

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

6th Sunday of Easter, 9th May 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about.

And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other.

It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything.

If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly.

We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble.

That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history.

We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them.

No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.

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WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS OF:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY, CHILDREN'S MASS & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

You are warmly invited and encouraged to attend a workshop and get together facilitated by Chantale Wilson, Associate Director of Children & Family Services, Evangelisation Brisbane.

Saturday, May 29th, 2-4pm at Little Flower Parish Hall
(Afternoon Tea provided)

Come and connect with your fellow volunteers in the Children's Ministry of our Parish and if you are interested in volunteering in this area of service, please do come and join us.

RSVP to Sandra at the Parish Office

The "QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE" (<https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/>) will be meeting on May 20th 6pm to gain commitments from the Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk to allocate money in the upcoming budget for three things:

- * Delivery of committed funds for **workplace rights education** for *Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities*
- * **Emergency funding boost for community centres** facing a tsunami of need due to Covid19 and the end of Job Keeper
- * **New jobs** to be created through a **just transition** of our energy system.

We are hoping to gather 1000 people from all over Queensland for a **huge ZOOM meeting**.

Premier Palaszczuk committed last year to meet up with us and so we **have invited her** to hear the above results of all our consultations with ordinary citizens of Queensland.

Here are the details:

What: May Pre-Budget Assembly

When: 6-8pm, Thursday 20 May, 2021

Where: Mostly online via Zoom. Each member organisation will have two representatives attending the assembly in person.

[Register online now and be part of a 1,000 person strong assembly.](#)

We all know that numbers count for Politicians. Do your bit and register and sign in to the Zoom meeting on **Thursday May 20 at 6pm!!**

NOTE: The links in this notice will take you to the QCA page. Please **scroll down** until you get to the registration form. For **"Organisation"** put **"Catholic Church"**

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.

The Samaritans

Tuesday Morning Activities in the hall are in full swing again. See you there! We'd love to get to know you. Plenty of special events coming up.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177 for information.

EARTH ENCOUNTER

You're invited to an online retreat, 6-11 June at your place.

This retreat will explore a framework for ecospirituality based on the five principles developed in my book, *When Heaven and Earth Embrace: How Do We Engage Spiritually in an Emerging Universe?* During our time together you will be encouraged to immerse yourself in your place as a locus of encounter with God.

WHEN: 3.30-5pm on Sunday 6 June, then from 11am-12.30pm and again from 3.30-5pm on each of the days during the week. The morning session will be about developing our vision, understanding, and spiritual practice, and the afternoon session will be a sharing circle.

COST: \$100 payable by 21 May. See Registration Form for details.

NUMBERS for this retreat are limited and first comers will get preference.

REGISTRATION FORM is available as a Word document.

Please contact the parish office on 3357 6640.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 10 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 11 May

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

St Anthony Class Yr 1 11.15am

Wednesday 12 May

Mass with Yr 6 9.00am

Funeral 10.30am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 13 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Funeral 10.00am

Encounter Youth 3.00pm

Friday 14 May

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Funeral 10.00am

Saturday 15 May

Baptism 11.00am

Funeral 1.30pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 16 May

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Secular Franciscan Order 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am

Mass 5.30pm

Encounter Youth 6.30pm

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:

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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:

Max Guppy, Secondo Gagno, Colin Bailey, Maureen Horan, Elizabeth Leonardo, Ann Berton

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Benjamin Abis, Benjamin White, Angus Robertson, Colin and Ellen Lowcock, Ron D'Arx, Ann McManus, Annette Donchi

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ascension of the Lord

May 16th 2021

1st Reading: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

2nd Reading: [Eph 1:17-23](#)

Gospel: [Mk 16:15-20](#)



A Mother's Love
*There are times when only a Mother's love
 Can understand our tears,
 Can soothe our disappointments
 And calm all our fears.
 There are times when only a Mother's love
 Can share the joy we feel
 When something we've dreamed about
 Quite suddenly is real.
 There are times when only a Mother's faith
 Can help us on life's way
 And inspire in us the confidence
 We need from day to day.
 For a Mother's heart and a mother's faith
 And a Mother's steadfast love
 Were fashioned buy the angels
 And sent from God above.*



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.



Padua College Open Day

Learn about the Good Men of Padua College
 Join us to discover how your son can unlock his potential.
 Meet members of our College community and hear from our
 Rector (Principal) Peter Elmore, on the many benefits of an
 education at Padua College.

Sunday 16th May 2021*

10.00am – 1.00pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE MODIFIED TO MEET ANY CURRNT COVID-19 SAFE RESTRICTIONS

Registration is essential via our website:



KEDRON'S BEST KEPT SECRET

**OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021 FROM
 9.00AM TO 12.00PM**

OPEN HOUSE - EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10.00AM TO 12.00PM

**2 BEDROOM UNITS & SERVICED APARTMENTS
 AVAILABLE**

CALL 07 3357 7028 FOR AN INSPECTION

ENCOUNTER KEDRON



Join us for Encounter Kedron
 for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 16th May, 6.30-8.30pm.

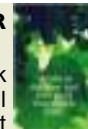
Come together for music & song, inspiring
 talks,
 meeting friends, and fun!

**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**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
 CHRISTIAN UNITY**



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PRAYER SERVICE

The 2021 Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane City on Friday 21 May at 11am. Representatives of seven different Christian traditions will lead us in prayer.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity grew out of an initiative of Rev Paul Wattson of Gray-moor Episcopal Community in New York, in 1908, to observe a "Church Unity Octave". It has since grown to an annual international event, celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere from 18 to 25 January and in the Southern Hemisphere from Ascension to Pentecost. This year, the prayer resources have been prepared by the community at Grandchamp. Originally founded by women from the Reformed tradition, this is now an ecumenical community living near Lake Neuchatel in Switzerland. The text they have chosen for their theme is John 15:5:9: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."

To register, head to app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021 or for more information please contact Margaret Naylor at ecum@bne.catholic.net.au



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**OPEN DAY—
 SUNDAY 16 MAY**

register at mta.qld.edu.au

82 Cremorne Road, Kedron -enrolments@mta.qld.edu.au



Something for the Kids...

Love one another as I have loved you



6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

The people I love are...

Draw some pictures of the people you love and write a little bit about each of them.

Jesus is our friend. He loves us so much that he was prepared to give up his life for us. What are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are his friend?

Jesus is my friend... _____

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FINISH

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"The Father will keep loving me because I have obeyed him"

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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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