

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: For one hour after the 8am Mass

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until
the start of Friday 8am 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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2nd Sunday of Lent - 13th March 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. Nothing we do stops God from loving us.

God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.'

Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.'

And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too.

In the process God may move from being an idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent—20 March 2022

1st Reading [Ex 3:1-8, 13-15](#)

2nd Reading [1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12](#)

Gospel [Lk 13:1-9](#)

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MARCH 27th, MAY 22nd & JUNE 12th
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
3.30 - 5.00pm
School Years 4 - 7

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 March

Mass 8.00am
 Adoration after Mass
 Taekwondo - 4.30pm,
 5.45 & 7.00pm
 Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 15 March

Mass 8.00am
 Rosary after Mass
 Samaritans 9.00am
 Funeral 10.00am
 Yr 1 Class @ St Anthony
 11.15am
 RCIA 6.30pm

Wednesday 16 March

Mass 9.00am
 Funeral 10.30am
 Delamore Mass 4.45pm
 Encounter Rehearsal 6.00pm

Thursday 17 March

Mass 8.00am
 24hr Perpetual Adoration after
 Mass until Friday Mass
 Padua Board 6.00pm
 Encounter Youth 6.30pm
 (In Parish Hall)

Friday 18 March

Mass 8.00am
 Stations of the Cross
 (Immediately after Mass)
 Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 19 March

PPC Formation Session 9.00am
 (in Parish Hall)
 Secular Franciscan Order
 (Regional Visitation) 11.30am
 Wedding 2.00pm
 Reconciliation 4.00pm
 Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 20 March

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
 Secular Franciscan Order 9.00am
 Mass 5.30pm
 (with Encounter Music team)

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities, organised by the **Kedron Parish Samaritans**, have resumed and operate each week during the school year. It is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys.

A reminder please: We will require to see your 'double' vaccination certificate on entry.

This may be on your phone or if that is not possible, you will need a printed certificate.

On the behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



Second Sunday of Lent: 12-13 March

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our Parish.



ENCOUNTER Term 1
Us and the Church

17th MARCH:
WHO IS THE CHURCH?

24th MARCH: WORSHIP

31st MARCH: SOCIAL

THIS TERM WE'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY OF US AND THE CHURCH, LOOKING AT WHAT IS THE CHURCH AND HOW IT IS CAN BE SO MUCH MORE AND SO MUCH CLOSER THAN WE THINK. COME JOIN US ON THURSDAYS FOR A NIGHT OF GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE.

6:30pm - 8:30pm
@Little Flower Hall



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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: _____



Volunteers Required 2022 Stations of the Cross

Calling all young people of the parish! We need your help to stage this year's Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Good Friday April 15th at 10.00am. All ages from primary to secondary welcome. Your participation will require 3-4 rehearsals as well as the final performance on Good Friday. No acting experience required. Just bring a sense of fun and adventure and we can create something special for the parish community. Rehearsals dates will be on Sunday afternoons in Little Flower Church between 1.00pm-2.00pm.

Sunday 20th March

Sunday 27th March

Sunday 3rd April

Sunday 10th April

If you are interested and can help please email Amy Dewanto on dewantoa@bne.catholic.net.au or Sandra at Parish Office on kedron@bne.catholic.net.au or by telephoning 3357 6640
Come on and join us!

Stations of the Cross held each Friday of Lent immediately after 8.00am Mass

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Alma Campbell, Gerardo Iorio, Pauline Ashmore, Agatino 'Tino' Palella, