



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.

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Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi - 4th October 2020 (YEAR A)

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday Oct 4th, our parish joins the whole Church to celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi. The poor man of Assisi is without doubt one of the great figures of our Catholic family. But Francis has also been a model for the world since even those with little or no connection to the Christian faith have found him a source of inspiration and challenge.

Another figure who has been such an inspiration to so many is St Therese of Liseux who is of course one of the patrons of our Parish and who gives our church its name – Little Flower Church. Her feast day is Oct 1st, the day I am writing these words. I don't know if it is fortunate or not that these two saints, so much a part of our parish story, should have their feast days practically at the same time. I sometimes feel that in our parish, Therese gets overshadowed by Francis – something I'm sure Francis would not like! And so this year, I thought it important we try to bring these two figures together in our hearts and minds.

One way to do this is to reflect on something that Francis and Therese share in common, something that may speak to us today when so much of our lives has been impacted by Covid-19 and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

Although they have much in common, one thing that stands out for me is the way that both Francis and Therese so simply and powerfully related to the person of Jesus. For both of them, Jesus was not just a good and great historical figure, not just a teacher or miracle worker, not just someone to think and theologize about. Let's not forget that Jesus means lots of things to lots of people – whether they be Christian or not – for many people admire, respect and study Jesus, but who would not call themselves Christians.

Rather, for Francis and Therese, Jesus was the one to whom they turned, the one who was their source of strength, the one who exemplified the meaning and ways of love, the one who showed them the very face of God. And so it was that Francis experienced Jesus as his intimate friend and brother, as well as his Lord and Saviour. For Francis, Jesus was as real, perhaps more real, than any person in his life. And also for Therese - Jesus was so real that she could completely entrust herself to him as a young child would to his or her parents. For both Therese and Francis, there could be no fear, no hesitation, no awkwardness in their relationship with Jesus whom they knew was there for them in all circumstances, all difficulties, all of life's uncertainties and misfortunes.

And both Francis and Therese certainly had their share of trials – theirs were not some blissful pain free life – we might bear in mind that both suffered and died at relatively young ages, especially Therese. But what I believe made all the difference was that their trials did not exist in a vacuum. Rather, they sat within a context, within the knowledge and experience of a relationship with Jesus that was real and tangible enough to hold them together, or more, to help them know that they were *being held* by someone much greater than themselves.

Friends, as we continue through these COVID times, with all the uncertainties and restrictions they present us (especially those in less fortunate circumstances around the world), my wish and hope is that we can focus on the person of Jesus – and maintain our focus so that Jesus becomes more and more real and present in our personal lives, our families and our parish community.

These past months, when access to communal prayer at Mass has been either impossible or restricted, have been challenging for our connection with the person of Jesus. We Catholics believe the Eucharist has primary value and importance –

Dear brothers and sisters, one of the dangers of COVID is that it is upsetting many of our patterns of behaviour – some less important, but others vital. One that is vital and one that we must surely safeguard is our praying together at the Lord's table where we hear his Word and receive his Body. Let me conclude with a quote from St Francis expressing his experience of God, a God whom he encountered in a special way in the Body of Christ at Eucharist:

Oh, how glorious it is, how holy and great, to have a Father in Heaven! Oh, how holy, consoling, beautiful, and wondrous it is to have a Spouse! Oh, how holy and how loving, pleasing, humble, peaceful, sweet, lovable, and desirable above all things to have a Brother and Son, who laid down His life for His sheep. (Francis of Assisi: Second Letter to the Faithful)

Happy feast day everyone! *Friar Mario Debattista ofm.*

St. Francis of Assisi ... is one of the Church's best known and most beloved saints. Our current Holy Father Pope Francis took the name "Francis" after him. But how much do we know about his life? Here are 12 fascinating facts you probably didn't know about the great saint's life:

1) **He was one of seven kids** - Another reason for being open to a big family.

2) **He was named after the people of France** - His father was a merchant who liked French culture. "Francesco" means "Frenchman."

3) **He was a POW for a year** - At around the age of 19, before his conversion, he joined the military and fought in a war against a nearby city. He was taken prisoner and held for a year, but was eventually released unharmed.

4) **He was inspired by Matthew 10.9** - In Matthew 10.9, Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts," when they travel around to preach the Gospel. He felt inspired to do the same, and started traveling around preaching repentance in poverty.

5) **Within a year, he had already gained 11 followers** - That meant there were 12 of them total – just like the 12 Apostles.

