

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.

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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, 31st October 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

It is amazing to note how leaving out just one half of one verse of the Gospel can affect the Christian life for centuries.

All of us know by rote the command of Jesus that we must love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and we must love our neighbour.

But the second half of verse 31 is not usually quoted because, sadly, it is not as imbedded in our memory. It reads: 'You shall love your neighbour AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.'

There are very clear historical reasons why the second part of Jesus' summary of the commandments was quietly forgotten. Given the chequered personal experience he had of his own body, St Augustine, in the fifth century, had very ambivalent feelings about the human body. He thought that, generally, it was to be feared as the instrument through which we would sin. He encouraged us to tame it through prayer, mortification and penance. Augustine's ideas about the body held sway until Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century and the Jesuit Theologians of the 15th century argued that while the body can lead us to sin, it is also a temple of the Holy Spirit and a vehicle of God's love and grace.

In the 16th century Cornelius Jansen denounced Aquinas and the Jesuits and argued that Augustine held the correct Christian view. No matter what the Church did to denounce Jansen at the time, his thinking took deep root in Europe, the USA and missionary countries throughout the world. Jansenism, the belief that our body and its desires are evil and that we need to harshly mortify ourselves, is, tragically, still active in Christian thought today.

Jansenism is irreconcilable with today's Gospel where Jesus tells us that the love of God, the love of neighbour and the love of self are the cornerstones of the Christian law. And the opposite must be true too. We CANNOT call ourselves Christian if we hate God, hate our neighbour or hate ourselves.

Some people argue that Western society has already gone too far in the direction of self-love. They maintain that the lengths some people go to achieve a sculptured body, the use of steroids, the growing frequency of eating disorders, the adoration of sportsmen and women, the cult of the gym and of the sex industry all point to a culture too much in love with itself. Some argue what we need is a good dose of self-control. They are only half-right.

The problem with the term 'love of self' is that we often hear in it an encouragement to 'adore self'. Nothing could be further from what Jesus is saying. We are called to love our body, not worship it. Jesus is not calling us to a narcissistic love, like we see in the sex industry and the gym cults, where the only thing we love is ourselves. If we have no sense of our own self worth, our own dignity and the personal love of God for each of us, it is impossible for us to give the same to others and to claim from others the dignity we deserve. We will either treat others as our inferiors on the one hand, or allow others to walk all over us, on the other.

Love of self is not about canonising a loss of self-control. Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew, that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, that we will develop our mind, heart, soul and strength to love the One who has created us in love and love those given into our care with the same love we lavish on ourselves. The Gospel of Jesus Christ demands nothing less!

From the Parish Pastoral Council ...

Dear Parishioners,

Summer is nearly upon us and another year has nearly passed us by. It has been yet again difficult to organise social functions this year but as we approach 2022 with protections against COVID, let's hope next year is different. Your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met last week, and it was great to be able to meet again in person. We received a couple of messages from the letter-box which I will address briefly here.

Suggestion to install a whiteboard at the back of the Church for parish messages and feedback. The PPC discussed that our Parish Newsletter, website, Facebook, and updates at Masses could cater for giving messages. Regarding feedback, a phone call or conversation with the office, Fr Mario or myself is preferred but there is also the letterbox at the back of the church. We encourage a dialogue in the first instance.

Why do we need to maintain physical and social distancing in Church and not in public? There is nowhere to sit in Church. The rules around this have changed often and we follow the directions of the Qld Govt. The latest instruction from the Archdiocese (Oct 27th) states that generally masks must be worn indoors if we are standing and moving around and we cannot maintain 1.5m physical distance from people not of your household. Masks should be worn while entering and leaving the church and going to receive Communion. Readers may remove their mask at the microphone. **Masks are not required while seated or kneeling at our seats.** Priests and Ministers of the Eucharist should wear a mask while distributing communion. Cantor(s) and choir members may remove masks to sing if they maintain at least 1.5m distance. Without ticketed seating, we are allowed 1 person per 2 square metres which means up to 250 people in the Church. On a normal Weekend Mass, we never reach anywhere near this number, so please use the available spare seats around the church to spread out as much as possible.

The Council had an opportunity to reflect extensively on the responses to the Parish Survey. Fr Mario has grouped the hundreds of responses into SWOT-style groupings and members of the PPC will now analyse this further to determine themes and how we can start to address some of these as a Parish. We need to remember that the PPC is not the Parish - We All Are. We hope to offer you some analysis in the coming months and the PPC will use the feedback to guide our work into 2022.

Two members of the PPC attended the Parish Leadership Intensive and found it very enlightening. Their learning will continue to be shared with the PPC. The RCIA program is working well and is very interactive. We discussed how we might continue to engage and connect with past participants of the program.

Our annual thank you BBQ for volunteers is on Sunday 7 Oct. This is a small token of appreciation from the Parish for the important work that all those involved in ministries perform. Please also enjoy the Wine and Cheese after Mass on 4th Dec and stick around for morning sausage sizzle after both masses on Sunday the 5th. Christmas Carols will take place at around 4pm on the 19th Dec. Help is always needed as it will be for Christmas Eve mass and the Nativity Play.

I'll be stepping down from the Council this year as may some other members. It's been quite a few years for me, and we need to constantly renew. Please get in touch with me or Fr Mario if you are interested in joining. We would like to have membership established before our final meeting of the year on Dec 2nd, if possible.

Blessings to you all... John

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 1 November - All Saints

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Mass (All Saints) 7.00pm

Tuesday 2 November - All Souls

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Prayer Service (Padua) 9.30am
Mass (All Souls) 7.00pm

Wednesday 3 November

Mass 9.00am
Inurnment 9.30am
Mass (Padua Yr 6) 11.30am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
Mass (Padua Memorial & Old Boy) 5.30pm

Thursday 4 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Encounter training and Music 3.30pm
RCIA 6.30pm

Friday 5 November

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Mass Padua 10.50am

Saturday 6 November

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 7 November

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Volunteers BBQ 11.30am
Mass 5.30pm

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.

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.

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>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7 November 2021

1st Reading [1 Kgs 17:10-16](#) 2nd Reading [Heb 9:24-28](#)

Gospel [Mk 12:38-44](#) or [Mk 12:41-44](#)

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



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

VOLUNTEERS, BBQ

Join us for a

Sunday 7th November 2021
At 11.30am

RSVP 3rd November

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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 6th November at 11.00am**

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

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 practical 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.

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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Children's Mass

Mav Green

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Singing Group

Christine Masters

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Please pray for our recently deceased:

Raymond Edwards, Kathleen Devlin, Valda Willstead, Sr Margaret Costello mfc, Tony Pennington, Sr Quentin mfc, Dora Di Bella, Margaret Cavallaro, Jean Teura Joseph, Lena Hughes

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

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

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...

Which are the most important commandments?



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Jesus said that the most important commandments were to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. What are some ways we can show our love?

I show love for God when I

I show love for others when I

Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

- love
- second
- God
- answered
- yourself
- teacher
- heart
- first
- asked
- commandment

An expert in the Jewish law _____ Jesus, "_____, what is the most important _____ ?"



Jesus _____ : "Love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it : " _____ your neighbour as much as you love _____".



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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