

# 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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## Baptism of the Lord-9th January 2022 (YEAR C)

### Reflection ...

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. One argument they sometimes offer is that it would be better to defer baptism until their child reaches adulthood and then he or she has the opportunity to choose it. As appealing as this argument might seem on the surface, the problem is that the reasoning behind it is so inconsistently applied.

Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognise that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral and physical needs, it strikes me as inconsistent to relegate this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a 'must be decided on later' category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. Adults can come and go from the practise of their faith as they feel drawn. Sadly for us, they can even choose against belief. To grow up, however, with no religious foundation or no basis on which to make spiritual choices seems to limit freedom rather than promote it. In our culture baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan because it was 'the proper thing to do'.

This can seem all quaintly odd to us today because we seem to accept that our only convention is to flout convention. The done thing today is to undo what we've done before.

We hold very strongly, however, to the idea that God always does the 'proper thing'. It's called 'appropriateness' in theology. We believe, for example, that God decided it was proper to become incarnate when he did, how he did and where he did. Over the centuries there's been endless debate about what would've happened if the Word had come to us as a woman, in another era, on another continent. While these are interesting enough matters on which to speculate, they are not what God thought proper – or what, in fact, happened.

In line with the right action of God, Jesus does the proper thing in being baptised by John's baptism of repentance, even though he had nothing of which to repent. Jesus is not simply baptised, however, simply because it was expected of him, just a fulfilment of his duty. Jesus' experience of baptism starts with John's baptism as an admission of guilt and then reveals that baptism is primarily about the Father's love. To this day our baptismal ritual holds these two realities in a healthy tension. When we are baptised in Christ, we acknowledge both Original Sin and Original Grace. God's love comes alive in us even though we are aware of how far from that love we stray.

The Baptism of Jesus and every baptism done in his name ever since, is the moment when we hold together the greatness of God's love, that calls each of us by name to be his son or daughter, with the reality of our human frailty. What more appropriate way of welcoming anyone into the world than having a community of frail, human believers initiate its members by reminding them that Original Sin does not have the last word. For those of us baptised in Christ, the Father's love always and everywhere has the final, appropriate say on every matter.

May this Eucharist make us worthy of the love lavished on us in baptism and give us the courage to keep doing the appropriate things for the coming generations.

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### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Baptism of the Lord - 9 January 2022

1st Reading [Is 42:1-4, 6-7](#) or [Is 40:1-5, 9-11](#)

2nd Reading [Acts 10:34-38](#) or [Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7](#)

Gospel [Lk 3:15-16, 21-22](#)



**The parish office will reopen on Monday 10th January 2021.**

### **Secular Franciscan Order**

Last year was the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Secular Franciscan Order. In 1221 St Francis established this Order because he was approached by many people wishing to live in the spirit of his way of life while living in the world and pursuing their ordinary lives. He drew up a very simple rule of life which any good earnest Catholic might easily observe. Members of the Kedron Parish are welcome to join the Secular Franciscans who meet each third Sunday of the month. If you would like to know more, please just come along to their meeting held in the Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome.

### **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.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

**Len Crook, Louise Mitchell, Joyce Barrett, Doris Heffernan, Val Davidson, Charlotte Stevenson, Denese O'Brien, Thérèse O'Regan, Edna Ang, Vincenzo Del Vecchio**

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

**Michael Purcell, Audrey Robson, Barney Curran, Leonardo & Giovanna Caruso, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett, Noel & Connie Peach, Brendan O'Brien, Eileen Carroll, Rita Sullivan, Mollie Byrne, Rosy Varghese, Panikulan Varghese, Giuseppe & Isolina Maccarone, Angus & Mary Robertson, Vince Jowett, Joyce Swanson, Lorna Agli**

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

### **Friday Intercessory 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**, 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.

**WHS Incident Report.** Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

### **PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 10 January**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Adoration after Mass**

#### **Tuesday 11 January**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**

#### **Wednesday 12 January**

**Mass 9.00am**  
**Delamore Mass 4.45pm**

#### **Thursday 13 January**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Adoration after Mass**

#### **Friday 14 January**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am**

#### **Saturday 15 January**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)**

#### **Sunday 16 January**

**Mass 7.30am & 9.30am**  
**Secular Franciscans 9.00am**  
*(in the Parish Hall)*  
**Baptism 11.00am**  
**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**

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#### **Singing Group**

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