

# 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

## EUCHARISTIC 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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd January 2022 (YEAR C)

## Reflection ...

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 January 2022

1st Reading [Jer 1:4-5, 17-19](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13](#) or [1 Cor 13:4-13](#)

Gospel [Lk 4:21-30](#)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2022

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation thus relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The First Reconciliation program is for children in School Year 5 and above. If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: [sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of their preparation for this sacrament. Please note 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**



## Brisbane Northside Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Our Kedron Parish has joined six other parishes on Brisbane's Northside to offer Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 7 days a week, 24 hrs a day, thus enabling people on the northside to participate in this age-old spiritual practice.

Each parish will take responsibility for one day a week. At Little Flower Church, we will offer Adoration from after the Thursday 8.00am Mass through till the start of the Friday 8.00am Mass.

To do this, **we need people who can be present for one (or more if they wish) of the hours from Thurs 9.00am - Fri 8.00am**. For reasons of safety and security, particularly during the night hours, we will always roster **two people per hour**.

It would be of great help if you could come at the same time each week, thus helping you develop this spiritual discipline of an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It also makes rostering easier, but we understand that personal circumstances change, so you can also let the Roster Co-ordinator know when you can't attend your hour.

In addition to the rostered volunteers helping us keep the church open, **anyone is welcome to come any time during the 24 hours to spend whatever time they wish in prayer**.

This opportunity for Adoration shared among seven parishes is one way we can be a praying community in the midst of society. In these times of uncertainty, when our days are filled with activity, we need more than ever to find that quiet place 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 in His presence.

If you would like to register as a volunteer for the roster or to find out more, please contact the Parish Office, or Fr Mario on 0429 600 711, or **Ross Musumeci on 0408 781 929 who is our Little Flower Church Roster Co-ordinator**. He will be your first contact person once you are on the roster.

We hope to start when we have enough people to cover the 24 hours. More details will be announced as we get closer to the starting date.

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 24 January

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Adoration after Mass**  
**Choir Practice 7.15pm**

### Tuesday 25 January

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

**Wednesday 26 January**  
**Australia Day Mass 9.00am**

### Thursday 27 January

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

### Friday 28 January

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Divine will Prayer Group**  
**8.30am (in the Hall)**  
**Intercessory Prayer 8.30am**

### Saturday 29 January

**Baptism 11.00am**  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)**

### Sunday 30 January

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

Please pray for our recently deceased:

**Beryl Cameron, Tony Collins, 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:

**Gerard Hennessy, Catherine O'Malley, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.



### **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.

**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>



Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.



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ACN AUSTRALIA **A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

**Divine Will Prayer Group** meets monthly at the Parish Hall. Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom' as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"

## **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.

### **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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS**

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, to Fr Mario or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our next session will be on Saturday 5th February at 11.00am**

# Something for the Kids...

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

After reading from the scriptures, Jesus told his listeners how Isaiah's prophecy was now fulfilled - as God had sent Jesus as His chosen one to bring the good news to the poor and suffering. Write down some of the good things Jesus tells us about God.



## DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

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



Jesus said to those listening, "What you have just heard me read has come true today." Circle the statements below which are true.

- JESUS TAUGHT IN SYNAGOGUES
- JESUS READ FROM A NEWSPAPER
- THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT WAS IN JESUS
- JESUS GREW UP IN BETHLEHEM
- A SYNAGOGUE IS A JEWISH PLACE OF PRAYER
- ISAIAH WAS A PROPHET

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**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.

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