



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17th January 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.'

Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed THREE times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the run-around, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

Richard Leonard SJ

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR MINISTRIES

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, it takes many people to help keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. Part of this needs the involvement of as many of us as possible, sharing our gifts and time with one another, for the good of one another, as well as our own nourishment. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

But I also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. At the end of the day, coming together in prayer is the most important thing.

For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, I am making a personal plea for new volunteers to step forward and make their contribution to the life of our community. I am not asking anyone to do anything they find onerous, only if they can commit, even in a small way. The reality is that the more volunteers we have, the less demanding it becomes for all of us to do our part. Many hands make light work!

And so, dear Parishioners, we need volunteers for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting and more if you have a suggested service you would like to offer. If you can possibly assist, please contact Sandra at the parish office via email (kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) or let me know anytime.

Thank you dear brothers and sisters! *Fr Mario*



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 18 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm

Tuesday 19 January

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 20 January

Mass 9.00am
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 21 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 22 January

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 23 January

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 24 January

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

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group resumes on **Friday Jan 15th at 9.00am.** Everyone is very welcome to the St Clare's Room at the back of the church near the sacristy.

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass resumes in February.

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

For more information, contact:

Children's Liturgy

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Children's Mass

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Singing Group

Christine Masters
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from the perspective

The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptizer for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptized us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special - some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Catherine Burchill, Isolina Maccarone, Ken Munro, Josephine Seymour

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Marie Sage, Audrey Robson, Mary Galea, Barney Curran, Warren Tickle, Doreen Beckwith, Thomas KS, Cornelius Janssen, 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.

DESSERT & DISCUSSIONS GROUP

Fratelli Tutti is the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis. It discusses relationships in the modern world. You are invited to join a Dessert and Discussions group meeting for 6-8 weeks on

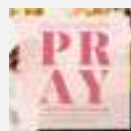
Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Our aim is to better understand the key insights and reflections from Fratelli Tutti and at the same time, share fellowship. If you, or someone you know would enjoy talking faith and eating cake,

Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310

Starting Date: Tues February 2nd, 2021

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



AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ

The Parish will celebrate **Australia Day** on **Tuesday 26 January** after a **special 9.00am Mass**. (Please note that there will be **no usual 8am Mass**), We would like to recognise the many cultures in our community and ask that people bring a small plate of food to share that reflects your culture. As is tradition, the Parish will offer a sausage sizzle and organise a game of cricket. This year you can also enjoy a quiet (or maybe not!) game of bocce. Delamore are challenging the Parish to a game or two so please come and register on the day to get involved. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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.



STAYING CONNECTED Are you on our mailing list for the weekly newsletter, or occasional breaking news alerts? If not, please email us at: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Sometimes we have added a person to our email-list but the email is going to their 'spam' or 'junk-mail' folder. It is a good idea to check these folders to see if it is there. If that is happening, you can mark these emails as 'approved' or 'not-spam/junk', so your email server lets them through.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2021

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The program is for children in School Year 5 and above. If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for this sacrament. Please refer to these important dates:



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 at 11.00am.

Samaritans are gearing up for the first, The VERY FIRST, **Tuesday Morning Activities** for 2021.

Less than three weeks away now, on **2nd February 2021**.

Masks will be required. For those up to the challenge, a prize for the most eye catching.

New volunteers always welcome. For any new parish-ioners and friends, please contact me now as I want to arrange name tags, if possible, before we start. Jill on 0438 612 177. Phone and leave your name and number. I will call you for your details.

ENCOUNTER KEDRON 2021



Join us for **Encounter Kedron** for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 21 February, 6.30-8.30pm.
Come together for music & song, inspiring talks, meeting friends, and fun!

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

Reconciliation 2021 - Dates

Submit Enrolment Forms:
29th January – 14th February

Parent Night:
Monday 15th February at 4.00pm
or Tuesday 16 February at 7.00pm

Reconciliation Evening:
Monday 8th March
5.00pm - 7.00pm

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 January 2021

1st Reading:
Jon 3:1-5. 10

2nd Reading:
1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel:
Mk 1:14-20

Something for the Kids...

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God. In Jesus' time, lambs were often used as sacrifices to please God. Jesus would eventually sacrifice his life for us. What are some sacrifices you can make that could help others?



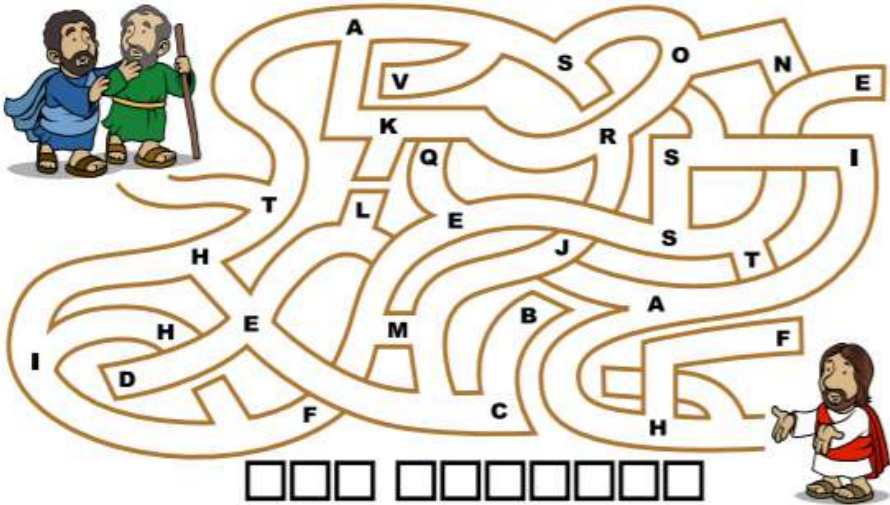


Following Jesus

Following the example of Jesus' life isn't always easy. For each of the following things that Jesus asks us to do, write down why you find it either easy or difficult to do.

Love your enemies
Be a peace maker
Help people in need
Forgive those who do wrong by you
Be kind to others
Lead others to Christ

As Andrew leads Simon to Jesus, enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal who they find.



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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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