

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th February 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

The Pope had just finished a tour of the USA and was taking a limousine to San Francisco. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while.

Well, the chauffeur didn't have much choice, so he climbs in the back and the Pope takes the wheel.

The Pope starts accelerating to see what the limo could do. He gets to 130 kph and suddenly sees the lights of the highway patrol in his rear vision mirror. He pulls over, but the policeman, seeing who it is, says, 'Just a minute your Holiness, I'm going to have to call in about this one'.

The trooper asks for the chief. He tells the chief he's got someone really important pulled over.

It's not Ted Kennedy again is it?

No Chief, it's more important.

Is it the Governor?

No sir, it's more important.

Good God man, you haven't pulled over the President?

No sir, even more important.

Who the heck is more important than the President of the USA?

I don't know sir, but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur.

What you see is often not what you get.

What we have just heard in Luke's Gospel falls into this category.

When we hear the phrase 'Blessed are you' it can sound rather patronising. It can seem that Jesus glosses over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven'.

But reading the beatitudes in this light is a direct contradiction of what Jesus says in this text and certainly how he lived it out.

The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about where the presence of God is to be found. In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now.

So the beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

Jesus teaches us that God is not impervious to our pain and happiness, or a great manipulator desiring terrible things to punish us or teach us something. No. The God of the beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through either personally or as a community.

Luke goes on to give us the 'woes and warnings' and these are as important as the beatitudes. Luke highlights for us that every blessing carries with it a call, every gift contains a duty to share it, and every right houses within it a responsibility.

This is particularly true of our nation where the vast majority of our citizens are housed, educated, have clean drinking water, a long life span, a job and enjoy a stable democracy. This places us in the top fifteen percent of the world's population. We should discover God's presence in the midst of these blessings, but we must face up to the responsibilities they give us.

It is not good enough to be simply appalled at the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world. Today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.

The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 February 2022

1st Reading [1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 15:45-49](#)

Gospel [Lk 6:27-38](#)

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.

At Little Flower Church, we will soon begin offering Adoration from **the end of the Thursday 8.00am Mass through to the start of the Friday 8.00am Mass.**

Volunteers to help keep the church open over this 24hr period are always welcome - whether you can make a weekly commitment or less often. It all helps to allow anyone who wishes to come and pray any time in that period.

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. Thank you, Fr Mario



ENCOUNTER KEDRON

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

"WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Ecumenical Service for 2022 is to be held 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."

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 February

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Reconciliation Parent Information 4.00pm

Taekwondo - 4.30pm, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 15 February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Funeral 9.30am

Reconciliation Parent Information 7.00pm

Wednesday 16 February

Mass 9.00am

Encounter training and

Music rehearsal 4.00pm

Thursday 17 February

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Friday 18 February

Mass 8.00am

Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 19 February

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 20 February

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Secular Franciscans Order (in Hal) 9.00am

with Mass 11.30am

Mass (with Encounter Music team) 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Carmel Bryan, Lorraine Aiken, Paul Hotchkis, Frank O'Brien, Br Ambrose Kyne ofm, Fr Mel Cotter ofm, Fr Anthony Stott ofm, Frank Sain, Christopher Ryan, Beryl Cameron, Tony Collins, Pam Scharf, Andrew Brodie, Paul Galea, Len Crook, and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Fredie Novisteros, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Norine Mullins, Bernadette Okely, Bernie Butler, Gerard Hennessy, Catherine O'Malley, Michael Purcell, Audrey Robson, Barney Curran, Leonardo & Giovanna Caruso, Catherine Mahony, Patrick Mahony, Roy & Vera Jarrett (& Alec Gallaher who is sick)

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

PIETY STALL

Little Black Book for Easter - 2022

Are you ready to commence your Lenten journey? The Little Black Book could lend you a hand. The book contains daily meditations commencing from Sunday 27th February through to Easter Sunday. These will be available at the Piety Stall as from weekend 12th February. The cost is still \$4.00 each.

Janice Lowcock, Convenor

We would also like to acknowledge Lydia Kirby who has stepped down as Convenor at our piety stall. Thank you Lydia for your wonderful contribution to and care of our piety stall over a long time. You and our other volunteers over many years have helped so much in this work of support for the Franciscan missions.

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 Samaritan Community

The Samaritans Community has continued to monitor the Covid situation. Based on the number of cases, we will hopefully be able to announce a date to resume our Tuesday morning activities soon. 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.



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Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways. Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

Find Out More: Phone: 0422 742 567. Join us at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend our and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.



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

Volunteers and Vaccinations

A major topic that keeps cropping up in the news and day to day life is COVID-19 vaccinations. Every parish has been asked by the Archdiocese to ensure that volunteers who carry out parish work with children or vulnerable adults or in homes, workplaces, hospitals or other health care settings, are fully vaccinated. Typical volunteer roles that require vaccination include:

- Administration work in parish office
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who attend to the sick in hospitals or private residence, Hospital Chaplains, Outreach - Homeless Support including children
- Safeguarding Local Officer
- Youth Co-ordinator Ministries involving children such as: Catechists, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Coordinators and Altar Server Coordinators

If you are involved in any of these roles, I will be in touch with you directly to ask you to provide evidence of your vaccination in the form of a COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate or an Immunisation History Statement. Or you can forward your certificate to me directly at: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au.

Feel free to cross out your Individual Healthcare Identifier before sending through your certificate, if you wish. Proof of vaccination is **NOT** required for other volunteer roles that are purely domestic, social, recreational, religious, or private in nature, including Mass (e.g. Ministers of the Word or Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass).

Thanks again for your work in the parish and for your continuing generous cooperation in helping us comply with Safeguarding and health requirements.

Sandra



Pope Francis wants to hear from us!

Until **27 February 2022**, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church.

All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in *Australia*. The Synod is focussed on the Church *globally*.

Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0>

You can make your submission here:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



Join other youth this

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL

3.30pm TO 5.00pm

SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

For further information contact:

kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861

Organised by Jesus Youth
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ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT TIM NORTON SVD

The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on

Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am.

Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February to Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/>

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>



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: Voice. Treaty. Truth.

Insightful videos, authentic stories, small group conversations, moments to pause & opportunities to commit to further action. Please email: admin@grailaustralia.org.au to register. A zoom link will be sent to all registrants a few days prior.

www.grailaustralia.org.au Supported by Eremos, Women's Reconciliation Network, Network for Good, Justice and Peace Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Creators of Peace, Initiatives of Change Australia, Pace e Bene Australia.


Something for the Kids...





**Happy are the poor....
God's kingdom belongs to you!**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____ .
His _____ will belong to you. 

 God will bless you _____ people.
You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____ .
You will _____ ! 



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

__ **(O)** __ ◀ **HAPPY**

WEAK ▶ __ __ **(O)**

(O) __ __ ◀ **FULL**

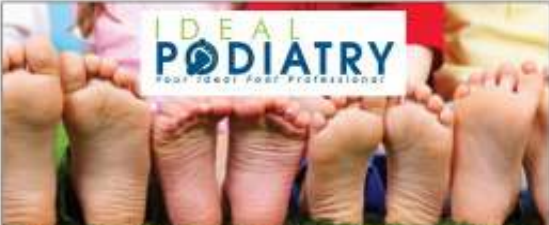
ASLEEP ▶ __ __ **(O)**

HEAVY ▶ __ **(O)** __

LITTLE ▶ __ **(O)** __

(O) __ __ ◀ **OPEN**

Heaven is God's _____ .



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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.

YUN TAEKWONDO & **HAP** SELF DEFENCE

Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL
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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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