

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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Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021 (YEAR B)

Dear Parishioners, a really Happy and Blessed Easter to you and all your loved ones and may you have a safe and enjoyable break during the Easter and school holiday break.

From Fr Mario, all the friars and the Parish Team.

Reflection ...

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all: 'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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Call to Prayer - Week 8



Let us Pray

We pray that the Holy Spirit moves in the lives of the baptised and those wanting to know Jesus more. May He bring us all to greater appreciation of what baptism means, and to an ever-deepening encounter with Jesus in our lives.

The Word of God

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Reflection

An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium 183)*

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.

MASS COLLECTIONS

The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan Friars and their work. You can also use the "Tap & Go" at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit (below)**.

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use "Tap & Go," your **Envelopes, Direct Deposit, or Direct Debit**. A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786** Account Number: **100024812**

Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname, Envelope No. (if you have one)** eg. J Blogs 579

If you use **Direct Debit Planned Giving**, all this amount goes towards Parish expenses.

For enquiries or you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

The Samaritans

The Samaritans will **resume** on Tuesday 19th April 2021, when school also resumes. *Love always The Samaritans, Kedron*

Piety Stall - We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medallions. We have a great range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions. The lovely people at the Piety stall are happy to help.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Easter April 11th 2021

1st Reading: **Acts 4:32-35**

2nd Reading: **1 Jn 5:1-6**

Gospel: **Jn 20:19-31**

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5 April

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 6 April

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 7 April

Communion Service 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 8 April

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 9 April

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00pm

Saturday 10 April

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 11 April

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
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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Please pray for our recently deceased:
Terry Connolly, Rose Vella, Pauline Patrick
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

KJ Varghese, Soli George, Shirley Coe, 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.



Join other youth this
SUNDAY 16 MAY
 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.



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 led by the Encounter Kedron music team**



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Sunday 18 April, 2:00 to 4:30pm

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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.

WHS Incident Report. Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

Hearing Loop...

Our Parish has a HEARING LOOP to assist those parishioners who have hearing difficulties. To use this device you need to sit in the front seven pews either side of the main aisle. If you are not hearing the celebration of the Mass using this device please contact the Parish Office.

WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH THIS EASTER ...

At the Easter Vigil Mass, we are so privileged to welcome these brothers and sisters to our Catholic community, who have journeyed through the RCIA these past months: **Jasmine Latham, Paraire Rogers, Claus Kristensen, & Leslie Jenkinson.** We thank them and their families for their faith in God and our Parish community. Let us continue to build our relationships as a parish family and encourage one another in the faith we share. A huge thank you to our RCIA Team who have given so generously of their time and energy! Fr Mario ofm

Easter Sunday - 4th April 2020

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.



**Thank you for supporting Caritas
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www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
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The Holy Land Good Friday Collection

This annual collection promotes the 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 this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Since the global pandemic, it has been extremely difficult 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. This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing pandemic and so we urge Catholics around the world to be generous as they can. **Your donation can be given on Good Friday or use the provided envelopes to donate anytime afterwards.** Thank you so much.

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

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 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

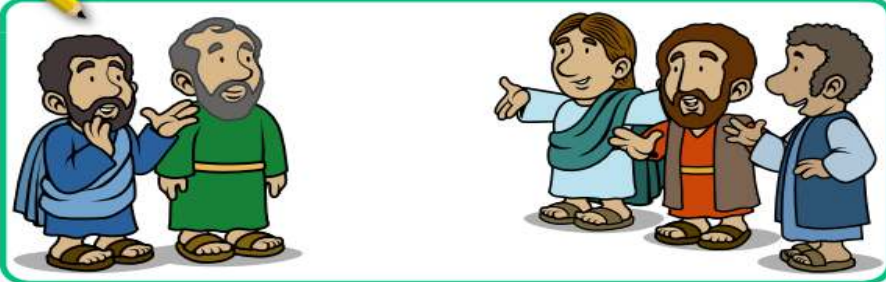
**Our next session will be on
 Saturday 3 April at 11.00am.**

Something for the Kids...

Have faith and you will be blessed

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us? Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.

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| poverty | war |
| people sharing | people who love us |
| the Church | selfishness |

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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