

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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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 3rd October 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

During World War II, Mary was one of hundreds of Australian women who fell in love with an American soldier. She married her Episcopalian Army Major at the side altar in a Catholic Church in 1945. He was dashing and handsome and by the time it came for him to return to Philadelphia in 1946, they were expecting their first child.

Upon arrival at her new home Mary found that her brave soldier was not as fearless as she thought. He was completely dominated by his aristocratic, wealthy mother who made it clear from the beginning that she opposed the marriage. Mary's life in the family home was a nightmare. The tensions boiled over when Brendan was born. Regardless of the promises his father had made in Australia to have their children baptised Catholics, the soldier waged no war against his mother who declared that if any grandchild of hers was baptised a 'papist' she would disinherit the three of them. The Major buckled under the maternal pressure and demanded that Brendan be baptised an Episcopalian. Mary was devastated. She gathered her few possessions together, had her son baptised a Catholic and fled home.

In 1950, by now a divorcee, she met Maurice, a wonderful man who wanted to marry her and be a father to Brendan. When they went to see the local parish priest, he told them they could not be married in the Church and if they contracted a civil marriage they ran the risk of going to hell for eternity. They were tough days. Catholicism was one of the reasons Mary left the USA. In turn, the very Church she defended shut her out.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly about marriage and divorce. In Jesus' day only a few women had rights before the law. These were wealthy women from the priestly families. They could divorce their husbands. The vast majority of women, however, were seen as possessions of their father, husband or son. A husband could draw up a divorce writ for any reason he wished and so force his wife out of their home into destitution or humiliate her by sending her back to her own family. No wonder Jesus lays down the law so strongly about fidelity and commitment. His new interpretation of the Law of Moses defended women's rights to dignity and security.

Every Catholic parish today has parishioners who are divorced and remarried; no doubt some are here at this Mass. In the face of the negative messages you hear, I want you to know how much we admire your often heroic faith, how much God loves you and how grateful we are that you hang in here with us. The problem for the Church is that, on the one hand, we want to keep affirming the permanence of married love, and yet, on the other hand, we have an increasing number of Catholics who are divorcing. We are caught between the fine ideal Jesus teaches and the frail human condition we all carry in different ways. We have not got the balance right yet.

The Church's remedy to marriage breakdown is an annulment. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce. A civil divorce says the parties that were married are not now. An annulment says that there were factors, often unknown to the couple on the day, which meant that there was never a full and true Christian marriage in the first place. The sacrament is therefore null and void.

Some Catholics, and certainly people who are not Catholic, cannot face up to the long, complex and legal process involved in an annulment. It can be a traumatic experience. Others argue that the Church might step away from the more recent legal approach to dealing with marriage and, like the Orthodox Churches, use the Sacrament of Penance to nullify the Sacrament of Marriage. Whatever of the process, Christian teaching on this issue must always be metered with compassion.

From 1951 until 1993 Mary and her second husband did not receive the Sacraments. At my encouragement, she instigated annulment proceedings in 1990. In 1993 they received communion for the first time in 42 years. God had never moved away from them, embracing them in his arms, laying his hands on them every day and blessing them.

At that Nuptial Mass in 1994, Maurice's best man was Brendan, born in Philadelphia in 1946. Maurice had legally adopted Brendan the day after he married Mary. And as we all received communion, with tears streaming down our faces, we understood that it is to human, frail and open hearts that the Kingdom of God belongs.

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You, family and friends are invited to:
The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi
 6pm for 6:30pm start
Sunday 3rd October
Franciscan Friary
21 Adele St, Kedron QLD 4031

Please bring a plate to share a meal together after the prayers.

If you have a picnic chair, could you bring it along. Family & friends welcome.

Please book attendance via the link below to help track numbers.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/transitus-of-st-francis-tickets-175117720817>

will video & online broadcast via Zoom/Facebook for those who cannot attend.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 4 October
St Francis of Assisi Mass 8.00am
 Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 5 October
 Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 6 October
 Mass 9.00am
 Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 7 October
 Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
 Encounter 3.30pm
 RCIA 6.30pm

Friday 8 October
 Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
 Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 9 October
 Reconciliation 4.00pm
Blessing of Animals Outdoor Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 10 October
 Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
 Baptisms 11.00am
 Mass 5.30pm

St Francis of Assisi. Born in the 12th century, is the patron saint of animals and the environment. On St Francis feast day, animals are blessed to celebrate his (and our) love for animals and all creation. Please bring your 4-legged and winged friends to church for a blessing

**JOIN US FOR
 OUTSIDE MASS
 SATURDAY
 OCTOBER 9th,
 AT 5.00PM**

**Blessing of the
 Animals**

This event will be held in accordance to all current COVID-19 Restrictions

The Samaritans, Kedron Parish are looking forward to seeing you all again this coming Tuesday 5th October. Contact Jill on 0438 612 177, but you must leave a message please. Just say it is about Samaritans. She will return your call.

The Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, is seeking a casual housekeeper/cleaner. The person needs to be attentive to the spirit of the community. The work is not arduous and hours are 6 hours each Thursday and Friday. Remuneration is commensurate with current casual award rates. If you are interested, could you please contact the office on 3267 4800 and speak or leave a message. Otherwise email seminary@qld.catholic.net.au. Applications close COB Friday, 1st October.

Join us for **Encounter Kedron** for youth in School Yrs 7+
Sunday 17 October, 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



Faiths For Climate Justice

As we look forward to world leaders meeting in Glasgow for the UN's climate conference COP26 in November, you are invited to join us in an event

Sunday 17th October 2021 - 10.30 am, on the lawn in front of the Little Flower church (near the fig tree), 80 Turner Road, Kedron.

