

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 29th August 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection

I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option.

May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.

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First Holy Communion Weekends

Dear Parishioners, at all Masses over this and next weekend, we have the joy of welcoming our children receiving Holy Communion for their first time and their families. Each year, this privilege helps remind us all of the gift that Jesus in the Eucharist is for all of us. One's first Holy Communion is always special (Do you remember yours?), but let's remember that every time we receive Communion, it is just as special; it's a gift God gives us from his goodness and desire to nurture our spirit. We receive Christ not only for our own benefit, but also that we may grow in becoming Christ for others. Every gift is there to be shared and used for the good of others.



May I sincerely thank all our Sacramental Team, their helpers and our parish staff for the wonderful effort they have put in over these past weeks, especially amidst the constant uncertainty of our current pandemic. Without you all, our Sacramental Program would just not be possible. Fr Mario



Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.

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)



SEASON OF CREATION— ECUMENICAL EVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 at 7PM

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. The theme for 2021 is "A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God", Oikos is the Greek word for home or household.

All are welcome to join Queensland Churches Environment Network in celebrating the start of Season of Creation for 2021, from 7.00pm on Wednesday September 1, 2021 (event also to be livestreamed at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>)

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



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 4th September at 11.00am**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 September 2021

First Reading [Is 35:4-7](#) Second Reading [Jas 2:1-5](#)

Gospel [Mk 7:31-37](#)

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 August

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 10.00am
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 31 August

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 1 September

Mass with St Anthony's Yr 2 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 2 September

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Padua Board Meeting 6.00pm

Friday 3 September

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 4 September

Baptism Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 5 September

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
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

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:

Rob Beckwith, Shirley Hickey, Hilton Muscat, 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:

Mario & Maria La Rosa, Gerda Janssen, David Creevey, Sylvester D'Souza, Santan & Lewin Mascarehas, Leona Akers, 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.

ENCOUNTER KEDRON
Sunday 19 September,
6.30-8.30pm

Join us also for the
Sunday 5.30pm Mass
 beforehand led by the
Encounter Kedron music
team @ENCOUNTERKEDRON

SCAN TO REGISTER

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021



Our parish Justice Peace & Care for Creation Committee attended last Wednesday the Brisbane launch of this year's Social Justice Statement, "**Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.**"

It was a great evening with a wonderful presentation. We commend the link below for reading the Statement and follow up over future weeks.
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Social-Justice-Statement-2021-22.pdf>



Join other youth on
SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
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For further information contact:
 kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth
 Queensland.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Pastoral Council met Aug 5th 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 9th and we'll certainly do something special after the masses on that weekend.

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 4th 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.

Parish Survey

Our Parish Pastoral Council is looking at ways to help our parish grow stronger. This is challenging at the best of times, but especially during a pandemic with the uncertainty and restrictions it brings. One thing we thought necessary is to consult with as many parishioners as possible and get a better sense of your needs and the ideas you have for our community. So we've put together a short survey. **We would be grateful if you could take the time to respond, either online via the Parish News email from Fr Mario or using one of the printed copies at the Church entrance.** We assure you that your responses will be kept anonymous. Thank you for your assistance,

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.

The **Samaritan Community** welcomes you to our **Tuesday Morning Activities** for a morning's friendship and fun. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177 and leave name & 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.

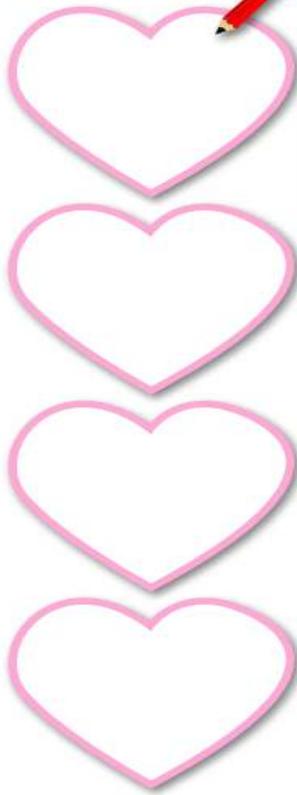
Name: _____ Email: _____

Something for the Kids...

Keep a clean heart so that you may worship God

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



While it's good to keep ourselves clean and healthy, Jesus says it's more important to keep our hearts clean by being good people. For example - it is better to be kind than to be nasty. Try and match the opposites in the two lists below.



Those with clean hearts are....

wise
kind
sharing
polite
honest

Those with unclean hearts are....

untruthful
greedy
foolish
nasty
rude

The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles 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

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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