

# 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

Ph: 0448 356 599

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th February 2022 (YEAR C)

Next Friday 11th February at 8.00am will be our regular  
Mass with the 'Anointing of the Sick'

## Reflection ...

Think about this for a minute.

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 February 2022

1st Reading [Jer 17:5-8](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

Gospel [Lk 6:17, 20-26](#)

## 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 Co-ordinator 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 encouraged 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 7 February

**Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass**

### Tuesday 8 February

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

### Wednesday 9 February

**Mass 9.00am**

### Thursday 10 February

**Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass**

### Friday 11 February

**Mass 8.00am  
(with Anointing of the Sick)**

### Saturday 12 February

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

### Sunday 13 February

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

Please pray for our recently deceased:

**Br Kyne Ambrose ofm, 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 Hefernan, 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 (& Alec 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**"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."

### **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.

### **Encounter Kedron**

**Join us for Sunday 5.30pm Mass**  
**20th February which will be led**  
**by the Encounter**  
**Kedron music team**

### **The Grail invites you to an exploration of The Statement from the Heart**

Saturday 26 February 2022 9.30am-3.30pm (via zoom)

A time to explore more deeply this visionary statement which we believe is a fair, practical and unifying gift to all Australians. It invites us to respond to what Indigenous Australians are calling for:

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Please email: [admin@grailaustralia.org.au](mailto:admin@grailaustralia.org.au) to register. A zoom link will be sent to all registrants a few days prior.



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**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>

Learn about the Good Men of **PADUA COLLEGE**

Experience Padua College at our upcoming Rector's Tours  
9 March 2022  
9.15 am & 3.30pm  
[padua.qld.edu.au](http://padua.qld.edu.au)

### **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.



### **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.

# Something for the Kids...

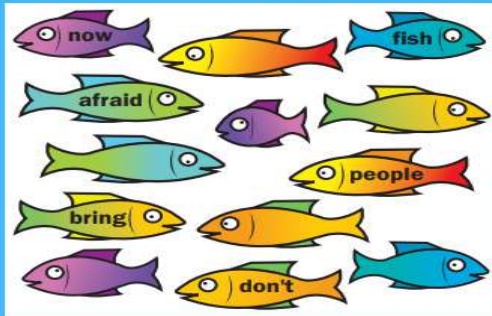
**Follow Jesus and be not afraid**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Peter, James and John left everything so that they could become disciples of Jesus. What are some of the things you would "leave behind" to follow Jesus?

Write down the names of four people you know who belong Jesus. For each person give a reason why they belong.

Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below....



\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_! From \_\_\_\_\_ on you  
will \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.

**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.

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](http://www.catholic.org.au/Safeguardingsunday)

**YUN HAP**  
TAEKWONDO & SELF DEFENCE

**Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL**  
Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm  
All ages welcome - family discounts  
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Kate Eggar - 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Instructor  
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