6) **Pope Innocent III decided to support the Franciscans after a dream** - Pope Innocent III was initially cautious about supporting Francis and his new group of followers. Then he had a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Basilica of St. John Lateran. This is the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome, and thus possibly representative of the Church in general, but especially the papacy. He interpreted the dream as indicating that Francis and his group would help support the Church, and so gave official recognition to the group as a genuine Order in the Church.

7) **He attended the Fourth Lateran Council – and met St. Dominic there** - The Fourth Lateran Council was the 12th ecumenical council of the Catholic Church and affirmed transubstantiation and papal primacy, among other things. St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans, was also present.



8) **He travelled to a Muslim Sultan, preached the Gospel, and challenged them to a trial-by-fire in order to prove the truth of Christianity** - During the Fifth Crusade, Francis and a companion travelled into Muslim territory to visit the Sultan al-Kamil. He preached before the Sultan. To demonstrate his great faith in the Christian religion, he challenged those present to a "trial-by-fire" in which he and a Muslim would step into a fire, with the idea that the follower of the true religion would be spared by God. Francis offered to go first, but the Sultan turned

down the challenge. Nonetheless, the Sultan was so impressed by his faith that he gave Francis permission to preach in his land.

9) **The body of a dead Franciscan performed too many miracles, causing problems with crowds, so Francis prayed the miracles would stop – and they did** - In 1220, Francis handed over governance of the greater Order to the Franciscan Peter Catani. However, Peter died just five months later. Visitors to his grave reported many miracles, which led to great crowds visiting his grave. The great crowds were causing problems in that area, so Francis prayed asking Peter to stop the miracles – the miracles stopped.

10) **He received the stigmata during a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas** - The Stigmata is a condition in which the wounds of Christ appear on a person's body. A Franciscan who was with him later recounted, "Suddenly he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross. This angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ." This happened while he was in the midst of a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas, or the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel (September 29th).

11) **The foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi was laid by the pope the day after he was canonized – less than two years after his death** - Francis died on October 3, 1226. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228, and the next day the Pope personally laid the foundation stone for the new Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

12) **His tomb was lost for centuries until it was rediscovered in 1818** - His body was moved to his basilica in 1230, but was soon hidden by the Franciscans to protect it from Saracen invaders. The location of the body was forgotten, and was not rediscovered until six centuries later in

Feast of St Thérèse (1st October)

St Thérèse in her autobiography – The Story of a Soul - called herself "The Little Flower of Jesus". Like St Francis, this young Carmelite nun's way of life was to follow a philosophy which was called the "Little way" - what was important was not doing great works, but doing little things with a great love. She believed that if we can maintain the right attitude, then nothing shall remain that can't be accomplished. St Thérèse is often pictured holding the cross and red roses in her hands which symbolised her mission of love in whatever she did.



The **Samaritans** are very happy to be celebrating all the angels feast days. We call upon the Archangels Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael to assist us and inspire us as we work towards resuming our **Tuesday Morning Activities**.

St Therese, Little Flower, fill us with your trust. We welcome new volunteers.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.



St Francis of Assisi, Born in the 12th century, is the patron saint of animals and the environment. On St Francis feast day, animals are blessed to celebrate his (and our) love for animals and all creation. Please bring your 4-legged and winged friends to church for a blessing

**JOIN US FOR
OUTSIDE MASS
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10,
AT 5.00PM**

Blessing of the Animals

This event will be held in accordance to all current COVID-19 Restrictions



Encounter Kedron Youth

Our next Encounter for youth in School Years 7 & up is on **Sunday Oct 18th, 6.30-8.30pm**. Come together for music & song, inspiring talks, meeting friends, and fun! Look out for the opening of Registration soon.

QLD Bishops Election Statement

Everyone deserves a full life. Right now, aged care and support for older people in our community is subject to greater scrutiny than ever before.

Governments must provide for sustainable aged care services, improve regulatory frameworks to ensure the quality of care and provide older people and their families with real choice and control over the services they receive.

How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of people of every age in our community? Consider the Common Good on October 31.

