

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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PARISH TEAM

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Mr Johnny De Angelis (Chair) Email: j.deangelis@bigpond.com Ph: 0438 119 709

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday & 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14th February 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and re-join the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.



Ash Wednesday Masses 17th February. 9.00am and 7.00pm.

We have received advice from the Archdiocese about the safe distribution of ashes due to COVID-19 ... Your safety is always our first priority and in order to keep everyone COVID-safe, the distribution of ashes will be slightly changed this year. As well as remaining socially distanced, you and fellow Catholics all around the world will receive a light sprinkling of ashes on the top of the head, rather than a cross on your forehead. This distribution of ashes will be done in prayerful silence."

We still need your help for Ministries

We have had a good response to our call for volunteers but are still looking for help in some areas of service in our parish. And so, dear Parishioners, we are still welcoming volunteers for:

- Children's Liturgy
- Morning Tea after Mass

The "World Day of Prayer Service this year is to be held at St. Gerard Majella's Church commencing at 10.30am on Friday 5th March 2021. The service is followed by Morning Tea. All are invited and welcome to attend. Because of COVID it will be important to book in prior to attendance. This can be done either via the St Gerard Majella Parish website as from 22nd February, OR, you may contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669 or Marie Jones on 0407 756 662 who can arrange the booking for you. We look forward to praying together at this Ecumenical Service which this year will focus on Vanuatu."

- Data Projector
- Altar Society
- Altar Servers
- Samaritans Group (Tues)
- Music & Singing Ministry

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

Samaritans first day back for the *Tuesday Morning Activities* was drenched with wonderful heavy rain just as everyone was arriving. Spirits were high just the same! I wonder what surprise this coming Tuesday brings for our second Morning of Activities for 2021. Come and join the companionships with laughing and chatter, socialisation and friendships and fun. <u>Our Samaritan Community is looking forward to seeing you there this coming Tuesday</u>. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177

DESSERT & DISCUSSIONS GROUP

Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis, calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a plea to reject wars. It focuses on contemporary social and economic problems, and proposes a world of fraternity in which all countries can be part of a "larger human family." Join us on

Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm in the Parish House

We aim to better understand the key insights and reflections from Fratelli Tutti, apply them to daily life and share fellowship. If you, or someone you know enjoys talking faith, Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310

Caritas

Project Compassion Sunday 14th February 2021

AUSTRALIA Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed



"**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting <u>www.caritas.org.au/</u> <u>projectcompassion</u> or phoning 1800 024



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION 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 <u>School Year 5 and above</u>. 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:

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 February Mass 8.00am Adoration after Mass Reconciliation Parent Info Session 4.00pm Taekwondo 6.30pm

> Tuesday 16 February Mass 8.00am Rosary after Mass Samaritans 9.30am Reconciliation Parent Info 7.00pm

> > Wednesday 17 February (Ash Wednesday) Mass 9.00am Delamore Mass 4.45pm Mass 7.00pm

Desserts & Discussion 7.00pm

Thursday 18 February Mass 8.00am Adoration after Mass Encounter Team Training and Music 3.30pm

> Friday 19 February Mass 8.00am Stations of the Cross after Mass Christian Meditation 9.00am Padua Mass 10.50am

> > Saturday 20 February Reconciliation 4.00pm Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 21 February Mass 7.30am & 9.30am Secular Franciscan Order 9.30am RCIA Rite of Election 3.00pm (Cathedral) Kedron Youth 3.30pm Mass 5.30pm Encounter Kedron Youth 6.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each *Friday 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:

> <u>Children's Liturgy</u> Carmel Burroughs acburroughs1@hotmail.com

<u>Children's Mass</u> Mav Green mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group Christine Masters christine@musicmasters.com.au

Reconciliation 2021 - Dates

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

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



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.



PREP ENROLMENTS 2022

Prep enrolment interviews for St Anthony's Kedron 2022 will commence later this term. Families will need to submit an online "Application of Enrolment" via St Anthony's School website. Prep enrolment applications for 2022 close on Friday 5th March 2021.

Please click here to submit an enrolment application

Children born **1/7/2016 to 30/6/2017** are eligible to apply for Prep 2022.

Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may be considering a 2022 Prep enrolment at St. Anthony's. Please contact St Anthony's enrolments if you have any queries on 07 3357 6185.



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In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic.

We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts.
- Accompany those who are seeking to renew their contact with the Church.
- Welcome new faces to our community.

There are flyers in our parish that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer team, or to find out more, go to: <u>www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/</u> <u>baptisedcatholic</u>.



Mark our groundsman has asked if there are any parishioner who have any Bromeliads in their garden can they please spare some clippings for our parish garden. If you can please

bring the to the office or leave them at the church. Thank you.



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!

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

The **Little Black Books** are now available at the Piety Store. They commence on 14th February, the Monday before Ash Wednesday and go up to Easter Sunday. It provides 6 minute prayers and articles to help prepare your journey to the Easter celebration. The cost is still only \$4.00.

Please pray for our recently deceased: Carmel Healey, Luigi Pizzica, Andrew Lythall, Graham Sherman, Lorna Bowd

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Bobbie Miscamble, John Currie, Sarina Caruso, Bernie Butler, Linden Graham, William Lambert, Winifred Taylor, Hardy McMahon, Catherine O'Malley, Marie Sage, Audrey Robson

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. <u>NEXT WEEKS</u> <u>READINGS</u> First Sunday of Lent -21 February 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Something for the Kids...



Sam Patterson