



# 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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*Palm Sunday, 28th March 2021 (YEAR B)*

## Reflection ...

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing,

'And when I think that God his Son not sparing  
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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## Holy Week & Easter



**Holy Thursday** 1<sup>st</sup> April  
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9.00pm Night Prayer

**Good Friday** 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord with Communion

**Holy Saturday** 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
NO Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
6.00pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Normal Sunday Mass times

To book please go to our **TryBooking** link at the top of our **Parish Website Home-page**. Alternately, you can copy this link into your browser: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVUR> or please call the Parish Office

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Easter Sunday - April 4th 2021**

**1st Reading:**

[Acts 10:34, 37-43](#)

**2nd Reading:**

[Col 3:1-4](#) or [1 Cor 5:6-8](#)

**Gospel:**

[Jn 20:1-9](#) or [Mk 16:1-7](#)

### 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."

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 for more information

## 2021 Stations of the Cross - Good Friday 10.00am

Next rehearsal on:  
Sunday March 28th, 2-3pm

Final rehearsal on:  
Good Friday April 2nd,  
8.00am

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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) or Tel: 3357 6640  
[Thank you to those who have already volunteered to assist.](#)

### **"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, Chermside. 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."

### **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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our next session will be on Saturday 3 April at 11.00am.**

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 29 March

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Funeral 10.30am  
Taekwondo 6.30pm

### Tuesday 30 March

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am  
Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

### Wednesday 31 March

Mass 9.00am with Padua Yr 9  
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

### Thursday 1 April

**NO MORNING MASS**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm  
Night Prayer (in Hall) 9.00pm

### Friday 2 April

Stations of the Cross 10.00am  
The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

### Saturday 3 April

Baptism Information 11.00am  
Mass (Easter Vigil) 6.00pm

### Sunday 4 April

**(Easter Sunday)**

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am  
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

Carmel Burroughs

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#### Children's Mass

Mav Green

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#### Singing Group

Christine Masters

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Please pray for our recently deceased:  
**Terry Connolly, Rose Vella, Pauline Patrick**  
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

**Neville Johnson, Mascarenhas and D'Souza families, Tekava Kaisara, Robin Sharry**

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

**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](mailto: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.



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday.

This annual collection promotes the missionary work

of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

Fr Mario - Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia

## Call to Prayer - Week 7

### Let us Pray

May all those who are baptised grow in knowledge and appreciation of our baptism and be the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

### The Word of God

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...*

### Hebrews 10:23-24

#### Reflection

Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which He looks  
compassion on this world  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good  
Yours are the hands with which  
He blesses all the world

Yours are the hands  
Yours are the feet  
Yours are the eyes  
You are His body  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours

St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)

### 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 the 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 their 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.  
Amen

Call to all Catholics  
**PRAYER CAMPAIGN**



Join us for **Encounter Kedron**

for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.

**Sunday 16 May, 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**

***Special Easter Blessings from Samaritans, Kedron Parish, to All our parishioners and friends***

This coming Tuesday 30th March will be our final Tuesday Morning Activities for this term.

The activities will **resume** on Tuesday 19th April 2021, when school also resumes.

***Love always The Samaritans, Kedron Parish***



**Palm Sunday 28th March 2021**

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians.

Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.



This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through

Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



The "Little White Books" are available at the Piety Store. They are still only \$4.00 each. They contain 6 minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter from after Easter Sunday, Monday 5th April to Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May. There are only a limited number so if you want one, please don't delay.



### Leave Your Legacy


Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

# Something for the Kids...

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.

 **Passion Sunday**

 **Holy Thursday**

 **Good Friday**

 **Easter Sunday**

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



## 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](http://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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