

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th July 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection

Recently I was invited to a relative's home for dinner. This family has been having more than a little trouble with their 13-year-old daughter, who is going through a particularly defiant and rebellious stage. The young girl was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly used some lines I'd heard before. 'Wasting food is a sin' and 'There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want'. With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and as she did she angrily asked, 'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?' □Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!

In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, 'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?', the 13 year old asked. To which I wanted to reply, 'Put your own name on the envelope because your own comfort makes you the neediest person in the world'.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.

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RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith?
Are you a baptised Catholic and have not received Confirmation or been prepared for Holy Communion?
Are you baptised, but have had little or no formal religious education and would like to learn more about your faith?

Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

Kedron Parish offers a group-based journey that leads people into learning more about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God, and providing the opportunity for people to ask and to discuss about some of the basic questions of life. In so doing, the journey provides participants with the framework to explore whether the answers to these questions can be found in the Catholic faith.

If you, or anyone you know would like to join the next RCIA program, or simply find out more about it, please ask them to contact Fr Mario directly on 0429 600 711 or by email.

Peter's Pence Collection this Weekend

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of the Holy See. It allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please consider making an offering to this collection as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 26 July

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 11.00am
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practice 7.15am

Tuesday 27 July

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Mt Alvernia House Mass (Villa Spada) 6.00pm
St Anthony P & F 7.00pm

Wednesday 28 July

Mass 9.00am
St Anthony (Grandparents Day Mass) 9.30am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
Environment and Social Justice Group 7.00pm

Thursday 29 July

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 11.00am
Encounter Team meeting 3.00pm

Friday 30 July

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am
Prayer Service 2.30pm

Saturday 31 July

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 1 August

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptism 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KEDRON PARISH ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

If you are interested in joining the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to help those in our community less fortunate than ourselves, please contact Joe on 0431124120 or Dave on 0439713526. Our Vinnies group has a long history in our parish but we need your help to ensure that it continues to serve those most in need. Thank you, Fr Mario

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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

1st August 2021

1st Reading: [Ex 16:2-4, 12-15](#) 2nd Reading: [Eph 4:17, 20-24](#)
Gospel: [Jn 6:24-35](#)

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
acburroughs1@hotmail.com

Children's Mass

Mav Green
mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group

Christine Masters
christine@musicmasters.com.au

Piety Store

Communion Gifts.

If you are looking for a Communion gift, why not have a look at the Piety Store. There is a good selection and we can order items from the catalogue if your selection is not in stock. The Piety Store is situated at the foyer of the Church and is open before and after the weekend Masses - 5pm on Saturday; 7.30 am and 9.30am on Sunday. We support the Franciscan Missions so your custom is appreciated. Thank you.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Maria Parrella, Carmela Patane, Sr Margaret Minus,
Sr Margaret Mines RSC, Rita Wendit, Anthony Carden
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Maureen Hennessy, Freddie Juario Novisteros, Edmund and Bridget Jones, Graham and Waters families, Fay Byrne, Joy Martin, Ivy Martin, Derer Young, Richard and Joan McNeven, Bill Standish, Gerrit Janssen,
Kath Hennessy, Gino Arquilla, Teresa Gianni

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



Join other youth on
SUNDAY 8th AUGUST
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
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Join us for
Encounter Kedron
 for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 15 August, 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



**Places of worship are required to use the
 Check-in Qld app.**

The Check in QLD app is now **compulsory** in all
 local businesses, including Churches. You can
 download it from your App Store or Google
 Play.

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- Please scan the QR code at the church entrance and show the screen with the tick before you press 'Done.'

**Please Note: ONLY if you do not own a smart phone
 and so cannot use the app, please write your name and
 contact details on the sign-in sheets provided.**

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 7 August at 11.00am.**

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Kedron Parish family if you find yourself suddenly sick or unable to join us for Mass. In our community we are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring with them the Blessed Sacrament.

If you would like them to visit you or if you know someone who is in need of a visit please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or email us on: Kedron@bne.catholic.net.au. If you are also interested in becoming a Special Minister of Communion please contact the office. **Fr Mario** also regularly visits our sick and elderly and if you would like him to visit someone, please do let him know.

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries via email at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2021

A. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 22 (Sunday) 1.00 pm - 3.00pm

B. First Holy Communion Masses

You are welcome to bring your child to any

Mass over two weekends:

Aug 28th & Sept 4th (Saturday) 5:00pm

**Aug 29th & Sept 5th (Sunday)
 7:30am, 9:30am, 5.30pm**

The Samaritans

Covid is lurking so Samaritans has decided to cancel the **Tuesday Morning Activities for the next two weeks: 27 July and 3 August.**

Notices will be put up at the HALL and the CHURCH. Any changes will be advised on these notices.

Spread the love on the wind!

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177 and leave a message. I will return your call.

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other Parish Resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door or give it to Fr Mario or Rob.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Something for the Kids...

What do you think these people would have said when they saw Jesus feed the large crowd with just five loaves and two fish?





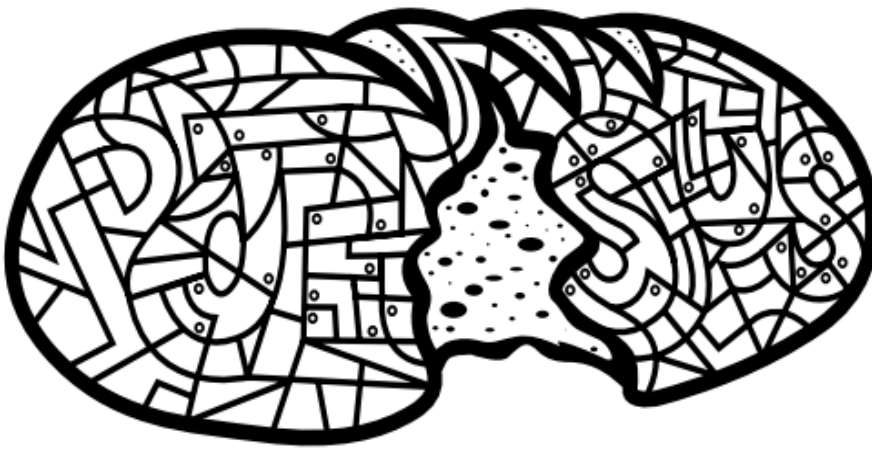






Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.

Colour in all the shapes that contain a dot • to reveal a word that feeds our hunger.



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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