

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.

5th Sunday of Easter, 2nd May 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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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 and meeting details.

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>



PIETY STORE Co-ordinator

How would you like to co-ordinate the running of the Piety Store? After doing so for 5 years I would like to step aside to give someone else the opportunity. If you would like to chat about the position to help you decide, please feel free to give me a call. I can give you an overview and run through the procedures.

Remember the position is not limited to ladies only, so gentlemen – think about it! Please contact Lydia Kirby on 0418 918 728.

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** (see 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: **100003991**

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

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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.

Mass Attendance Count in May

In this census year, the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference asks parishes and communities to undertake the customary count of attendance over four consecutive weekends in May. This will begin this weekend at Kedron Parish

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.

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, to Fr Mario or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 4 May

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

St Anthony Class 4F 11.15am

Mt Alvernia House Mass (Belle Prairie) 6.00pm

St Anthony P & F 7.00pm

Wednesday 5 May

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Anointing Mass 4.45pm

Enviro and Social Justice Group 7.00pm

Thursday 6 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Padua Mother and Son Mass 5.30pm

Friday 7 May

Mass with Anointing of the Sick 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Padua Mass 10.50pm

Saturday 8 May

Baptismal 11.00am

Memorial Mass 1.30pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9 May

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

Carmel Burroughs

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Singing Group

Christine Masters

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Please pray for our recently deceased:

Elizabeth Leonardo, Ann Berton, Gordon Jardine, Don John Moore,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Colin and Ellen Lowcock, Ron D'Arx, Ann McManus, Annette Donchi, James Graham, Gail Purcell, Doreen Purcell, Catherine Purcell

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th 2021

1st Reading: [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

Gospel: [Jn 15:9-17](#)



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 16th 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

We are also looking for a few parishioners to help
with a BBQ for our Encounter Kedron group after
our 5.30pm Mass. If you would like to
help please contact
Sandra at Parish Office on
kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
or Tel: 3357 6640

Padua College Open Day
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 Rector (Principal) Peter Elmore, on the many benefits of an
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 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 op-
 tions, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish commu-
 nity. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at
 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



---- Flores de Mayo and Mother's Day on 9 May 2021 at
St. Joseph and St. Anthony's Church, 30 Eldorado St.
Bracken Ridge. 11:00am gathering; 11:15am procession/
offering of flowers to Mama Mary; 11:30am Holy Rosary
and 12 noon Holy Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Saldie
Resolado, OSA. 1:00pm Honouring our Mothers. Please
bring flowers for offering. The celebration culminates with
a 'Picnic in the Park' with games and lots of fun at 1:30pm,
Hidden World Playground 411 Roghan Rd. Fitzgibbon, BYO
food/drinks. To attend we are using the Check in Qld app
which you can install on your mobile phone before coming
to church. Please come early for check in. For further info
contact Jima 0432374239 or Edna 0468955897. -----

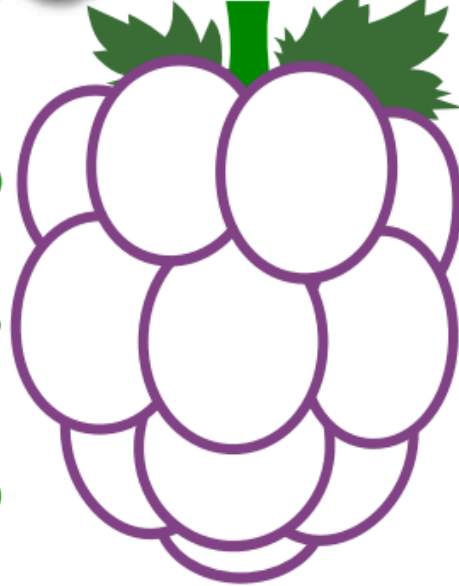
Safeguarding News from the Archdiocese --
 Many of you have hold Blue cards for your volun-
 teer roles in the parish. Blue cards have an expiry
 date and you are contacted for renewal of
 your Bluecard as they near their expiry dates. If
 you hold a Bluecard please check to see when
 your expiry date will occur. For most of you, this
 can be completed online and without bringing in
 any paperwork to the parish office for signing! If
 you have any questions about this please give me
 a call in the office.

Something for the Kids...

Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.



Jesus says that we must be fruitful disciples. What are some of the ways that you can be a disciple to Jesus? Write or draw your answers inside the grapes.



Can you work out which of these three branches is the one bearing fruit?



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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