

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, 21st March 2021 (YEAR B)

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

This Tuesday, March 23rd at 7.00pm in the Parish Church

Reflection ...

If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.

Richard Leonard SJ



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. The Holy Land is the physical place where Jesus lived this agony and this suffering, transforming it into redemptive action thanks

to an infinite love. The Franciscan Order has care for the Custody of the Holy Land, which includes many holy places and institutions. Our donation helps to preserve sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land. This year, their difficulties have been greatly magnified due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, not only on the health of the people but through the severe economic consequences that have disproportionately affected their most vulnerable. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this holy season. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birth place of Jesus, the prince of peace.

Fr Mario - *Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia*



2021 Stations of the Cross Liturgy

The dates for these rehearsals will be on:

Sunday 21.03.21 and Sunday 28.03.21

Final rehearsal will be on **Good Friday 02.04.21**

Sunday Rehearsals: will go for an hour from **2pm – 3pm** in the afternoon. Any parents of younger children below High School age, we would love it if you could stay for rehearsal!

Good Friday: we will have a final run-through at **8:00am** for the liturgy to start at **10:00am**. We will be expecting to finish around 11:00am.

We are also looking for a few parishioners to help with serving a breakfast for our young group prior to the start of our play. If you would like to help please contact

Sandra at Parish Office on kedron@bne.catholic.net.au or by telephoning 3357 6640

Holy Week & Easter



Tuesday 23rd March
7.00pm Parish 2nd
Rite of Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 1st April
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper
Night Prayer at 9.00pm

Good Friday 2nd April
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord
with Communion

Holy Saturday 3rd April
NO Reconciliation at 4.00pm
6.00pm Celebration of the Easter
Vigil

Easter Sunday 4th April
Normal Sunday Mass times

DESSERT & DISCUSSION 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**

We aim to better understand the key insights and reflections from Fratelli Tutti, apply them to daily life.

Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310

STAYING CONNECTED Are you on our mailing list for the weekly newsletter, or occasional breaking news alerts? If not, please email:

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. Please check these folders and if that is happening, mark these emails as 'approved' or 'not-spam/junk', so your server lets them in.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 March

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
RCIA 6.00pm
Taekwondo 6.30pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 23 March

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
St Anthony Yr 2 Class 11.15am
Parish Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 March

Fr Mario is at Priests' Convocation
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 25 March

Fr Mario is at Priests' Convocation
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 26 March

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

Saturday 27 March

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Palm Sunday Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 28 March

(Palm Sunday)
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am (Children's)
Stations of the Cross Rehearsal 2.00pm
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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acburroughs1@hotmail.com

Children's Mass

Mav Green
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Singing Group

Christine Masters
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Please pray for our recently deceased:
Rose Vella, Pauline Patrick, Mark Knights, Norm Corbett

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:
Tekava Kaisara, Robin Sharry, Bobbie Miscamble, John Currie
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY
REST IN PEACE.



Join other youth this
SUNDAY MARCH 21ST
 AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
 3.30pm TO 5.00pm
SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

- *Focusing on the theme of Easter.*
- *An Easter message,*
- *Outdoor games and activities. These will be in the Parish Hall if the weather does not allow things outside.*

For further information contact:
 kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



Finance Council - Brief Report

The Parish Finance Committee met on 11th March 2021. Principal Martin Wilkie presented the parish school reports noting 2020 accounts were good considering the impacts of COVID – in particular, the tuckshop did well to turn around account deficits and to still deliver a great service for the school community. 2021 has begun well with their building project underway and enrolments currently at 672.

Further analysis of 2020 parish accounts is needed to understand the impacts of COVID but we thank parishioners for their support leading to only a 12% average drop in Sunday Collections (from budget) despite many months without in-person Mass. We also thank parish staff for their efforts to control discretionary expenses. We will report back later in the year. The financial focus for 2021 will be on: Renovating the hall, particularly the work deferred from last year including replacing the ceiling, painting, windows. Solar panels – initial quotes for hall, church and office are being reviewed.



ALL EASTER SERVICES

Volunteers needed for various ministries at our Easter services.

Please put your name down on the list in the Sacristy



Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21st March 2021



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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



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

This 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

"Salubong –

You are Invited to a traditional Filipino Easter Sunday Dawn "Salubong" Celebration on 4 April 2021 at Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Church 479 Robinson Rd. Aspley. It starts with a procession around the church at 4:30am followed by the re-enactment of the meeting of the Risen Lord and His Mother, Mary believed to have happened at dawn of Easter Sunday; and culminates with a Holy Mass (in English) at 5:00am to be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Saldie Resolado. There will be a choir of angels, apostles and other bible personages. Register to attend via Trybooking on Our Lady and St. Dymphna's website (<https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>). Fellowship, Easter Egg hunt, games for the young and the young at heart follow after the mass at KidSpace, Cherside. Light breakfast will be provided but you are most welcome to bring a plate to share (individually packed food). For further info contact Jima on 0432374239."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Palm Sunday - 28 March 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



Part-time Administration Position Now Available

Hours of Work - 9.00am to 12.00pm Ideal position to fit in with school hours If you are interested, please email a covering letter and resume to manager@delamoreretirement.com.au

The Samaritans

Easter is nearly upon us, so special Peace and Greetings to all our parishioners and friends.

Samaritans Tuesday Morning Activities will continue for a further two weeks, 23 March and 30 March. Two more weeks of fun and socialising, before the school holidays. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177 for information

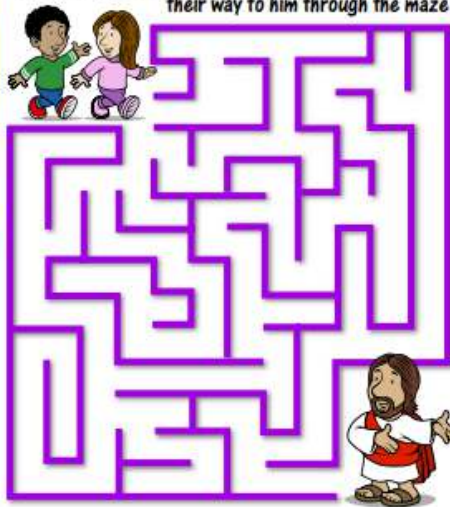
Something for the Kids...



In the grains of wheat, draw or write some of the ways that you can serve Jesus.

Draw or write about a person that you know who serves and follows Jesus.

These children want to follow Jesus. Help them find their way to him through the maze



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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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