

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th August 2020 (YEAR A)

A Reflection ...

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies. I often wonder, had Jesus been electrocuted to death, whether we would have little golden chairs around our necks? But while we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortured hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed.

Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. We are not meant to be lovers of pain – just bearers of it.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless.

And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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Welcome and Blessings on our First Holy Communion Children

Our parish community extends a very warm welcome to all the families of our children who are making their First Holy Communion over this and next weekend. We pray with you all that this special event in your child's life will be an important step in their continued growth and participation in the Catholic Christian way of life. I offer a special word of thanks to our Sacramental Preparation Team who have worked so hard to make this program possible for our children. And to all you parishioners who have prayed for and encouraged these children by your presence, I also say thank you. Let us remember that we are Christians together, not simply as individuals. *Fr Mario*

Franciscan Laudato Si' International Course

The Franciscan Friars are running a 10 week online course on Laudato Si' starting **Sept 7th**. The lectures will be by leading Franciscan academics and environmental animators from around the world. Commitment is around 2hrs/wk for 10wks.

Our parish is looking for individuals interested in forming an Environment & Justice Group. This course is an excellent way to obtain some training that group members could apply to our parish.

Further information & enrolment see:

www.laudatosirevolution.org/online-courses/

Or contact: Friar Joe McKay ofm Phone 0412076913

Email jmckay@franciscans.org.au

Sacrament of Confirmation Dates for 2020

The Sacramental Programme our Parish offers is family-centred and Parish-based. This means it 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 way, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

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 these Masses)*

Preparation Workshop

Sunday October 11th (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

(One parent only must attend with their child)

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)

COVID limitations mean that each candidate will have five seats at the Confirmation ceremony (including the child).

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 further information, please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

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:
kedronebne.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?

Kedron Parish offers a group-based journey that leads people into learning more about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God, providing the opportunity for people to ask and to discuss some of the basic questions of life. 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.



Please pray for our recently deceased:
Rosaria Spina, Fr Joe McGeehan, Susan Vaughan,
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Leona Akers, Neville Taylor, Gerda Jansen, Fiona and Diana Saffigna,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



HOLY LAND COLLECTION - SUNDAY SEPT 13th 2020

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by

providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Hello again from Samaritans ...

Trust you have all safely received your letter with a serious side but also a couple of jokes. Everyone is hoping the virus goes away quickly but I found this saying by Sr Joan D Chittiseter: it goes and I quote **“Hope is not a matter for things outside of us to get better. It is about getting better inside about what is going on outside.”**

Reminder: Samaritans AGM is on 15 September at 9.45am in the Parish Hall. Are any of you parishioners interested in *joining our Samaritan Community* when we do resume our **Tuesday Morning Activities**? Phone Jill on 0438 612 177. We would love to hear from you!

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofstephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child or newborn infant and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (33576640) or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next session will be Saturday 5 September 2020 at 11.00am.

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 31 August

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 1 September

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Funeral 10.00am

Wednesday 2 September

Mass Mt Alvernia Staff 7.55am
Mass 9.00am (with Year 3)
Reconciliation St Anthony (Year 5)
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 3 September

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 4 September

Anointing Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 5 September

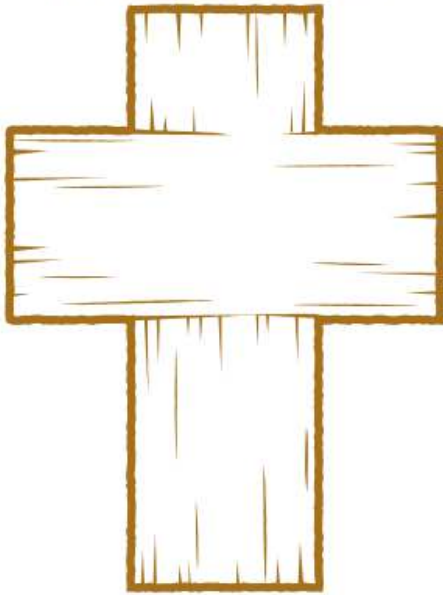
Baptismal Information 11.00am
RCIA BBQ 11.30am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass (First Holy Communion) 5.00pm

Sunday 6 September

Mass (First Holy Communion)
7.30am, 9.30am, 4.00pm and 5.30pm

Something for the Kids.....

Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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 Z N A L W
 V T U E R
 D F Y M I T X P I A B O K
 G O H E B O Y S R U S T U
 J L R C A T A O U M H T J
 F L O W E R S Y E T Q A W
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 E W S O Y
 A V I U Z
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 E U W T **E** FINISH

Help Jesus tell his disciples about the coming events in Jerusalem.



I must go to the city of Jerusalem...

...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.



Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey

Draw Jesus suffering on the cross

Write what Jesus tells the disciples next

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.

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