

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th January 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way, we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 February 2022

1st Reading [Is 6:1-8](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 15:1-11](#) or [1 Cor 15:3-8, 11](#)

Gospel [Lk 5:1-11](#)

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2022

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. It relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and so we understandably have expectations that you will participate fully in the program. First Reconciliation preparation is for children in **School Year 5 & above**. If you would like to enrol your child, please complete an enrolment form downloadable from our Parish Website or obtained from Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

You are most welcome and we look forward to being part of your child's 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 - Church open 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 to participate in this age-old spiritual practice.

Each parish is taking responsibility for one day a week. At Little Flower Church, we will offer Adoration from the end of the Thursday 8.00am Mass through to 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 time for him to find a replacement.

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

This opportunity for Adoration shared among parishes is just one way we can be a praying Christian community in the midst of society. In these times of uncertainty, when our lives 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 "just be" in His presence.

If you would like to register as a Roster Volunteer or 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 31 January

**Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Vinnies Meeting 7.00pm**

Tuesday 1 February

**Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Funeral 10.00am
RCIA 6.30pm**

Wednesday 2 February

**Mass 9.00am
Funeral 11.00am
Encounter Leaders Meeting 4.00pm**

Thursday 3 February

**Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass**

Friday 4 February

Anointing Mass 8.00am

Saturday 5 February

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

Sunday 6 February

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

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Friar Mel Cotter ofm, Frank Sain, Christopher Ryan, 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:

Bernie Butler, Gerard Hennessy, Catherine O'Malley, Michael Purcell, Audrey Robson, Barney Curran, Leonardo & Giovanna Caruso, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett (& Alex Galaher 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: _____



the nation in ash.

As you are no doubt aware, Tonga has been cut off from the rest of the world following a violent underwater volcano eruption on 15 January that triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed

There are reports that some coastal communities in Fiji and Vanuatu have been damaged by large waves. Tsunami warnings were also issued across the Pacific, Australia, US and Japan.

Caritas Australia are currently working to restore communications with our local partners to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs. The volcanic ash is hampering emergency flights into the country and the damage to telecommunications infrastructure has made it difficult to get in contact with affected communities. There are fears that the volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves may contaminate drinking water and threaten the health and safety of vulnerable communities.

Your urgent support is needed today to help communities affected by this disaster. Please visit our website for more information, or to make a donation: www.caritas.org.au



"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Ecumenical Service for 2022 is to be held this year on Friday 4th March at All Saints Anglican Church, 501 Hamilton Road, Chermside commencing at 10.30am followed by Morning Tea. This year's WDP will focus on England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

ALL are warmly invited to attend and pray together with other Christian denominations in this region. Please bring a plate to share for Morning Tea. If you require any further information contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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>

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.



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 5th February at 11.00am

Something for the Kids...

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____

inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.



When the people got angry at Jesus they tried to harm him. Circle the words below that show the best ways that we can deal with our own anger.

JEALOUSY **REASON**
STUBBORNNESS
PATIENCE **CRUELTY**
FRUSTRATION **LOVE**
HATE **HUMILITY**
FORGIVENESS
ARROGANCE
UNDERSTANDING

Write a prayer to say sorry for the times when you have been angry and said or done things that have hurt others.

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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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The Parish of Kedron and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/Safeguardingsunday

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