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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am Tuesday 8.00am Wednesday 9.00am Thursday 8.00am Friday 8.00am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATIONMonday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm <u>OR</u> please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Ph: 0448 356 599 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — 27th December 2020 (YEAR B



The parish office is currently closed and will reopen on Monday 11th January 2021.

Reflection ...

When I was sixteen I read the works of Jesuit Fr John Powell. In one of his books he wrote, 'We should never leave this world not having the people that we love know that we love them.' Now, I don't come from a particularly demonstrative family. We do not make regular declarations of our love accompanied by long hugs. So I took John Powell's line as a personal challenge.

At the time my sister was working with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and my brother was working in another city, so I wrote them both letters and told them I loved them. I never heard a word back.

That left my mother. I stayed in one Saturday night and, with my heart pumping and my tummy churning, I approached my mother after dinner while she was watching the news on the TV. 'Mum, I have something very important to tell you.' My mother, not taking her eyes from the screen, casually said, 'Oh yes what's that?' 'Mum', I responded, 'I've never told you this before and I need to say it tonight.' As she slowly turned off the TV and faced me, I could tell there were now two hearts pumping and two tummies churning in that room!

I plucked up all my courage and came straight out with it. 'Mum, I just want to tell you that I love you.' And such was her relief that my mother replied. 'I hope so!' And quickly turned the TV back on. There were no hugs and kisses, no violins playing or statements about how long Mum had been waiting to hear one of us talk of our love for her. As I walked back to my room I thought I would never take John Powell's advice again!

My brother and sister wrote to my mother asking her what was wrong with me. They all concluded it was a phase I was going through. I hope it is a phase I never get over!

Today's feast of the Holy Family is about faithful love that looks after the most important people in our lives. We all know that fights and bitterness can wreck families for generations. If today's feast means anything it is not about romanticising how difficult family life can be these days. It is about naming that forgiveness, compassion and kindness are the blocks upon which Christian family life is built. Without these virtues family life crumbles.

The best way to honour today's feast is to do something about the faithful love it celebrates. I have often been with people on their deathbed when they speak about things they have left undone and would have liked to have achieved in their life. No one ever says that they wish they had spent more time at work. No one says they wish they had made more money. But many people say that they wish they had told those that they love, that they loved them. We shouldn't assume that our families know about our love for them if we haven't said it. If we show it, we should be able to say it. So write a letter, make a call or go and see them, but let's pluck up our courage and tell our families that we love them. It's too late once we're dead.

And the best news is that when we profess our love to our families we'll see that today's celebration is in fact a moveable feast.

Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/tablet/phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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

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Christine Masters

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

UPCOMING DATES:

February 21st March 21st

May 16th

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.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord - 3 January 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER MEETINGS

A further opportunity for healing prayer will be available at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon on 1st January 21, New Year's day, at 7.30pm. There will be no first Friday Mass at Bardon on 1st January but people are invited to attend the prayer meeting. Contact Len on 0421977849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com for information.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 29 December
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 30 December Mass 9.00am

Thursday 31 December
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 1 January New Years Day Mass 8.00am

Saturday 2 January Reconciliation 4.00pm Mass 5.00pm

<u>Sunday 3 January</u> Mass 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group will take a break over Christmas/New Year and will resume on Friday Jan 15th at 9.00am. Everyone is very welcome - both beginners and familiar faces.

Please pray for our recently deceased:
Isolina Maccarone, Ken Munro,
Josephine Seymour

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Barney Curran, Warren Tickle,
Doreen Beckwith, Thomas KS, Cornelius Janssen(Holland), Marie Davis,
Eileen Carroll, Brenden O'Brien, Des
Dale, Des Payne, Mark Waddigton
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY
THEY REST IN PEACE.

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child or newborn infant and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (33576640) or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next session will be on Saturday 6 February 2021 at 11.00am.

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Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

