

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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Feast of Christ the King – 22nd November 2020 (YEAR A)

Reflection ...

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

ENCOUNTER KEDRON

29 NOV 2020 • 6:30 - 8:30PM



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register here

Join us for **Encounter Kedron** for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.

Sunday 29th 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

CATHOLIC LEADER Keeping Faith with You!

In these unprecedented times, The Catholic Leader has decided to share our news for free a digital edition:

<https://catholicleader.com.au/covid19free>

Making headlines: Faith more important to Aussies.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed 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 near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, Or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office, or call 3357 6640 or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

KEDRON
YOUTH

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.



THE SAMARITANS, KEDRON PARISH

The *Samaritans Community* is thoroughly enjoying the restart of our **Tuesday Morning Activities**.

A huge thank you to ALL our Volunteers who worked so hard to get. Everything organised for the Tuesday Morning Activities to happen these four weeks of November of 2020.

We are very excited to announce that, in the hall, this coming Tuesday, 24 November, Samaritans will be having an **Art Display courtesy of Padua College Students**. Come and enjoy with us our last Samaritans Activities for 2020 and Check out the *wonderful art work on display*.

What a Year it has been! BUT the good news is, Samaritans will resume in 2021 on Tuesday 2nd February.

Little Flower Church Christmas Eve Family Mass



Planning for the Christmas Eve Family Mass has begun! In order to make this a special time for the Parish and families, we are looking for volunteers to help us with: set up, pack up, offertory and collection. If you would like to help us with this Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640

NEXT WEEKS READINGS 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th November 2020

1st Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel:

Mark 13:33-37

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation will be held in the Parish Hall every Friday 9am

Everyone is very welcome - both beginners and familiar faces.

We look forward to seeing you in person on Friday morning!

Piety Stall

We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. We also have in stock Franciscan Calendar 2021. We have a great range of gift Ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions. The lovely people at the Piety stall are happy to help.



Padua College are proud to announce the arrival of our Virtual Tour.

The Tour has been uploaded to our YouTube Channel and may be viewed via this link: <https://youtu.be/XNOwnhseOzQ> It is also available to view on our College Website: www.padua.qld.edu.au.

To personally get the most out of this video, we encourage you to watch it on your mobile phone via the YouTube app, turn on

your sound, tilt your phone to landscape view, or, on any desktop, drag your mouse.

Improve the quality of your view by adjusting the Settings cog at the base of the screen.

Watch in 3D by choosing the 3D option and using a VR headset for maximum effect.

We hope you enjoy the Padua College Virtual Tour. Please share with family and friends to learn about the Good Men of Padua in their own words. We Are #paduaproud.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend 21-22 November

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of St Peter and Paul. Due to COVID this collection was moved to this weekend. This collection is to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.



Flourish at Mount Alvernia College, Kedron. Enrolment applications currently

are being accepted for **Year 7, 2024**. Closing date is 6 February 2021.

Application Forms are available from the website – www.mta.qld.edu.au or by contacting Camilla Horn (enrolments@staff.mta.qld.edu.au; ph 3632 8599). Expressions of interest for campus tours and small group events also can be made on our website under *Visit Us*.

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy is on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass. This will resume in Feb 2021.

Our Children's Mass (already recommenced) is on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

For more information, contact:

Children's Liturgy

Carmel Burroughs

acburroughs1@hotmail.com

Children's Mass

Mav Green

mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group

Christine Masters

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 November

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

Tuesday 24 November

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.00am
Funeral 11.00am

Wednesday 25 November

Mass 9.00am
Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 26 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Encounter Youth Leaders meeting 3.30pm

Friday 27 November

Mass 8.00am
Meditation 9.00am (Parish Hall)

Saturday 28 November

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 29 November

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm
Encounter Youth Rally 6.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Kerryn Brown, Paul Wren, Nicoleta De Marco, Enid Galt, Gemma Debattista,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Bernadette Okely, Clair Brown, Reg McIntyre, Tom Coles, Ron O'Malley, Noela McHugh, Lawrie Minton,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS

Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Nativity Mass. At this stage, we are looking for children who would like to help us tell the story by being involved in our Nativity play. If you know someone who would like to volunteer to be the various roles in the play, please email Carmel Burroughs on acburroughs1@hotmail.com to put your child's name forward to participate in the nativity. We are also looking for a baby Jesus – no experience necessary!



And remember - All children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

Something for the Kids...



Jesus says when we do something good for others we also do it for him. Draw a picture of yourself performing an act of kindness.

Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to ____.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to _____.

When I was a stranger, you _____ me.

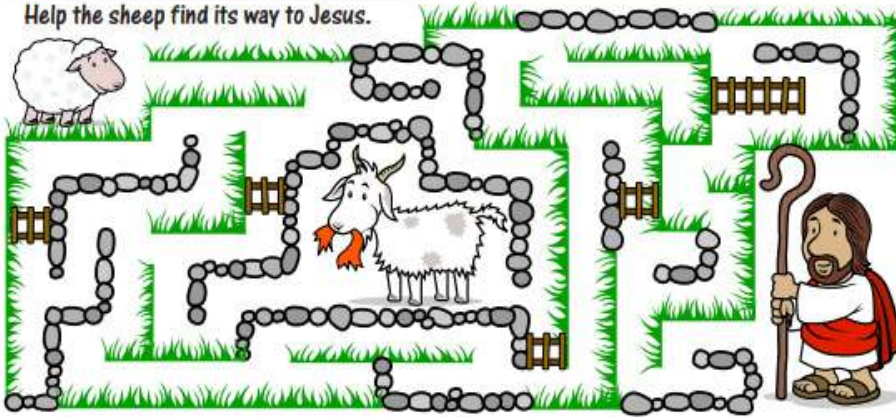
When I was naked, you gave me _____ to wear.

When I was sick, you took _____ of me.

When I was in gaol, you _____ me.

welcomed drink care
eat clothes visited

Help the sheep find its way to Jesus.



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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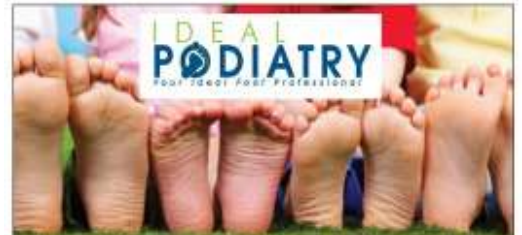
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