

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 after the 8.00am Mass

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th January 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 January 2022

1st Reading [Neh 8:2-6, 8-10](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 12:12-30](#) or [1 Cor 12:12-14, 27](#)

Gospel [Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21](#)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2022

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The program is for children in **School Year 5 and above**. If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for this sacrament. Please refer to these important dates:

Parent Night:

**Monday 14th February at 4.00pm
or Tuesday 15th February at 7.00pm**

(only need to attend one)

Reconciliation Evening:

Monday 7th March 4.00pm - 6.30pm



Northside Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Our Kedron Parish hopes to participate with six other parishes on the Northside of Brisbane to offer Eucharistic Adoration 7 days a week, 24 hrs a day. Each parish will take responsibility for **one** day of the week. Here at Little Flower Church, we hope to offer Adoration from **after Mass Thursday 8.30am**

till before Mass Friday 8.00am.

To do this, we need help with **people who can be present for one (or more if they wish) of the hours from Thurs 8.30am - Fri 8.00am.** We will always roster **two** people per hour.

It is not necessary that you come at the same time each week nor every week - only that you let the Roster Co-ordinator know when you can come. If you can usually come the same hour each week, that would be great as rostering would be easier, but we understand that personal circumstances change.

This opportunity for Adoration shared among seven parishes is one way we can be a praying community in the midst of society. By having our church open for a 24hr period, it gives the chance for anyone who wishes to come and spend time in personal prayer before the blessed sacrament. In these times of uncertainty, when our days are filled with activity, we need more than ever to find that quiet centre within us where God is always present and waiting for us. Jesus is always inviting us and waiting for our acceptance and willingness to be present.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Mario directly on 0429 600 711. We hope to start as soon as we have enough people to cover most of the 24 hours.



Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Tuesday 18 January

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
RCIA 6.30pm

Wednesday 19 January

Mass 9.00am
Funeral 11.00am

Thursday 20 January

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 21 January

Mass 8.00am
Funeral 11.00am

Saturday 22 January

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 23 January

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community

Due to the expected increase in Covid cases at the end of January, the Samaritans Community **WILL NOT** be starting at that time. We will closely follow developments and let you know when we can restart for 2022. When we do, we want it to be as a real celebration! Until then keep well and happy. We will be thinking of you all.

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, please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Pam Scharf, Andrew Brodie, Paul Galea, Len Crook, Louise Mitchell, Joyce Barrett, Doris Heffernan, Val Davidson, Charlotte Stevenson and those whose Anniversaries occur about now: **Catherine O'Malley, Tony Collins, Michael Purcell, Audrey Robson, Barney Curran, Leonardo & Giovanna Caruso, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett (& Alex Gallaher who is sick)**

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

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other 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: _____