

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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th July 2020 (YEAR A)

A Reflection ...

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address.

His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Departed yesterday as you know.

Just now got checked in.

Some confusion at the gate.

Appeal was denied.

Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow.

Your loving husband.

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.

Old-time missionaries used to have a field day with today's gospel, or at least with part of it. While they may have liked the passages that suggested that heaven was *like* a treasure in a field or *like* a pearl of great price, they told us that hell was a furnace of fire where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Some of those preachers seemed to know an awful lot about hell! It's as though they were travel writers who had visited the place several times just to warn us about what to expect when we got there. And do you remember how easy it was to get in? Many of us thought we had a first class ticket in our pocket most of the time.

Once, during a parish mission, where the visiting priest had given us an excruciatingly detailed description of hell, he told us, 'You could be dipping your hand in the holy water font as you leave the Church tonight and be struck down dead and sent to hell for eternity!' At the end of that session my cousin stood by the holy water font and watched everyone else dip their hand in, saying as they did, 'After you, after you.' She wasn't taking any chances!

All this is not to underestimate the reality of hell. If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

There are two major differences, however, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God.

The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love. Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.

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RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Next **Sunday Aug 2nd, at the 9.30 am Mass**, six members of our parish community will be either baptised, enter into full communion with our Church, or complete their Catholic sacraments of initiation. They have journeyed together since September last year and were supposed to receive these sacraments last Easter. But COVID-19 delayed all that and now the time has arrived. Please keep them in your prayers and welcome them into our parish community. They will all be present together this Sunday at 9.30 am for their final preparation.

And if you, or anyone you know would like to join the next RCIA program, or simply find out more about it, please ask them to contact Fr Mario directly. Our next program is due to commence in **September**. We already have a few parishioners interested.

*"St Ignatius Parish's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. With great pleasure, we are offering a unique experience for our 14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. This year, you can view the event from **Tuesday 28th July** in the comfort of your own home by watching the YouTube recording which will be found on the St Ignatius Parish website (www.stignatiustooowong.org.au) on the day.*

*The evening will be hosted by our very own Robyn Emerson, who will unpack the stories of two exceptional women — **Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF.**"*

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion 2020

Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 22 (Saturday) 1.00 pm - 3.00pm

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

Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries via email at: 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)

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: 3:30 TO 5:00PM
SCHOOL YEARS 5 TO 8

For further information contact:
kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861

Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland

KEDRON YOUTH

Dates : 2nd August & 13th September

Venue: Little Flower Parish Hall

Time: 3.30 - 5.00pm

For children of School Years 5 - 8

To register and for info: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
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Mount Alvernia College, Kedron is currently accepting enrolment applications for Year 7, 2024.



Application Forms are available from the website – www.mta.qld.edu.au or by contacting Camilla Horn (enrolments@staff.mta.qld.edu.au; ph 3632 8599). Expressions of interest for campus tours and small group events also can be made on our website under *Visit Us*.

St. Bonaventure Lecture

Please join us for the Fourth Annual St. Bonaventure Lecture hosted by Padua College on **Tuesday, July 28th** 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/LicPqR1Y>

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 or Tel: 07 3857 9982

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.

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 27th July

Mass 8.00am
Adoration 8.30am
Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 28th July

Mass 8.00am
Rosary - after Mass
Bonaventure Lecture 6.30pm
P & F Meeting St Anthony 7.00pm

Wednesday 29th July

Mass 9.00am (with Year 6)
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 30th July

Mass 8.00am
Adoration 8.30am
Encounter Youth Meeting 10.00am

Friday 31st July

Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 1st August

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd August

Mass 7.30am,
9.30am (with RCIA Baptisms etc)
Kedron Youth 3.30pm
Mass 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:

Fay Byrne, Allan Knight, Rocco Di Sipio, Therese Cumming
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Maureen Hennessy, Mac Anderson, Joyce Davis, Joan Skinner, Richard 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.

The Samaritans are looking for an interested retired parishioner to volunteer as a Co-ordinator/President.

Our Samaritans Community is very welcoming and in no time you would settle in to our routine for the Tuesday Morning Activities.

Just come along and find out what Samaritans are about.

Phone Jill on 0438 612 177.

We'd love to have you on board.

We could meet for coffee so you can get to know some of us during this waiting time before resuming our activities.

Getting in touch will be a great start to next week.

See you soon. Jill

Something for the Kids.....

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is so valuable that we ought to be prepared to give up everything for it. What are some things in your life that you would be prepared to give up or change in order to enter God's Kingdom?

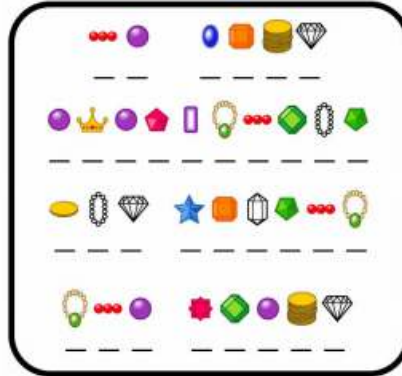
Can you find the letters that spell the word **TREASURE** hidden in the picture below?

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."



What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.

A	E	I	R	
B	F	L	S	V
D	G	N	T	Y
	H	O	U	



"The kingdom of heaven is also like a shop keeper looking for fine pearls. When he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."

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

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.

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