We will join in spirit with other faith communities all around the world that same day - to pray for "care for our common home,"* with a "just transition to a low carbon economy,"* and call for leaders to help secure the future of our children by ensuring we meet the goals of the historic Paris Climate Agreement.

At this event, we will pray, ring the Franciscans' bell, unfurl a banner, and share a group photo.

At 10.45 am, Lisa Turner from the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre will present on recycling and other practical ways we can help care for our common home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Kedron Catholic Parish
 Justice Peace & Care for Creation Committee*

*The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – Social Justice Statement 2021-22

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have stated it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine available. More information is at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them or **Fr Mario** to visit you or someone you know who needs a visit please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time –10 Oct 2021
 1st Reading Wis 7:7-11 2nd Reading Heb 4:12-13
 Gospel [Mk 10:17-30](#)

St. Francis of Assisi ... is one of the Church's best known and most beloved saints. Our current Holy Father Pope Francis took the name "Francis" after him. But how much do we know about his life? Here are 12 fascinating facts you probably didn't know about the great saint's life:



1) **He was one of seven kids** - Another reason for being open to a big family.

2) **He was named after the people of France** - His father was a merchant who liked French culture. "Francesco" means "Frenchman."

3) **He was a POW for a year** - At around the age of 19, before his conversion, he joined the military and fought in a war against a nearby city. He was taken prisoner and held for a year, but was eventually released unharmed.

4) **He was inspired by Matthew 10.9** - In Matthew 10.9, Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts," when they travel around to preach the Gospel. He felt inspired to do the same, and started traveling around preaching repentance in poverty.

5) **Within a year, he had already gained 11 followers** - That meant there were 12 of them total – just like the 12 Apostles.

6) **Pope Innocent III decided to support the Franciscans after a dream** - Pope Innocent III was initially cautious about supporting Francis and his new group of followers. Then he had a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Basilica of St. John Lateran. This is the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome, and thus possibly representative of the Church in general, but especially the papacy. He interpreted the dream as indicating that Francis and his group would help support the Church, and so gave official recognition to the group as a genuine Order in the Church.

7) **He attended the Fourth Lateran Council – and met St. Dominic there** - The Fourth Lateran Council was the 12th ecumenical council of the Catholic Church and affirmed transubstantiation and papal primacy, among other things. St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans, was also present.

8) **He travelled to a Muslim Sultan, preached the Gospel, and challenged them to a trial-by-fire in order to prove the truth of Christianity**

- During the Fifth Crusade, Francis and a companion travelled into Muslim territory to visit the Sultan al-Kamil. He preached before the Sultan. To demonstrate his great faith in the Christian religion, he challenged those present to a "trial-by-fire" in which he and a Muslim would step into a fire, with the idea that the follower of the true religion would be spared by God. Francis offered to go first, but the Sultan turned down the challenge. Nonetheless, the Sultan was so impressed by his faith that he gave Francis permission to preach in his land.

9) **The body of a dead Franciscan performed too many miracles, causing problems with crowds, so Francis prayed the miracles would stop – and they did** - In 1220,

Francis handed over governance of the greater Order to the Franciscan Peter Catani. However, Peter died just five months later. Visitors to his grave reported many miracles, which led to great crowds visiting his grave. The great crowds were causing problems in that area, so Francis prayed asking Peter to stop the miracles – the miracles stopped.

10) **He received the stigmata during a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas** - The Stigmata is a condition in which the wounds of Christ appear on a person's body. A Franciscan who was with him later recounted, "Suddenly he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross. This angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ." This happened while he was in the midst of a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas, or the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel (September 29th).

11) **The foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi was laid by the pope the day after he was canonized – less than two years after his death** - Francis died on October 3, 1226. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228, and the next day the Pope personally laid the foundation stone for the new Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

12) **His tomb was lost for centuries until it was rediscovered in 1818** - His body was moved to his basilica in 1230, but was soon hidden by the Franciscans to protect it from Saracen invaders. The location of the body was forgotten, and was not rediscovered until six centuries later in 1818.



Feast of St Thérèse (1st October)

St Thérèse in her autobiography – The Story of a Soul - called herself "The Little Flower of Jesus". Like St Francis, this young Carmelite nun's way of life was to follow a philosophy which was called the "Little way" - what was important was not doing great works, but doing little things with a great love. She believed that if we can maintain the right attitude, then nothing shall remain that can't be accomplished. St Thérèse is often pictured holding the cross and red roses in her hands which symbolised her mission of love in whatever she did.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Sr Quentin mfc, Dora Di Bella, Margaret Cavallaro, Jean Teura Joseph, Lena Hughes, Rob Beckwith, Shirley Hickey, Hilton Muscat, William Bagster, Ruben Sr Mendoza, Ruby Rose Mendoza-Santos
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Pat Ryan, Gerry Campbell, John McManus, Joseph Thomas, Loveday Harding, Cyril Collins & Vera Whittington, Antonio Febo, Neville Taylor, John V Taylor, John A Taylor, Mario & Maria La Rosa, Gerda Janssen, David Creevey, Sylvester D'Souza, Santan & Lewin Mascarehas, Leona Akers, Lenore Brady, Giovanna Caruso
*WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED;
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.*



Join other youth this

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

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
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Blessed are the children

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them. Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.



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What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?
Write or draw your answer



CHILDREN

How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

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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