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/2FvHA8W>



NEXT WEEKS READINGS

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A—10-11 October 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5 October

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm

Tuesday 6 October

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 7 October

Mass 9.00am
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 8 October

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 9 October

Mass 8.00am
St Anthony School Liturgy 8.45 am
(Blessing of the Animals)
Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)

Saturday 10 October

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass Outside 5.00pm
(with Blessing of the Animals)

Sunday 11 October

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Confirmation Workshop 1.00pm
Mass 5.30pm

On the 17th and 18th October our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

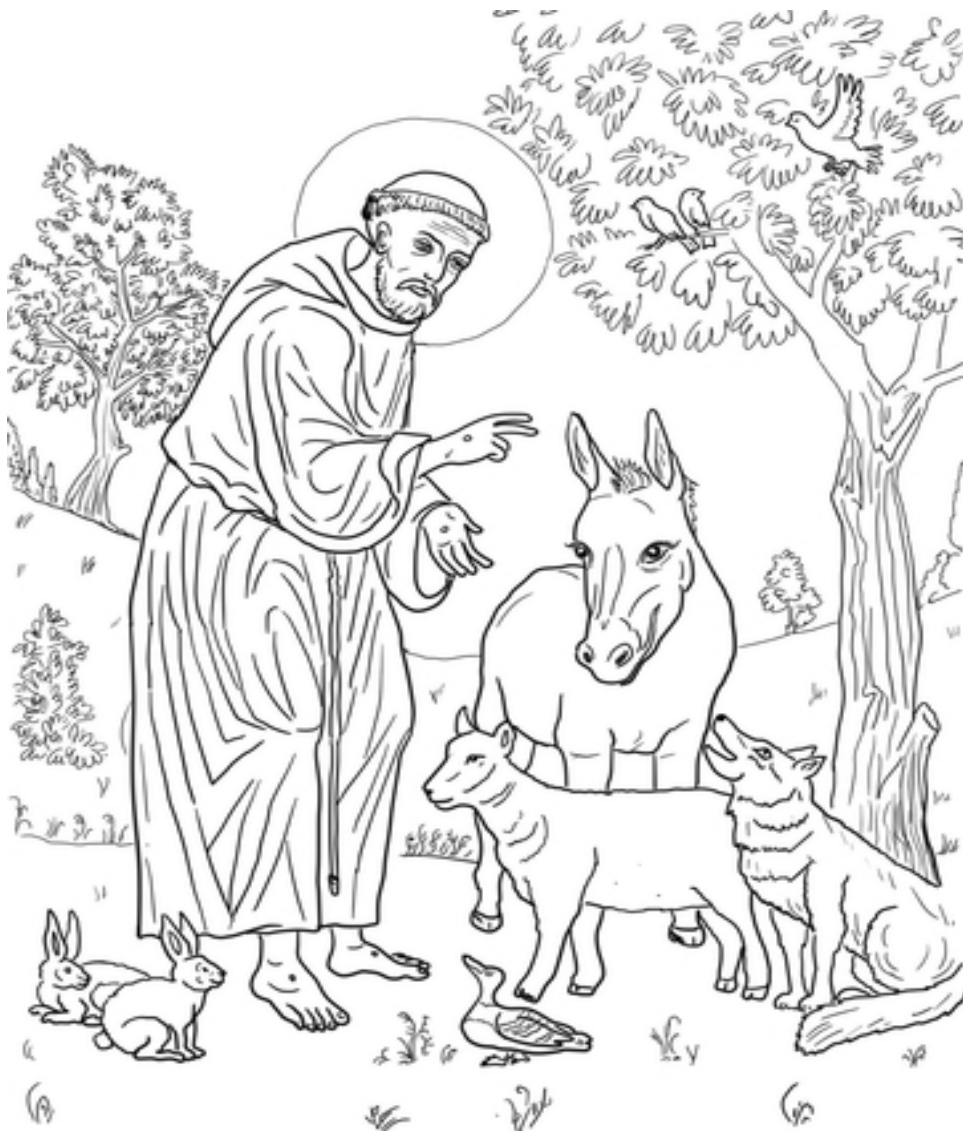
Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.



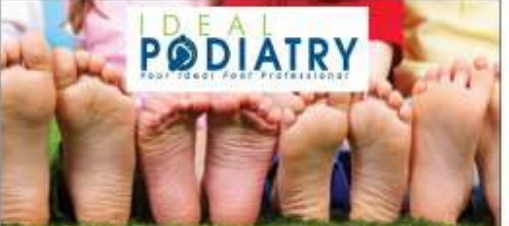
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Phone: 1800 257 256 | catholicmission.org.au/landmine

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Daniel O'Driscoll, Giovanna Caruso, Therese McGrath,
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Giuseppe Greco, Giovanni Di Bella, Nunzio La Spina,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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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.
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