

# 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

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*21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 22nd August 2021 (YEAR B)*

## Reflection

I have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death, and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an oppressed community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

## Across this weekend Masses we will be collecting for the Catholic Campaign.



### Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.



[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

In keeping with QLD Govt regulations  
From 4pm Friday 20 August 2021 until 4pm

Friday 27 August 2021 the Archdiocese of Brisbane requires that:

**Masks:** We must wear masks in indoor spaces (including places of worship and workplaces) unless we can stay 1.5m apart from other people.

- o Clergy and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks while speaking, and only when 1.5 metres from others.
- o Parishioners may remove their masks if they are 1.5 metres apart from one another. (People living in the same household are not required to socially distance from each other).
- o Singing is a high risk activity due to the transmission of droplets therefore:
  - § Choirs will be required to keep their masks on at all times during the liturgy.
  - § A single cantor, who is significantly socially distanced, at 7 metres or more from the congregation, may remove his or her mask while singing and then put it back on.

**Indoor occupancy restrictions** for places of worship and indoor venues such as offices returns to:

- o 1 person per 4 square metres **OR**
- o **75% capacity for ticketed and allocated seating.** Ticketed seating means a person is given a seat number and remains (as much as possible) in their allocated seat while at the place of worship.

**Funerals and weddings** are restricted to a maximum of **100 people** including the celebrant.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ **Bishop Ken Howell**

Auxiliary Bishop - Brisbane



### Urgently Seeking Accommodation for a Refugee Family

We are seeking short or long-term accommodation for a refugee family of five. (two adults and three children). The family, like many refugee families, are on an indefinite bridging visa with some work rights. Padua College and other local community charities are providing some support to help the family move towards financial independence. If you can help with rental accommodation, please contact: Fr Mario or Fr Joe (ph 0412076913 / [jomckay@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:jomckay@padua.qld.edu.au))

A Morning's Prayer Are you in need of a retreat but don't have the time? Could you spare 3 hours? Spend a morning away at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre for a mini retreat. The retreat is about a profound engagement with God who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. It will be held on Saturday 28 August from 9am-12pm for \$15 (includes morning tea). Register at: [https:// app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc4](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc4)



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 August 2021

First Reading [Dt 4:1-2, 6-8](#) Second Reading [Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### Monday 23 August

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Funeral 1.00pm  
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm  
Choir Practice 7.15pm

#### Tuesday 24 August

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
St Anthony Communion Discussion 8.40am  
St Anthony Reconciliation Yr 6O 11.15am  
Wedding Rehearsal 6.00pm

#### Wednesday 25 August

Mass 9.00am  
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

#### Thursday 26 August

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Encounter Training and rehearsal 3.30pm

#### Friday 27 August

Mass 8.00am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am  
Padua Mass 10.50am

#### Saturday 28 August

Wedding 2.00pm  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

#### Sunday 29 August

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am  
Inurnment 10.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am  
Mass 5.30pm

### LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** at the St Clares Room at the back of the church near the Sacristy. 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](mailto:acburroughs1@hotmail.com)

#### Children's Mass

Mav Green  
[mav\\_sp\\_green@hotmail.com](mailto:mav_sp_green@hotmail.com)

#### Singing Group

Christine Masters  
[christine@musicmasters.com.au](mailto: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:

**William Bagster, Ruben Sr Mendoza, Ruby Rose Mendoza-Santos, Elia Arquilla, Clare Hughes, Bernie Sullivan, Sr Elizabeth Prendergast mfc, Cynthia Mahaffey, Maria Parrella** and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:  
**Lenore Brady, Giovanna Caruso, Jean Butler, Leonardo Caruso, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Maureen Hennessy**  
**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED;**  
**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**



Join other youth on  
**SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**  
**AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL**  
**3.30pm TO 5.00pm**  
**SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7**

For further information contact:  
[kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)  
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861  
 Organised by Jesus Youth  
 Queensland.



This week work has begun outside at the back of the church .

