



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th November 2020 (YEAR A)

Reflection ...

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1000 cheque on the plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly spinster at the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to altar. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the congregation and said, 'OK Father, I'll take him, him, and him.' Now that's a modern take on a wise virgin!

In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.

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WHO AM I?

ENCOUNTER KEDRON

8th NOVEMBER
6:30-8:30pm
Little Flower Church, Kedron



tickets available now

Join us for **Encounter Kedron** for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 8th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm.
Come together for music & song, inspiring talks, meeting friends, and fun!

Join us also for the Sunday 5.30 Mass beforehand which will be led by the Encounter Kedron music team

THE SAMARITANS, KEDRON PARISH

What a joyful celebration the Samaritans had on our first day back at the **Tuesday Morning Activities**. The excitement was catching. Many thanks to our volunteers for the great work they did in assisting our guests through the first COVID-19 adjusted morning activities.

Added to the enjoyment was tasting the renowned sandwiches again.

We all had just the best time.

The Melbourne Cup Outfits gave a stunning lift to the spirit of the day. So, what a chance to become a volunteer in our Samaritan Community! Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.



NEXT WEEKS READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A

1st Reading: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

2nd Reading: 1Thes 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



Join other youth in your parish for a Sunday afternoon of games, activities and encounter!

DATE: NOV 22nd 2020

VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL

TIME: 3.30PM TO 5.00PM

SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

For further information contact:
kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
Or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



Held in God's Loving Hands – A Quiet Weekend Retreat for Women

What do God's hands look like? How can we reimagine our lives held in lovingly cupped hands and

held close? Comfort, compassion, mercy, nurture, deep love.....

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries) 2 opportunities to choose from:

Friday 11 December 6pm to Sunday 13 December 3pm

OR Friday 15 January 6pm to Sunday 17 January 3pm

Place: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets.

To register or enquire contact:

grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283 (also Grace)

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Gemma Debattista, Dawn Lucas, Anne Dahms, Iolanda Porcellini

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Tom, Coles, Ron O'Malley, Noela McHugh, Lawrie Minton, Vince Salanitri, Daniel Green, Philip Carnes, Glenice Prior, Dick Akers, Madeline Jones, James Rice,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember those who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "Book of Remembrance" for the days in November please write their names in the book at the front of the church, or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office,
or call 3357 6640
or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Formation of a Parish Justice, Peace & Care for Creation Committee

Meeting: Parish House, Tues November 10th at 7.00pm

"Let all preach by their deeds" St Francis of Assisi

"The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well." *Guadium et Spes (Joy and Hope) Pastoral Constitution on the Church on the Modern World. Vatican II.*

Are you ready to meet Pope Francis' call to listen to the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"?

The Catholic Social Teachings have often been described as its "best kept secret" but they have driven change across the globe and here in Australia that has touched the lives of many people.

A parish JPCC committee will prayerfully reflect on the teachings of the Church and the 'signs of the times' in the world around us, discern what practical actions we can take to make our parish, our community, our world, a better place. And then seek the will and courage to act!!

This meeting will consider how a JPCC committee would work in our parish.

Further information:

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PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm
Choir Practise 7.15pm

Tuesday 10 November

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.00am
Justice and Environment 7.00pm

Wednesday 11 November

Mass 9.00am (with Yr 1)
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 12 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 13 November

Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (Parish Hall)

Saturday 14 November

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

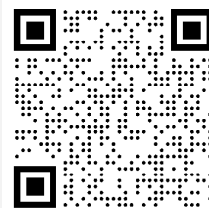
Sunday 15 November

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Secular Franciscan Order Meeting
9.00am
SFO Mass 11.30am
Mass 5.30pm



SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> or simply scan the QR code



A big Thank You from Fr Mario

I would like to very much thank all of you who have been so kind and caring of me over this past week following the death of my dear mother Gemma on the morning of Monday Nov 2nd.

Mum's health had been deteriorating over several months, but particularly in the last few weeks while she was in Prince Charles Hospital. We farewelled her from our church last Thursday and I want to say how much it meant to me and all my family for the expressions of support you gave us through your messages and even your presence for her funeral.

A big thank you too to the staff and students of St Anthony's and Padua College for their assistance and solidarity, and of course, special thanks to our parish staff and many others who offered their practical support and assistance. I have felt so loved and cared for by this parish. God bless you all!



Thank you to everyone who helped cook, bake and volunteer at the Election BBQ and Cake Stall. It was a great success. The BBQ raised \$720.00 and the Cake Stall raised \$1381.70.



Something for the Kids...

Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a _____ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra _____

Five were _____. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _____ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _____ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the _____" but they were not allowed inside.

What words would you use to describe the wise girls and the foolish girls?

The wise girls _____

The foolish girls _____

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An Outreach of the Catholic Church Celebrating Life...

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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