

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
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Second Sunday of Lent, 28th February 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

At the end of *The Laws of Our Fathers*, Scott Turow has one of his characters, Seth Weissman, preach at a memorial service. The text for that service is today's first reading and his words capture the challenge before us.

'I always return to the story of Abraham and Isaac ... the founder of the Western faiths ... He was a visionary, a prophet ... But despite this, Abraham's God decided to test him. He asked Abraham to make a sacrifice of his and Sarah's only child, Isaac, their miracle, who was born to them when Sarah was ninety years old and Abraham was one hundred. And ... Abraham complied.'

'He did not ask what was wrong with a God who would demand such a thing, or question whether He was worth worshipping. He did not, so far as the Bible tells us, even beg for Isaac's life, as he had done for the people of Sodom. Abraham simply walked his child up Mount Moriah. I imagine he even made the boy carry the wood for the fire ...'

'... I have regarded for some years now the story of Abraham and Isaac a strange story, a grim tale of how a father would sacrifice his son to his own faith ... What kind of a starting point is this for ... all the Western faiths? ... Why do we re-tell this story? Is it to remind us that every parent since has been better?'

'... One of the thousand morals of the story of Abraham and Isaac is that ... it is also a tale of survival and of mercy. In the end Abraham heard his God instruct him not to set his hand against his son ... Isaac survived ... He became a parent, blind to Jacob's defects, but one who, pointedly, attempted no sacrifices of his own ...'

'So let us think of Isaac ... the first son of the Western faiths – and think about the story that is told again and again. We hear it first as children, and repeat it throughout our lives. We tell it by way of apology. And warning. We tell it with some measure of hope. We tell it because we have all been the child, we have all been Isaac, and we know the part of the story that is never mentioned. For the Bible does not record Isaac's responses. We do not know if he, like Jesus, asked, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" We do not know if he begged the way most of us would, for his life. We know only this: that he obeyed ... That because he knew nothing else, he did as his father required. We know he allowed himself to be bound in rope. We know that he let his father lay him on the altar of pyramided firewood which together they had raised to God. We know he watched his father on the mountaintop raise the gleaming knife above his breastbone. We know ... he was a child, the son of a man with a Big Idea, who in his longing and confusion, even in his final instant, could only look to his father with that eternal if foundering hope for love.'

May this story and our Eucharist give us hope that no matter what altar of sacrifice we feel sometimes laid upon, God does not abandon us in our need, and never wants us to sacrifice ourselves, or anyone else. Lent is about mercy and survival because true obedience to God, even in its demands for a hard love, ALWAYS leads to life.

Call to Prayer - Week 3



Let us pray

Jesus, we pray for every person who sees a *Call to all Catholics* invitation on a billboard, hears it on the radio or learns of it by word of mouth.

We pray for them to be longing to build a relationship with you, to want to engage with your Church.

We pray for those who are fearful of taking steps to be close to you, and especially for those who have been wounded within the Church.

Jesus, we pray that your Holy Spirit would pour into people's hearts, so that they may step out and respond to your invitation to dive deeper into their faith.

We pray for anyone who steps into a Catholic church because of this invitation, that they may be received with love.

Jesus, we pray for each of us as we are called to play our part in this invitation.

May we have the eyes to see new people in our parish, and to reach out to make them feel at home.

Amen.

The Word of God

Matthew 21:21-22

And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Reflection

One of the most important parts of true prayer is that it takes place deep in our soul. It is there in the inner depths of your being that we meet God. Saint Teresa of Ávila describes the soul as a castle in which God dwells. Meeting God, praying and spending time with him, requires that we enter into the deepest and innermost chamber within this castle of our soul. It is there, in the innermost dwelling, that we encounter the beauty of God. A God who is closer than we can imagine.

Prayer

During this time of Lent, let us pray for those who do not know the beauty and closeness of God.

We pray for many to respond to your invitation to know God more. Lord of our heart; we pray that people come to know you. Lord of our heart; give them courage to be open to encountering you. Lord of our heart; strengthen all to trust in you. Lord of our heart; give us the grace to embrace those who have been called.

St Joseph, we pray that hearts may be open to encountering you and that we may guide others to your light.

Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Have you thought? Mountaintop Moments

Throughout the Bible there are instances of important encounters with God on mountaintops. Even this week's first reading, the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, occurs on a mountaintop. It is not the potential sacrifice, but the new relationship between God and Abraham that is a mountaintop moment. In modern language, we often speak about 'peak experiences' - moments of exceptional clarity, intense emotion or extraordinary accomplishment. Sometimes, like Peter, we are tempted to try to remain 'in the moment' rather than using the peak experience as a motivator for when we go back down the mountain to our normal (if perhaps changed) existence.

