

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 September 2020 (YEAR A)

A Reflection ...

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask:

'What do you like best about your partner?'

'What do you like best about yourself?'

The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, 'That's for others to say' or, 'I don't want to blow my own trumpet.' Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today's second reading and the Gospel. 'You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.' We cannot say in the same breath, 'I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.' For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbour.

One such writer was St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God's love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today's Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, 'What do you really like about yourself?' is a piece of cake!

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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 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*

Sacrament of Confirmation Dates for 2020

Parent Information Session

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

at Little Flower Church, 80 Turner Street, Kedron.

Enrolment Mass

September 12th (5:00pm)

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

September 20th (4:00pm)

(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)

Thursday October 15th (6:00pm)

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

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you unbaptized and desire to become a Catholic or 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?

Kedron Parish offers a group-based journey that leads people into learning more about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God. 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 commences on Wed Sept 16th.

After a successful launch, Kedron Youth is on again on the 13th of September. Join us for a fun time of activities, songs, outdoor games and challenges! Our program is:

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Self Introduction and interesting fact activity
- Action Song (Every Move I Make)
- Outdoor games and activists - (moved indoors if weather requires it)
- Closing prayer
- Food & Close

Hope to see you there" Jaimi

Encounter Kedron

Our Parish's new youth group! Launching on Sunday 13th Sept. Encounter is open to youth from Grades 7-12. Expect a mechanical bull, dynamic live music, an opportunity to meet like-minded people and a space to explore your faith. Encounter is all about loving God, loving people and loving life. Wherever you are – you are welcome! Grab your tickets online (they are free!) at:

<https://bneatholic.ucareapp.com/events/18/booknow?iframe=true>



ENCOUNTER LAUNCH NIGHT

13TH SEPTEMBER
6:30 - 8:30PM  @encounterkedron
get your tickets online



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:
kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861



Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland



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.

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Please pray for our recently deceased:

Jorgen Saxil, Sergio Bazzoni, Rosaria Spina, Fr Joe McGeehan, Susan Vaughan, and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Leona Akers, Neville Taylor, Gerda Janssen, Fiona & Diana Saffigna,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

Memorial Service for Susan Vaughan

Saturday, 12th September at 10am.
Please join us in celebrating her life.



Samaritans are sad to announce that the AGM scheduled for 15 September has again to be postponed to a later date when more than ten people can gather together.

Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day.
Treasure every moment.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 September

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Confirmation Information Session 4.00pm

Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 8 September

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Confirmation Information Session 7.00pm

Wednesday 9 September

Mass 9.00am (with Year 3)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr 6) 11.10am

Mass at Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 10 September

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Friday 11 September

Mass 8.00am

Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 12 September

Memorial Mass (Susan Vaughan) 10.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13 September

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 and 11.45am

Kedron Junior Youth Group 3.30-5.00pm

Mass 4.00pm & 5.30pm

Encounter Youth 6.30-8.30pm

Delamore Retirement Community 115 Turner Rd, Kedron, 4031 Expression of Interest - Groundsman

Delamore Retirement Community is a boutique retirement community situated in the heart of Kedron. We are seeking a groundsman to work approximately 10 hours per week over two days. Days of work will be a Wednesday and another ad hoc day.

Duties include:

- Mowing, whipper snipping, weeding & fertilising; Removing leaves and old debris; Maintaining gardens including planting when required (includes putting on sprinklers); Collecting bins around complex and locate to Turner Road for council collection;
- Ability to operate a Billy Goat machine for leaf collection; Other ad hoc duties as required

A current Police Record Check will be required for this position. This position would ideally suit someone living in the Kedron area who is looking for some work to fit in with school hours. If you are interested in the above position and have the required skill set, please apply by emailing the manager on: manager@delamoreretirement.com.au

Something for the Kids.....

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....

I'M SORRY

If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. **Mt 9:9-13**

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. **Jn 8:2-11**

Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. **Lk 19:1-10**

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree

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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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