendance limit, you will not be able to enter the church. By the way, the **Sunday 5.30pm Mass** is certain to give you a seat without prior booking!

The **TryBooking** link is at the top of our **Parish Website Home-page**. 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 always less than our limit. On arriving at the church, please record your name and contact details as required by regulations.

**FOR ALL MASSES:** For the safety of others, please do not come if you are feeling unwell, or show any flu-like symptoms. Please use the hand sanitizers provided, observe social distancing requirements. Thank you for your co-operation, Fr Mario ofm

## MASS COLLECTIONS

*If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly offering to our 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 weekly Parish News email you receive. 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**

e.g J Blogs 579

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.**

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

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 20th July

**Mass** 8.00am

**Adoration** 8.30am

**Taekwondo** 4.30pm

### Tuesday 21th July

**Mass** 8.00am

**Rosary - after Mass**

**First Holy Communion Information** 7.00pm

### Wednesday 22th July

**Mass** 9.00am

**Mass at Delamore** 4.45pm

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting** 5.30pm

### Thursday 23th July

**Mass** 8.00am

**Adoration** 8.30am

**Encounter Youth Meeting** 10.00am

### Friday 24th July

**Mass** 8.00am

**Meditation** 9.00am (ZOOM)

### Saturday 25th July

**Reconciliation** 4.00pm

**Mass (Enrolment FHC)** 5.00pm

### Sunday 26th July

**Mass (Enrolment FHC)** 7.30am, 9.30am

**Baptisms** 11.00am

**Mass (Enrolment FHC)** 4.00pm and 5.30pm

## 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**

Please pray for our recently deceased:  
**Allan Knight, Rocco Di Sipio, Therese Cuming,** and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:  
**Joyce Davis, Joan Skinner, Richard McNeven, Joan McNeven, Ivy Martin, Thresy Regi, Gerrit Janssen,**  
*WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.*

## 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.....

What are some of the "weeds" in our lives that stop us from growing?

Circle the things plants need in order to grow.



Write down or draw some of the things we need to make ourselves grow.

Help the farmer scatter the seed by finding the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!



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**Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!**  
 There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>.  
 In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed.  
**If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.**  
 If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

All volunteers, whether directly or indirectly involved with children and vulnerable adults, are required to view a 25 minute video presentation, as part of our compliance with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy. It can be viewed at: [safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html](http://safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html)  
 Go to the Safeguarding Training Tab at the top of the page. Click. Scroll down the page past "Safeguarding Essentials Preparation (Level 1) to **"Safeguarding Induction"**. Click on the arrow to play the video. On conclusion. Please print off and sign the PDF version of the "Certificate of Completion", and email (or return original to the Parish Office). For convenience, certificates may be placed into an addressed envelope marked "SAFEGUARDING" and placed in the collection plate at any mass.  
**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

**YUN HAP**  
 TAEKWONDO & SELF DEFENCE  
**Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL**  
 Physically distanced and non-contact!  
 Mondays 5:00-6:00pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm  
 All ages welcome - family discounts!  
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