

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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Ascension of the Lord, 16th May 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally? If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists, with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article. That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ. Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son.

The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

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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 up-coming 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**.

Here are the details:

What: May Pre-Budget Assembly

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

Where: Mostly online via Zoom.

[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.

EARTH ENCOUNTER

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

This retreat will explore a framework for eco-spirituality 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 17 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Wedding rehearsal 5.30 pm

Tuesday 18 May

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

St Anthony Class Yr 4H 11.15am

Wednesday 19 May

Mass with Yr 1 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 20 May

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Padua House Mass (Masseo) 6.30pm

Friday 21 May

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Padua Mass 10.50am

Wedding 1.00pm

Saturday 22 May

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 23 May

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am (Children's)

Confirmation Workshop 1.00pm

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:

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Children's Mass

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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

Pentecost

May 23rd 2021

1st Reading: [Acts 2:1-11](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

Gospel: [Jn 20:19-23](#)



Join other youth this

SUNDAY 16 MAY

AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL

3.30pm TO 5.00pm

3:30-3:42 - Activity

3:45-4:15 - Opening Prayer, Introduction,

Video & Q&A, Activity

4:15-4:40 - Outdoor Games

4:40-5:00 - Closing Prayer, Snacks

SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

For further information contact:

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or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861

Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



"Come and celebrate Pentecost with CCR Bardon and experience an exciting session of praise, worship and prayer. Deacon Peter Pellican, Director of Evangelisation Brisbane for the Archdiocese will be guest speaker. Personal prayer for healing will be available.

Register your attendance on www.trybooking.com/BQWYY COVID restrictions apply so register early."

The Samaritans

It is exciting to announce that the **Tuesday Morning Activities** are again operating. **Samaritans invites you** to come along and join this active community and make friends of similar age group as you go.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

See you this coming Tuesday.

Piety Store CONFIRMATION GIFTS

Just a reminder that if you are after a gift for your young person receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, there are plenty of items on display at the Piety Store. Drop in and have a browse at the cards and religious items.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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

Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

(Accessed on April 23, 2021 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

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

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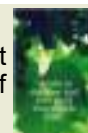
KEDRON'S BEST KEPT SECRET

**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**

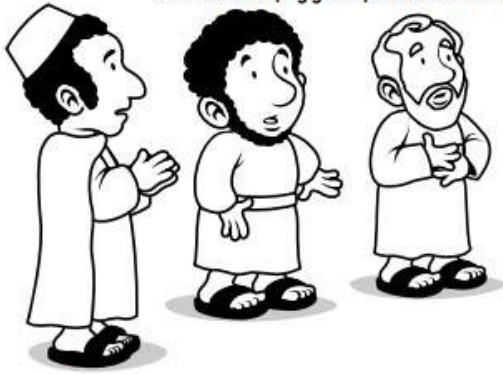
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**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY
PRAYER SERVICE**

Something for the Kids...

Draw Jesus saying goodbye to his friends and promising to be with them always.



What are some special things we can do for others because of our belief in Jesus?



ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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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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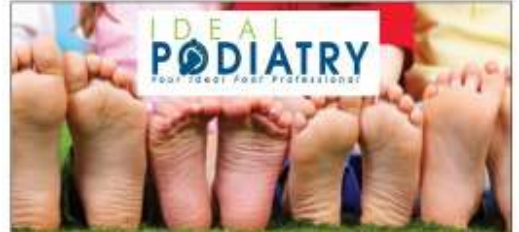
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