

# 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**

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2020 (YEAR A)

## A Reflection ...

The film *Forrest Gump* was once described as the 'battler's triumph.' On one level it was about how the last will be first. This story picks up where the film left off.

Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. On arrival St Peter informs him that there are three questions he has to answer before he can enter.

- 1) What days of the week begin with the letter T?
- 2) How many seconds are there in a year?
- 3) What is God's first name?

Forrest answers straight away, 'Shucks, there are two days in the week beginning with the letter T - Today and Tomorrow.' St Peter replies,

'That's not what I was thinking, but you have a point. How about the next one?' 'I think the only answer can be twelve.' 'Twelve?' St Peter asks. 'Shucks, there's gotta be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd. . . .' 'Hold it', interrupts St Peter, 'I see where you're going with this. Let's go to the final question.' 'Sure', says Forrest, it's Andy!' 'Andy?' exclaims an exasperated St Peter. 'OK, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with Andy as God's first name?' 'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all', Forrest replied. 'I learned it from the hymn . . . ANDY walks with me, ANDY talks with me, ANDY tells me I am his own.' St Peter opened the pearly gates and yelled, 'Run Forrest, run!'

In today's Gospel, in which the first labourers are paid the same wage as the afternoon workers, what the early birds didn't reckon on was that they could have come much later and got the same deal.

We would cynically call the afternoon workers, 'Johnny-come-latelies' and chances are if we were confronted with the same situation we would be with the complainers.

This story was important to the early Church because generations of Jews waited and longed for the Messiah and, like the first workers, they were the first to respond to the call of Jesus and to work in the field of his Kingdom. For some of the early Jewish-Christians, including St Peter, it came as a surprise that the Lord was calling Gentiles to the life and work of Jesus' Kingdom as well.

We can imagine that it rankled some of the early birds to see these Johnny-come-latelies taking charge of the Christian mission. This wasn't how it was supposed to be!

This story, then, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just.

And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

That's why those people who have decided that God can only work in certain ways, places, people, institutions and times so often end up at the end of the line when it comes to religious wisdom. Michael McGirr in his excellent book, *Things You Get for Free* argues that there is a crisis of belief today, but that it's not the way we often think. In a brilliant turning of the tables, McGirr says that the crisis of belief is that people inside the Church sometimes cannot believe that people outside its traditional structures can experience the love of Jesus. God loves and guides the Church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to come in first.

Rather than resent this, however, let's thank God for being bigger than we are and for being just to all of us, no matter when, or how, we get the Word.

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## Encounter Kedron Youth Launch

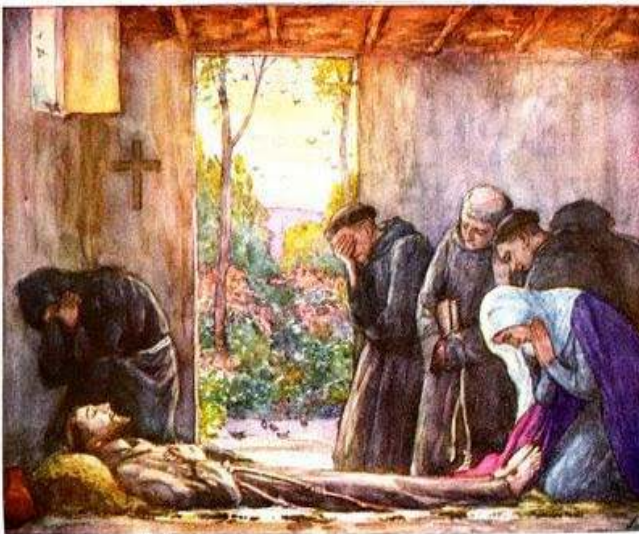
Last Sunday our parish launched Encounter Kedron Youth. At this exciting new youth venture we had 100 students from Grades 7-12. It was a great way to end the weekend with live music, catching up with friends, making new friendships and spending time exploring our faith. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!  
Our next Encounter Kedron Youth will be on **Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm**. Register early so as not to miss out. Do come along!



