

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 3.00pm
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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

Baptism of the Lord, 10th January 2021 (YEAR B)

The parish office will re-open this Monday 11th Jan 2021.

Reflection ...

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man and says, 'Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?' The man looks back and says, 'Yes Reverend, I am.' The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. 'Have you found Jesus?' the minister asks. 'No, I didn't!' replies the man. The minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, 'Now brother, have you found Jesus?' 'No, I did not!' says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up and demands, 'For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?' The man wipes his eyes and pleads, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'

One of the actions I find most consoling about the scene in today's Gospel is that John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Indeed the word *baptism* is derived from the Greek word, *bapto*, or *baptizo*, to wash or to immerse. Most of us were baptised with just a sprinkling of water. These days, however, the Church encourages adults and infants, where possible, to follow in the more ancient tradition of full immersion. We all know the amount of water used in the baptism does not destine the power of the sacrament – that's found in how we live our Christian commitment away from the font. What full immersion does is link the ritual of baptism more directly to the experience of Jesus and enables the symbolism of the water to be more fully realised.

There are no half measures about immersion, we are in there boots and all. In an extraordinary visual metaphor Mark tells us this is what God does for us in Christ. We don't have a detached God who only presides over us. We don't have a coaching God who sits on the sidelines barking orders at us on the field of life. And we don't have a policeman God who wants to catch us breaking the rules. We have a God who in Jesus the Lord immersed himself in our world, heart and mind, soul and divinity, boots and all.

This is why the earliest association the Christians made with the waters of baptism was that it symbolised Jesus' tomb. We are the only world religion to believe that God took our flesh and died. Because of the three days Jesus spent in the tomb, we plunge our adults and children into the watery tomb of the font three times. And as we do we call on the Trinity to enable them to die to sin, and rise to the freedom of Christ's life. In this context we can see that the deeper the font and the fuller the immersion, the more easily everyone present understands the power of the symbols.

For all those baptised in Christ, a curious thing happens. As Jesus fully immersed himself in our world, so we are fully immersed in Christ. But we are not spared from the world as if we are initiated into a reclusive religious sect. We are sent out to the world knowing, because of Jesus, that we are loved by God and are pleasing to God. We are sent out with faith, hope and joy to fall into the arms of the world and discover that here, too, is where Christ dwells.



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.



Children's Liturgy & Mass

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

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

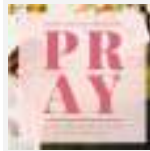
Christine Masters

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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



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



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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 11 January

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 12 January

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 13 January

Mass 9.00am

Thursday 14 January

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Friday 15 January

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 16 January

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 17 January

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Secular Franciscan Order 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.

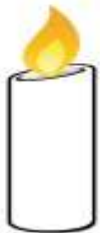
Please pray for our recently deceased: **Catherine Burchill, Isolina Maccarone, Ken Munro, Josephine Seymour**

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.

Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Candle

Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth

Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light

Dove



White Gown



Water