

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

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 24th October 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

Paduan Memorial & Old Boys' Mass



Wednesday Nov 3, 2021 at 5.30pm

A Mass to celebrate the lives of deceased Friars, Old Boys, staff and all members of our Paduan community and to welcome all members of our community past and present.

At the Columbarium
The Church of St Therese of Lisieux and
St Anthony of Padua

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUJJK>

Followed by light refreshments

The Samaritans, Kedron Parish

Tuesday Morning Activities, organised by the **Kedron Parish Samaritans**, operates each week during the school year. It is a morning of laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. The sandwiches specially made by the catering crews provides Morning tea/lunch with an added surprise.

Entry cost is \$5.00 and that includes three free tickets for prizes as well as a lucky door prize. Become a happy member of the exciting community of the Samaritans.

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

VOLUNTEERS, BBQ
join us for a

Sunday 7th November 2021

At 11.30am

RSVP 3rd November

Parish office on 3357 6640 or email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

& let us

THANK YOU!

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 October

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm

St Anthony Board Meeting 6.00pm

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 26 October

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 27 October

Mass 9.00am

Funeral 11.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

JPICC 7.00pm

Thursday 28 October

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Friday 29 October

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 30 October

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 31 October

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am with Children's Liturgy

Mass 5.30pm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31 Oct 2021

1st Reading [Dt 6:2-6](#) 2nd Reading [Heb 7:23-28](#)

Gospel [Mk 12:28-34](#)

Piety Store

If you are looking for a 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.

LIFT KUSA FROM POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Kusa* and how, through the Kindergarten Centre run by Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters, he and many other children living in poverty are able to access education that they would otherwise be unable to afford.

This program gives children a head start on their education, giving them opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty – but it cannot continue without support of people like you.

Please give generously today to help continue this incredible program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/education or by scanning the QR code below. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and image altered to protect identity



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catholicmission.org.au/education



Finance Committee update...

The committee meet last Monday night.

- St Anthony's principal, Martin Wilkie, reported that the latest school building project is complete and they are settling into new classrooms. School is tracking well and preparations are underway for the 2022 school year.
There are ongoing building resource challenges experienced by Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) which we monitor regularly. The OSCH service, supported by Centrecare, is an integral part of our school's and family life and has become an important contributor to our overall Parish cash flow position. For this reason, short and medium term planning around OSCH resource needs will be pursued by the Parish.
- Solar panels have been installed on the Parish Hall and office and roof repairs on the church are complete.
- The Endowment Fund proceeds for this year have been re-invested.
- First quotes for Hall refurbishment were much higher than originally expected. So we are looking at further quotes and considering all possible options for the hall.
- Budget preparation is underway for 2022 – keen to ensure costs are met and parish resources are focussed on our Kedron parish mission and priorities.

The Finance Committee

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>

Grail Weekend – Nourishing Our Spirituality

Come & enjoy the weekend, a day or a session: 5pm Friday to midday Sunday October 29 to 31st. Saturday @ 10.30 Fr Joe Mackay ofm will speak on Fratelli Tutti; Mass 6pm. Sunday @ 10.30 Margaret Clifford will speak about ways to Nurture our Spirituality. Toc H, 36 Banya Street, Bongaree. Bring linen, towel & \$30 per night. RSVP to Judy Brown 0407580174 or mou-tonbrown@gmail.com.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Raymond Edwards, Kathleen Devlin, Valda Willsted, Sr Margaret Costello mfc, Tony Pennington, Sr Quentin mfc, Dora Di Bella, Margaret Cavallaro, Jean Teura Joseph, Lena Hughes, Rob Beckwith, Shirley Hickey
and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Millie Byrne, Lawrie Minton, Philip Carnes, Margaret Denham, James Rice, Dick Akers, Annie Ranger, Madeline Jones, Br Bernard Pavitt, Pierre Nobin, Bill & Pat Ryan, Gerry Campbell, John McManus, Joseph Thomas, Loveday Harding, Cyril Collins & Vera Whittington, Antonio Febo, Neville Taylor, John V Taylor, John A Taylor

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

New Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Welcome!

As this year draws to a close, we will start putting together the rosters for Mass Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 2022. If you would like to be a Mass Reader and/or Eucharistic Minister, we ask you to complete some training and then we can put you on next year's roster. Please contact Sandra in the Parish Office or Fr Mario.

Training is offered online from Liturgy Brisbane. We will purchase a login key and provide you with it so you can do your training at your convenience. After completing it, Fr Mario will meet with you to organise a short local training.

If you are an existing Reader or Eucharistic Minister and would also like to do the online program, please just let Sandra or Fr Mario know.

Thank you for your willingness to help our community pray at Mass.

Encounter Kedron

Sunday 21 November, 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**

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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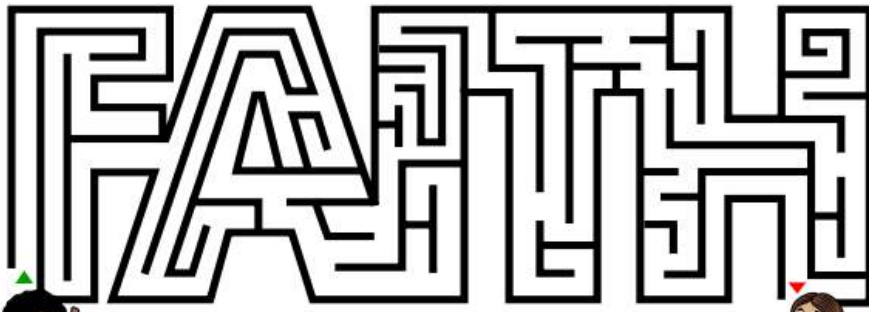
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the "**Book of Remembrance**" for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, Or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office, or call 3357 6640 or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

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...



Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.





The Lord helps those who are less fortunate - the poor, the sick and people who are sad. Write or draw about something nice you could do for someone who is poor, sick or sad.



Jesus showed his love for all people by welcoming the poor and the sick. What were some of the wonderful things he did? Circle the correct answers.

- PERFORMED MIRACLES**
- HURT PEOPLES FEELINGS**
- HEALED THE SICK**
- FED THE HUNGRY**
- SAID MEAN THINGS**
- WELCOMED EVERYBODY**
- TOLD LIES**
- SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS**

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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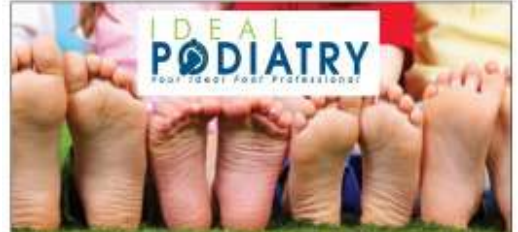
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