



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time , 24th January 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

Richard Leonard SJ

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



Padua College participates in the ACER Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program (CSTP), an annual testing program for scholarships for independent schools throughout Australia.

For further information regarding the academic scholarship please see the notices on the Church Notice boards or visit the Padua College website. The following link to the website is provided for your convenience: <http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships-and-bursaries/>

Information regarding the 2021 Scholarship Test

Registration Closing Date: Monday 8th Feb 2021 (mid-night)

Scholarship Test Date: Saturday 27th Feb 2021

Place of Testing: Padua College, 80 Turner Road, Kedron

Please email any enquiries regarding the Scholarship Test to enrolments@padua.qld.edu.au

ACER Scholarship Tests

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.**



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



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 January

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 6.30pm

Tuesday 26 January

Australia Day

Mass 9.00am

*Australia Day Sausage Sizzle,
Bocce & Games after Mass*

Wednesday 27 January

Mass 9.00am

Thursday 28 January

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Friday 29 January

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 30 January

Wedding 2.00pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 31 January

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group **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

Carmel Burroughs

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Children's Mass

Mav Green

mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group

Christine Masters

christine@musicmasters.com.au

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



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**

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.



WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR MINISTRIES

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. It 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!

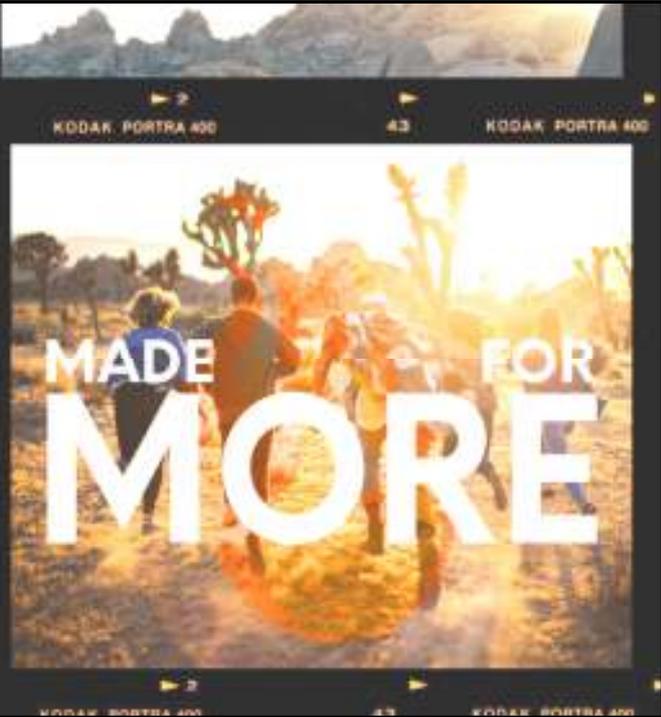
But I also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. At the end of the day, coming together in prayer is the most important thing.

For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, I would like to welcome new volunteers to come forward to make their contribution to the life of our community. I certainly don't wish to ask anyone to take on anything that feels like a burden, but only if you 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 do need volunteers for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting, our Samaritans Group 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 by phone or email, or let me know anytime. Thank you dear brothers and sisters!

Fr Mario

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

Look and Read the SAMARITANS Notice.

And shout for joy.

Tuesday Morning Activities, organised by The Samaritans restart very soon on 2nd February.

Are you as excited as I am?

Masks are now **essential** at our Tuesday Morning Activities.

I look forward to meeting you all as you come to our **FIRST DAY BACK**. Phone Jill on 0438 612 177. Leave a message and I will phone you back.

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

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Bernie Butler, Linden Graham, William Lambert, Winifred Taylor, Hardy McMahon, Catherine O'Malley, Marie Sage, Audrey Robson, Mary Galea, Barney Curran, Warren Tickle, Doreen Beckwith, Thomas KS, Cornelius Janssen

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
31 January
2021

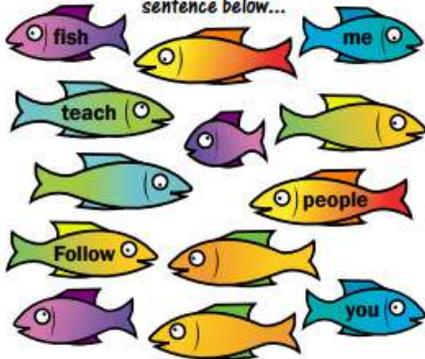
1st Reading:
Deut 18:15-20
2nd Reading:
1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel:
Mk 1:21-28

Something for the Kids...

If you had to tell someone the good news about Jesus, what would you say?

Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



----- and I will -----
to ----- for -----



Answering Jesus' Call

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God. Write or draw some of the ways that we can bring people to God in our everyday lives.



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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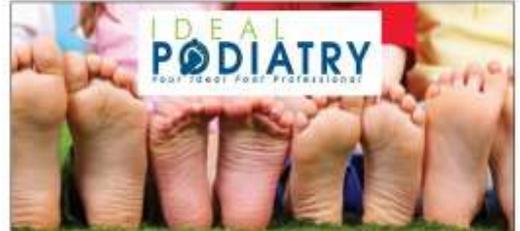
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