

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

Ph: 0448 356 599

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 August 2020 (YEAR A)

A Reflection ...

There is an old line that runs, 'If you feel distant from God – guess who has moved?' It picks up the theme in the Romans reading which we have just heard, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.'

In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that, even in their fear, desolation and grief, nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

St Matthew and Isaiah also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the *plenty* of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness.

Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus 'breaks and shares'. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

Numbers are rarely random in the Bible. The echo of the seven days of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of this story as Jesus takes seven fruits of the earth to feed the crowd. Similarly, the twelve baskets of scraps, the remnants of the meal at which all were filled and satisfied, echo the sign of God through the twelve tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world.

The Church has always believed that the feeding of the crowd prefigured the Eucharist, this weekly time where we receive the fullness of God in his Word, in the life of the community, in the minister and through the transformation of the Bread and Wine.

It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. 'Those to whom much is given, much is required.' The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all.

If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?

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.

WHS Incident Report. Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration 8.30am

Taekwondo 4.30pm

St Anthony School Board 6.00pm

Tuesday 4th August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Funeral Sebastiana Di Bella 10.30am

Inurnment 4.00pm

Wednesday 5th August

Mt Alvernia Staff Mass 7.55am

Mass 9.00am (with Year 5)

Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 6th August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration 8.30am

Friday 7th August

Mass 8.00am

Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Padua Mass 10.55am

Saturday 8th August

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9th August

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am

Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish Meditation Group which usually meets every Friday at Delamore is still 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

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.

Leave Your Legacy

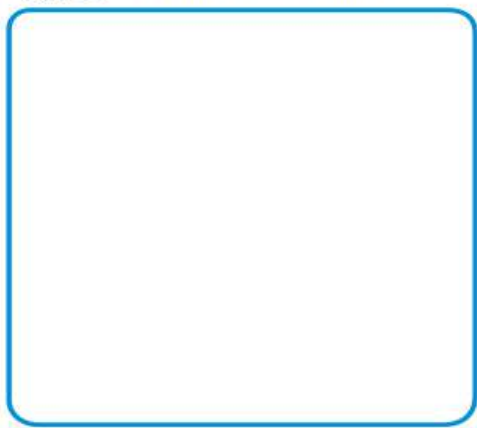
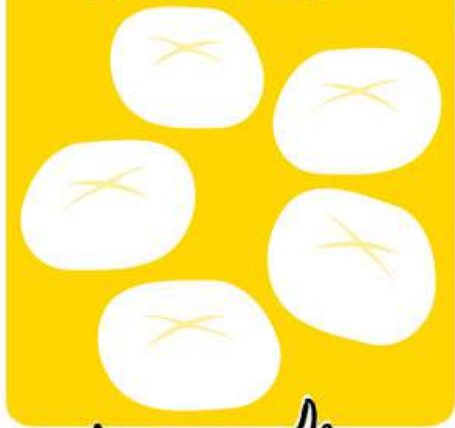
Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



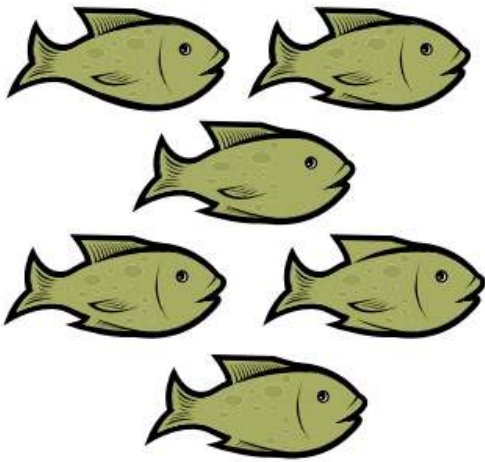
Something for the Kids.....

Jesus fed the crowd of more than 5,000 people because they were hungry and needed food. In each loaf write down something else that people need and are "hungry" for.

Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



LOAVES AND FISH

How many words can you make from the letters in LOAVES AND FISH?

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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