PADUA COLLEGE

RECTOR'S TOURS

Learn about the good men of Padua College.

Tour the school on a normal school day. Meet the Rector (Principal) and Senior Leadership Team.

Tuesday 9 March 2021*
9.15am
3.30pm

*ALL TOURS WILL BE MODIFIED TO MEET ANY CURRENT COVID-19 SAFE RESTRICTIONS

Registration is essential * via our website:
padua.qld.edu.au/enrolment-information/book-a-campus-tour/



The Justice, Peace & Care for Creation Committee facilitated by Fr Joe McKay are participating in several initiatives for our Parish. These include: exploring improved recycling and composting in the Parish; forming a Global Catholic Climate Movement - Laudato Si Circle; and simultaneously participating with other faith communities around the world in "sounding the alarm for climate change." In light of this we are having a liturgy at **on 11 March at 10.30am** under the tree in front of the Church and will ring the Franciscan bell in solidarity. This supports the lead up to this year's UN Climate Change meeting in Glasgow (COP26). Everyone is

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 1 March

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm

Tuesday 2 March

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Dessert & Discussion 7.00pm

Wednesday 3 March

Mt Alvernia Staff Mass 7.55am
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
Enviro and Social Justice 4.30pm

Thursday 4 March

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Encounter Team Training 3.00pm

Friday 5 March

Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 6 March

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Wedding 2.30pm
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 7 March

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** at the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

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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The Tuesday Morning Activities are up and running smoothly.

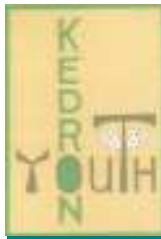
Ever wonder what exactly we do?

The Samaritans invite you to join us for a morning of building friendships while busy chatting, and at same time enjoying every minute of the activities.

Bingo, Art, Scrabble, Cards and Craft are available.

Come and find a bargain at the Craft Table! Phone Jill on 0438 612 177.

We'd love to share the morning with you. Just let us know if you would like to come and have a look.



Join other youth on
SUNDAY MARCH 21ST
AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
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.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge Annual
 Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of
 St Stephen on Thursday 25th March 2021
 commencing at 7.00pm.

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.
Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310 or just come along.

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."



Second Sunday of
 Lent –
 28th February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

You are warmly invited to attend a two day Retreat on the writings and spirituality of Luisa Piccarreta and the Gift of Living in the Divine Will, by Father Hugh Thomas, Redemptist. Date: 13&14 March, 2021 Place: Little Flower Kedron Parish Hall, 134 Somerset Road, Kedron, Brisbane. Please register by emailing as soon as possible, Sue at suefdaley@gmail.com or Rosemarydowling@hotmail.com BYO Lunch



Join us for Encounter Kedron for youth in School
 Yrs 7 & up.

Sunday 21 March, 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

The Grail

At Christmas last the Australian Grail donated 1,000 Personal Journals to Prisoners in Qld Jails.. The Grail in Brisbane is now selling matching Journals in order to pay for those donated, If you'd like to contribute to this effort you can purchase Journals by contacting Judy on 0407580174 or moutonbrown@gmail.com. Without postage the cost per Journal is \$10."

"Are you in need of healing? Register to attend the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th March, 2021, at 7.30pm. Fr. Leonard Uzuegbul, CCR Chaplain, will be the celebrant. Personal healing prayer will be available. COVID restrictions will be followed. Register attendance by contacting Len Airey on 0421977849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com"

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 March at 11.00am.**

Please pray for our recently
 deceased:

**Carmel Healey, Luigi Pizzica,
 Andrew Lythall,**

and those whose Anniversaries
 occur about now:

**Robin Sharry, Bobbie Miscamble,
 John Currie, Sarina Caruso,
 Bernie Butler, Linden Graham,
 WE PRAY FOR THE
 SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
 DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST
 IN PEACE.**

**NEXT WEEKS
 READINGS
 Third Sunday of
 Lent -
 7 March 2021**

1st Reading:
[Ex 20:1-17](#) or
[Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17](#)
2nd Reading:
[1 Cor 1:22-25](#)
Gospel:
[Jn 2:13-25](#)

Something for the Kids...

The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?

Draw a line from each of the following statements to either Moses or Elijah.



Moses

- God's law was revealed to him
- He challenged King Ahab for worshipping a false god
- A great prophet mentioned in the first book of Kings
- He rescued God's people from Egypt
- Elisha became his successor
- He became the leader of the Israelites



Elijah

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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