

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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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

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 14th November 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime. The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP FOR PARISH SERVICE

Dear Parishioners, as you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. We really do rely on volunteers who can offer even a little time on a regular basis. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

As we come to the end of the year, a number of our regular volunteers are unable to continue next year and so we are facing a real challenge so that those who remain are not overburdened. I am appealing to you all to please consider assisting our community with even a little service. It may be just once a month or even less often.

The areas where we are most in need are for Children's Liturgy, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Church Cleaning, and Collection Counting.

A huge thank you to all who are currently volunteering and if you would like to consider doing so and want to know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email, or me directly. Thank you, Fr Mario.



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Plans are currently underway for our Christmas Eve Family Mass. We are looking for children who would like to help us tell the story of Jesus' birth by being in our Nativity play. If you would like your child to have a role in the play, please email Carmel Burroughs at the parish office on kedron@bne.catholic.net. Please understand that we cannot promise your child will have a particular role. We are also looking for a baby Jesus – no experience necessary! And remember - All children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds or wise kings on Christmas Eve and share in the magic!

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 10.30 am
Taekwondo 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Tuesday 16 November

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
St Anthony's P & F 7.00pm

Wednesday 17 November

Mass 9.00am
Funeral 11.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 18 November

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 19 November

Mass 8.00am
Prayer Group (Church) 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50

Saturday 20 November

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 21 November

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Secular Franciscan Order 9.30am
Secular Franciscan Order Mass 11.30am
Mass 5.30pm



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

Carmel Burroughs
acburroughs1@hotmail.com

Children's Mass

Mav Green
mav_sp_green@hotmail.com

Singing Group

Christine Masters
christine@musicmasters.com.au

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.



Net Ministries Australia

Are you a young person or know a young person who loves Jesus and is looking to for More? NET Ministries forms and sends out young people between the ages of 18-30 across Australia and New Zealand on a life changing mission. If you're passionate about sharing your faith and growing closer to Jesus yourself, email recruiting@netministries.com.au or head to netaus.org.au to find out more.

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.

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:

Feast of Christ the King – 21 November 2021

1st Reading [Dn 7:13-14](#) 2nd Reading [Rv 1:5-8](#)

Gospel [Jn 18:33-37](#)



Family and friends are invited on **Friday 26th November at 6.00pm** for an outdoor Memorial Mass at the Columbarium. This is to conclude the month of November for all our deceased family members and friends.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners,
As we come to the end of this year, a few of our current Parish Pastoral Council Members will be completing their terms, and so I am inviting nominations of parishioners to the Council. To help you, I have included some basic information below about the role, but I would welcome any person who is approached and wants to know more before accepting nomination, to contact me directly so that I can assist them.

Please ensure that you tell the person you are nominating them before submitting the nomination form. Nomination Forms are near the entrance to the church.

ROLE OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

1. Listen and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners..
2. Encourage and support .the continuing good work of existing groups within our parish.
3. Provide opportunities for parishioners
 - to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.
 - to support and encourage them in their continuing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community.
4. Set short-term and long-term pastoral goals for our parish community.
5. Contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.
6. Provide support for our Pastor, working collaboratively with him and with each other.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF PPC MEMBERS

1. Have a regular active presence with the Parish community at Week-end Eucharist.
2. Attend the regular meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council, and actively participate in discussions.
3. Develop a spirit of enquiry and the ability to listen and understand the issues affecting the lives of parishioners.
4. Provide prayerful support and encouragement for other members of the Parish Pastoral Council.
5. Be willing to reasonably assist in Parish activities and to motivate others to do so as needed.
6. Embrace opportunities for personal faith development and for gaining skills to assist the Council's operations.

Thank you for your support of our Parish community, Fr Mario ofm

Friday Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SECOND FRIDAY**, commencing **Friday 19th November**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Vincenzo Del Vecchio, James Sharry, Raymond Edwards, Kathleen Devlin, Valda Willsted, Sr Margaret Costello mfc, Tony Pennington, Sr Quentin mfc, Dora Di Bella, Margaret Cavallaro and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Tony Febo, Tom Coles, Clair Brown, Elia and Gino Arquilla, Noelia McHugh, Amabile Saffigna, Camillo Saffigna, Diana Saffigna, Fiona Saffigna, Daniel Green, Gemma Debattista, Millie Byrne, Lawrie Minton, Philip Carnes, Margaret Denham, James Rice, Dick Akers, Annie Ranger, Madeline Jones,
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED;
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

ENCOUNTER *Term 4* *You're in the Bible!*

**Thurs 18TH NOVEMBER
GIDEON**

**Thurs 25TH NOVEMBER
OT FESTIVAL**

THIS TERM WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPLORING HOW THE STORIES OF PEOPLE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT ARE ACTUALLY RELEVANT TO OUR LIVES TODAY! COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE

6pm - 8pm
@Mt A San Damiano

@ENCOUNTERKEDRON

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

**Join the Kedron Parish Community
for
Family Christmas
Carols on the Lawn
Sunday 19th Dec from 4.30pm
followed by
Outdoor Mass at 5.30pm.
Contact Christine Masters for info:
christine@musicmasters.com.au
*Little Flower Church,
80 Turner Road, Kedron***

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.

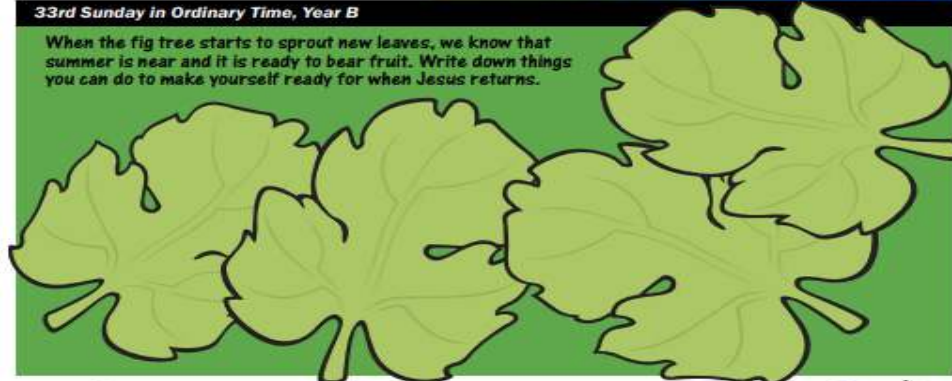
Name: _____ Email: _____

Something for the Kids...



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves, we know that summer is near and it is ready to bear fruit. Write down things you can do to make yourself ready for when Jesus returns.



When Jesus returns, God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones. Write down the names of some people you know for the angels to gather.

FIND THE SECRET ANSWER

Help the angel find the hidden answer to the question.... "Who will know when the time is right for Jesus to return?". In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears four or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the verse below.



B M G S N D V K P Y Z
 J W Q I H Z O S W E V
 P C T B V Q G X M P I
 M Q S L N K Y C S U B
 X D J M T X V D J Z V
 L U O K S J B K C D R
 Q E L P G O Z U Q S Y
 G I W U X M F K C N G
 L O C S B I P L J D P
 Z U Y L H N G Q A W K

ONLY _____ KNOWS.

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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