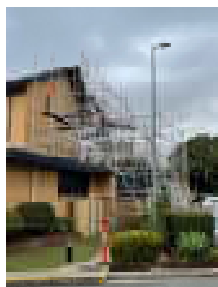
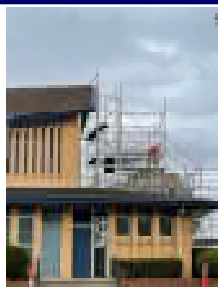
The roofing contractors will be removing the affected tiles to the upper western roof and any damaged battens and sarking that has occurred over time from rain and wind damage.

They will then relay the existing tiles and re-bed and pointing to the affected tiles to the ridge cap.

This will stop the tiles from blowing off and causing more damage to the roof when we have bad weather.

Unfortunately the 5 carpark spaces at the back of the church has be fenced off for safety reasons.

This work will take about 3 weeks to complete (weather permitting)



**Tuesday Morning Activities at the Parish Hall, have been resumed by the Samaritans.**

The Catering Crew came up with a creative and delicious Morning Tea for attendees. **The volunteers and attendees enjoyed the morning socialising with good friends and sharing excitement to be together again and playing games and winning prizes.**

**Masks and Signing In to the Qld App added pizzazz to the morning.** So... look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177

**First Holy Communion 2021**

**A. Workshop**

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

**Sunday August 22nd 1.00-3.00pm**

**B. First Holy Communion Masses**

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

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

**Baptism & Sacramental Program for Secondary Students**

Kedron Parish is looking to support Padua College & Mt Alvernia **Secondary students** who would like to complete their sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. The secondary aged youth of **parishioners** who attend other schools are also of course welcome.

The intention is to have an after-school program that will prepare students for the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The program used will be adapted to the age of older Secondary students involved. By doing this program the students will be able take a more active part in the celebration of the Eucharist at school and prepare them for a greater connection with the Church community.

**The parish is seeking an expression of interest in running the program. If you are interested please let Fr Joe or Fr Mario know prior to 27th August. Email: [jomckay@padua.qld.edu.au](mailto:jomckay@padua.qld.edu.au) or the Parish Office.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral Council met Aug 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Despite that, the conversion was as rich as always. Can I please encourage you that if you are not comfortable to email me with feedback of any kind, please use the letterbox at the entrance to the Church.

The **Parish Survey** I spoke of last update has come out with this Newsletter. Please do participate either online (preferred) or if you cannot, by using a printed version.

The Council spoke again of *Vision and Mission* and agreed to do further strategy work in the first quarter of 2022. The Archdiocese assists parishes with this work and the results are excellent.

This year has again been difficult for the Parish to engage socially. Events are difficult to organise with looming lockdowns, but in the interests of fellowship, the Parish will host a couple of simple post-Mass sausage sizzles or wine & cheese if you attend the Saturday evening Mass. The dates will be in the Newsletter, and we'll keep you updated with Mass notices. We will still celebrate the Feast of St Francis with a *Blessing of the Animals* Mass on October 9<sup>th</sup> and we'll certainly do something special after the masses on that week-end.

Wayne Anderson joined us to talk about the important work that our Justice, Peace & Care for Creation Committee are doing in our Parish. Some special events are coming up and the Committee will let us know how we can take part. If you wish to be involved, the committee meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Get in touch with Father Joe or Wayne.

Two of our members are participating in the Catholic Leadership Intensive which assists parishes with formation to equip parish leaders to create flourishing parishes of missionary disciples. The feedback so far is that it is an enriching experience.

Teresa Sheen gave the PPC an update on the building works at St Anthony's and on how the school has been coping with the challenges of COVID restrictions. We are very grateful and proud of the leadership team and all the teachers with the way in which they have taken everything in their stride and led the children through the storm.

The PCC will meet again on 9 September, 21 October and 2 December, so please get in touch if there is anything on your mind.

John De Angelis.

**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...

## Lord, your words give everlasting life

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



By listening to Jesus, we too can have everlasting life. What are some things Jesus is telling us? Draw the missing pictures, then circle the correct answers.



Simon Peter said that Jesus' words give eternal life. Can you think of some other things that Jesus gives us? Write or draw your answers.

Love one another      Do anything you want

Always be the winner      Help others

Be stronger than others      Pray to God

Jesus spoke to his disciples about the bread of life. It was hard to understand, but those who had faith continued to follow him. Crack the code to find out what Simon Peter said to Jesus.



### 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](http://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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