



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

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 5th September 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection

I read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed.

The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church. Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them.

And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace.

First Holy Communion

Dear Parishioners, over this weekend, we have the joy of welcoming the remainder of 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, 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.



My sincere thanks to all our Sacramental Team, their helpers and our parish staff for the wonderful effort they have put in over these past weeks. Fr Mario

FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to participate in 'Finding New Life in the Spirit' each Friday evening for five Fridays at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Cecil Road, Bardon commencing on Friday, 10th September at 7.30pm. Mass will be celebrated on 1st October with personal prayer during Mass. Contact Len Airey on lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421977849 for more details.

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, Fr Mario

The Parish of Kedron and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/Safeguardingsunday



2021 TERRACE PAST MOTHERS' *Mass and Gathering*

Sunday 12 September 9am - 12pm

Chapel of the Holy Family
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

COST | \$25 (includes morning tea)
RSVP | Thursday 9 September | via Events on College website

CONTACT | Nicole Hoffman | nhof8777@bigpond.net.au

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 September 2021

First Reading [Is 50:5-9](#) Second Reading [Jas 2:14-18](#)

Gospel [Mk 8:27-35](#)

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 September

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

Tuesday 7 September

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 8 September

Mass with St Anthony's Yr 4 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 9 September

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 11.00am
Encounter Youth 3.30pm
Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Friday 10 September

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 11 September

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12 September

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Kedron Youth 3.30pm
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:

Children's Liturgy

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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:

Lena Hughes, 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

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

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

19TH OF SEPT

ENCOUNTER KEDRON

SCAN TO REGISTER

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

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
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth
 Queensland.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made via the following link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.

A Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Dear Parishioners,

The Queensland Parliament, in the next few weeks, will debate and vote on laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal.

These laws, if passed, will overturn foundational principles that have underpinned our medical and legal systems for centuries – the ethic of ‘do no harm’ and the prohibition on killing. They also undermine the fundamental relationship of trust that should exist between a patient and their doctor.

They have the potential to put vulnerable Queenslanders who are elderly or terminally ill at risk of wrongful death, including placing pressure on them to end their lives so as not to be a ‘burden’ on their family and friends. We have seen this occur in countries which have gone down this path.

I am asking you to take two important steps today.

First, to sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject these laws. Petition link:

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_qld

Second, to email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws. Send an email to your MP link:

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

[Thank you for considering this appeal from the Archbishop]

Samaritans Tuesday Morning Activities are up and running again. HOWEVER Masks continue to be a requirement. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177 and **just say Samaritans**. I will phone you back.

MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE

Urgent - please join us in saying NO to the Qld euthanasia & assisted suicide Bill

Saturday 11 September, 2021
Meeting at Speakers' Corner, Parliament House, corner Alice & George Streets, Brisbane
At 2:30pm for COVID check-in & to collect signs for a 3pm rally.

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.

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...

Jesus cures a man who cannot hear or speak

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Finish the story of Jesus healing the deaf man by adding the missing words and pictures.



Jesus travelled to the land of Decapolis.

Draw Jesus walking along the road

A crowd of people _____ Jesus to heal a man who was _____ and could not speak properly.



Draw the deaf man

Jesus touched the man's _____ and tongue and said, 'Effatha!', meaning '_____ up'.



The man was very happy because now he could hear and talk! The people praised Jesus.



Draw the people celebrating and praising Jesus



Jesus did many good things, such as healing people and helping those in need. What are some good things you can do for others?

Follow the path into the ear to find out what Jesus said to the deaf man. Write down each letter in sequence as you pass them.

‘ _____ ! ’

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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