



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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 August 2020 (YEAR A)

A Reflection ...

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said,

'Don't you know who I am?'

The woman replied, 'I sure do.'

Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?'

'No, certainly not' said the woman.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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The **Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15th)** is a very important day in the Catholic religion - it is even called the 'Easter of the summer' in some parts of Europe. Also known as the 'Dormition of the Virgin Mary', it is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin, the mother of Jesus Christ. This feast commemorates two events - the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven.



The Church's official doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Some mistakenly believe Mary "*ascended*" into heaven, which is incorrect according to the Bible. It was Jesus Christ who ascended into heaven, by his own power. But Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God.

Observed as a holy day of obligation by Catholics and as a public holiday in some countries, devotees consider the Feast of the Assumption as the Holy Mother's "heavenly birthday" and this is not a day of mourning for her loss, but a celebration of joy for the union of the mother with her beloved son.

According to St. John of Damascus, the Roman Emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God at the Council of Chalcedon, in 451. St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem told the emperor "that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven," the saint recorded.

Pope Pius XII, in 1950, defined that Mary "after the completion of her earthly life...was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven." Her body wasn't allowed to corrupt nor was it allowed to remain in a tomb, though there are claims by some cities about possessing her temporary tomb.

In the early Christian centuries relics of saints and those who gave their lives for the faith were jealously guarded and highly prized. Many cities claim the mortal remains of saints, both famous and little-known. But there are no records of Mary's bodily remains being venerated anywhere.

The Assumption is most commonly celebrated by devotees by attending mass, where the subject of the sermon is usually the Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you unbaptized and desire to become a Catholic?

Are you baptized in another Christian Church and would like to enter the Catholic Church?

Are you a baptised Catholic and have not received the other sacraments of initiation - Confirmation and Holy Communion?

Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

On behalf of the Church, Kedron Parish offers a group-based journey that leads people into learning more about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God, and providing the opportunity for people to ask and to discuss about some of the basic questions of life. In so doing, the journey provides participants with the framework to explore whether the answers to these questions can be found in the Catholic faith.

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 on **Wednesday, September 9th**. We already have a few parishioners interested.

Little Flower Church

KEDRON YOUTH

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

DATES: 13TH SEPTEMBER
VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
TIME: 3:30 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

The Samaritans are shouting a big hello, even though we are learning patience and maybe making face masks. However, waiting for some good Covid news so we can resume our Tuesday Morning Activities.

This week we had the feast day of mystic, **St Clare of Assisi**, so Let's celebrate her very prayerful and caring life. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

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.

The Secular Franciscans meet every third Sunday after the 9.30 Mass in the Kedron Parish Hall all welcome. This month on 25 August we celebrate the feast-day of Saint Louis IX, of France who is our patron Saint.

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 EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

OSCH meeting 12.00noon

Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 18 August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 19 August

Mass 9.00am (year 4)

Neighbourhood watch 7.00pm

Thursday 20 August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Friday 21 August

Mass 8.00am

Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 22 August

First Holy Communion Workshop 1.00pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 23 August

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:
**Giuseppa Castellana, June Connor
Christel Mickus, Fay Byrne.**
and those whose Anniversaries occur
about now:

**Lenore Brady, Aiden Hunt,
Jean Butler**

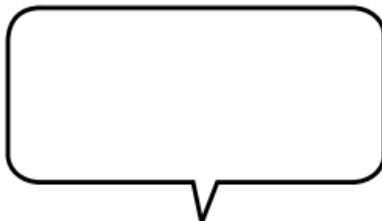
**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED;
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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.....



Draw the Canaanite woman asking Jesus for help. Write down what the apostles and the woman each said to Jesus.



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Who are the outcasts in our community?
 Write them in the footprints.

Jesus Accepts Outsiders

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.

_____, you have

 _____ your _____
 be _____.

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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

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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