### Holy Land Collection

Last weekend at all our masses we took up the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Thank you everyone for giving so generously. Our Kedron Parish total was \$1942.60

*You are invited to the celebration of the Vigil Feast of The Transitus of St Francis with the Franciscan Family*



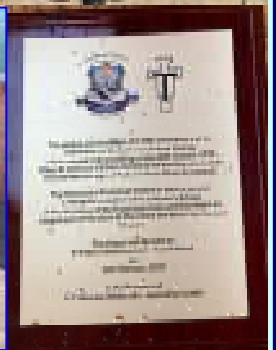
*Ceremony commences at 6.30 pm on Saturday 3 October 2020 At St Therese and St Anthony Church "The Little Flower" 80 Turner Road, Kedron*

*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, address and contact details as required by regulations.*

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640 or Email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of St Anthony School

Last Wednesday, representatives of the MFIC Sisters, Franciscan Friars, St Anthony's, & Padua College gathered at Grecio Campus to bless a plaque commemorating the opening of St Anthony's School at its original site by the MFIC Sisters some 90 years ago. We congratulate and thank the sisters again for the wonderful ministry they have offered the people of Kedron and beyond, and the special legacy they have left us in St Anthony's School.





Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.

St Bonaventure said of St Francis. "In the beginning and end of every sermon Francis announced peace. In every greeting he wished for peace and in every contemplation he sighed for ecstatic peace". This peace is needed now more than ever. The **Secular Franciscans** meet in the hall on the third Sunday of the month. Come and join us. Peace be with you.

The **Kedron Samaritans** are looking forward to the return of *The Tuesday Morning Activities*. We have of course to follow the rules when it comes to gathering together but let's hope and pray it won't be long till we meet again at the hall.

*\* Colourful Spring is inviting us outside again.  
Birds are feeding their babies and chirping happily.  
What a celebration is happening all around us!  
Let's enjoy it! ☘*

#### St Vincent de Paul - Bread Run

*It is with a grateful but sad heart that I need to make you aware that the pick-up and distribution of bakery items will no longer be a St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) activity in our parish. The reasons for this relate to many uncertainties and risks associated with the COVID-19 situation and the need for uniformly safe SVDP activities. Another group may, in the future, be able to give people the benefit of receiving bakery items at the end of a trading day.*

*Many thanks to all present and past volunteers for a mighty effort over the 34 years that the bread run has operated, and thanks also to the parish staff and our Franciscan friars for their support and co-operation.*

Joe De Pasquale

Acting president St Vincent de Paul

Little Flower Conference Kedron.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation Dates for 2020

##### 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).

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

**sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au**

Please pray for our recently deceased:  
**Adele Lusa, Jorgen Saxil, Sergio Bazzoni, Rosaria Spina, Giuseppe Denaro, Therese McGrath**  
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:  
**Giuseppe Greco, Giovanni Di Bella, Nunzio La Spina, Mariano Grasso, Maria Grasso, Frank Power, Greg Davis, Antonio Febo,**  
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL  
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

#### 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 current RCIA program, or simply find out more, please contact Fr Mario as soon as possible.**

#### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

##### Monday 21 September

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Taekwondo 4.30pm

##### Tuesday 22 September

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass

##### Wednesday 23 September

Mass 9.00am  
Funeral 10.30am  
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm  
RCIA 6.00pm

##### Thursday 24 September

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Pastoral Council Meeting 6.30pm

##### Friday 25 September

Mass 8.00am  
Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)  
Deanery Meeting 10.00am

##### Saturday 26 September

Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

##### Sunday 27 September

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am  
Mass 5.30pm

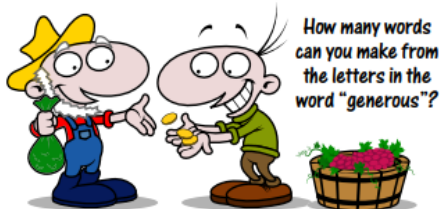
# Something for the Kids.....

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



**SELFISH CARING**  
**VAIN GREEDY KIND**  
**GENEROUS**  
**SHARING CARELESS**  
**JEALOUS**



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

# GENEROUS

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I	Y	O	W	F	B	N	G	A	D
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FINISH



**COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE**

"Everyone who is now first will be last!"

## 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.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

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