

# 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd August 2020 (YEAR A)

## *A Reflection ...*

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of a priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

### Franciscan Laudato Si' International Course

The Franciscan Friars are running a 10week online course on Laudato Si' starting from Sept 7th. The lectures will be by leading Franciscan academics and environmental animators from around the world.

Commitment is around 2hrs/wk for 10wks.

Further information & enrolment see:

[www.laudatosirevolution.org/online-courses/](http://www.laudatosirevolution.org/online-courses/)

Or contact: Friar Joe McKay ofm Phone 0412076913

Email [jmckay@franciscans.org.au](mailto:jmckay@franciscans.org.au)



Thank you to IQR Medical who have generous donor to all parishes the automatic hand sanitiser dispenser units. Also a big thank you to Mark and Robert for putting together the units for us.

### Sacramental Programme Confirmation Dates for 2020

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 co-ordinates such a programme for Confirmation.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 3 or above** who has been Baptised in the Catholic faith is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### Parent Information Session

**7th September (4:00pm) or  
8th September (7:00pm)**

*at the church of St Therese and St Anthony,  
80 Turner Street, Kedron.*

*At this session there will be an overview of the  
Sacrament of Confirmation, distribution of resources, and  
housekeeping details regarding the program.*

#### Enrolment Mass

**September 12th (5:00pm)**

**September 13th (9:30am, 4.00pm, or 5.30pm)**

*(All families are required to attend one of the  
following masses)*

#### Preparation Workshop

**Sunday October 11th (1:00pm – 3:00pm)**

*(One parent must attend with their child, and due to  
Covid space restrictions, please no siblings)*

#### Confirmation Ceremony

**Monday October 12th (5:00pm or 7:00pm)**

**Tuesday October 13th (5:00pm or 7:00pm)**

**Wednesday October 14th (5:00pm or 7:00pm)**

*Because of COVID limitations, at the moment, each  
candidate will have five seats at the  
Confirmation ceremony*

Enrol your child into ONE Confirmation Ceremony and ONE  
Enrolment Mass via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/confirmation-enrolment-tickets-115002429362>

*If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes,  
Sacramental Coordinator at:*

*[sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)*

*We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part  
of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.*

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:  
[kedronbne.catholic.net.au](http://kedronbne.catholic.net.au)  
or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861

Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland

### 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.



This is Notification that **The Samaritans** are holding their postponed AGM on **Tuesday 15 September** at 9.45am in the Parish Hall.

Resumption of the Tuesday Morning Activities is being talked about but we want to know your ideas. We are hopeful of restarting mid October.

**So we ask you:** Are you ready to venture back to our Tuesday Morning Activities? Just let us know. Please contact Jill on 0438 612 177 and leave a message of **Yes, can't wait, OR no, not yet, together with your name.** *We welcome your input!*

#### 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 GIVING PORTAL

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



#### 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 24 August

**Mass 8.00am**

**Adoration after Mass**

**Sacramental Team Meeting 3.30pm**

**Taekwondo 4.30pm**

##### Tuesday 25 August

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

##### Wednesday 26 August

**Mass 9.00am (with Year 4)**

**Mass at Delamore 4.45pm**

##### Thursday 27 August

**Mass 8.00am**

**Adoration after Mass**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6.30pm**

##### Friday 28 August

**Mass 8.00am**

**Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)**

##### Saturday 29 August

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Mass (First Holy Communion) 5.00pm**

##### Sunday 30 August

**Mass (First Holy Communion)**

**7.30am, 9.30am, 4.00pm and 5.30pm**

Please pray for our recently deceased:  
**Fr Joe McGeehan, Susan Vaughan,  
Giuseppa Castellana,**  
and those whose Anniversaries occur  
about now:

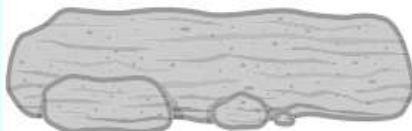
**Fiona and Diana Saffigna,  
Lenore Brady, Aiden Hunt,**  
*WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF  
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED;  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.*

# Something for the Kids.....

**Who do you say Jesus is?**

Write some words which describe Jesus.

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.



What makes strong foundations for the church? Write your answers on the rock.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

## 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.

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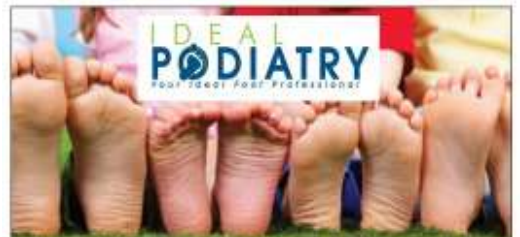
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