

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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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection

Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it,' she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.' Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

This humorous story has a serious lesson for us on the feast of the Assumption. Throughout history there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary, but reassures us that God recognises his own in this world and the next.

May this Assumption Day see us then stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.

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A SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS THAT AFFECT OUR LIFE AS A PARISH.

In keeping with QLD Govt regulations which are in place until **4:00pm on Sunday 22 August**, the Archdiocese of Brisbane requires that:

Mask wearing is mandatory indoors regardless of whether you can socially distance or not. You must also wear a face mask at all times when you leave your home, unless you have a lawful reason not to. This includes workplaces. A mask may only be removed if you are alone in a closed office.

Clergy and Readers must wear masks, except while speaking in the liturgy. Choirs and cantors are required to keep their masks on.

Parishioners may remove their masks momentarily for reception of Holy Communion.

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

- o 1 person per 4 square metres **OR**
- o **50% 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 **20 people** including the celebrant.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
+ Bishop Ken Howell
Auxiliary Bishop - Brisbane



MASS COLLECTIONS

The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan Friars and their work. You can also use the “**Tap & Go**” at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit (see below)**.

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use “**Tap & Go**,” your **Envelopes, Direct Deposit, or Direct Debit**. A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786**

Account Number: **100003991**

Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname, Envelope No. (if you have one)** eg. J Blogs 579

If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, **all this amount goes towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd August 2021

First Reading [Jos 24:1-2. 15-18](#) Second Reading [Eph 5:21-32](#) Gospel [Jn 6:60-69](#)

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 16 August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Funeral 12.30pm

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Parish Finance Committee 5.30pm

Tuesday 17 August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

St Anthony Reconciliation Yr 6F 11.15am

Wednesday 18 August

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 19 August

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Padua Cattani House Mass 6.00pm

Friday 20 August

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 21 August

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 22 August

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am

First Holy Communion Workshops

1.00-2.30pm & 3.00-4.30pm

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:

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Singing Group

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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, Elia Arquilla, Claire Hughes, Sr Elizabeth Prendergast mfc, Bernie Sullivan, Cynthia Mahaffey, Maria Parrella, Carmela Patane

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Giovanna Curuso, Jean Butler, Brady, Leonardo Caruso, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Maureen Hennessy, Freddie Juario Novisteros
*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:
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 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth
 Queensland.



**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.

- It is easy to use and retains your name and contact details and those of your added guests, so you don't have to enter them each time you check in.
- 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.

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)



QUO VADIS WEEKEND—AUGUST 28 Hosted at the Holy Spirit Seminary and designed to help young men discern their calling to the ordained ministry, Quo Vadis allows each person to experience a glimpse of a seminarian's formation at the Seminary and what it means to be a Priest of Jesus Christ. Led by the vocation Brisbane office and joined by Guest speakers, the day will incorporate sessions and workshops that touch upon the life and ministry of the priest. In addition, the participants immersed themselves in the spiritual practices of the Seminary, including Mass, praying the Divine Office, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal private prayer.



**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.



Campaign will be on the weekend
 of 21 and 22 August

Join us for
Encounter Kedron
 for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 15 August, 6.30-8.30pm

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

Samaritans Tuesday Morning Activities is
 Starting this **Tuesday Morning 17 August**
 with much excitement.

But...

Masks MUST be worn unless eating.

NO SELF SERVE.

VOLUNTEERS WILL SERVE FOOD TO TABLES.

Let's see how it goes.

AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

CONTACT Jill on 0438 612 177 and leave your name for me.

**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)

Group One 1.00-2.30pm

Group Two 3.00-4.30pm

B. First Holy Communion Masses

You are welcome to bring your child to any Mass over two weekends:

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

Aug 29th & Sept 5th (Sundays)

7:30am, 9:30am, 5.30pm

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...

The angel Gabriel visited Mary. Draw the angel.

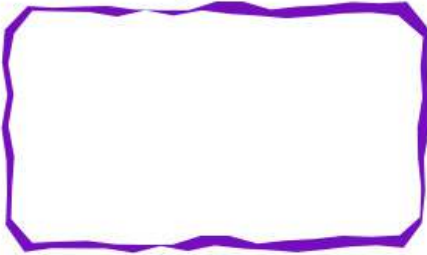


Mary travelled to Judea to see her cousin

Mary gave birth to Jesus in the town of Bethlehem. Draw Jesus in the manger.



When Jesus died on the cross Mary stood by him. Draw Mary standing at the foot of the cross.



*With all my heart I praise the Lord,
and I am glad because of God my Saviour.
He cares for me, his humble servant.
All people will say God has blessed me.
God All-Powerful has done great things for me,
and his name is holy.*



Mary was assumed into heaven. Colour the picture of Mary.

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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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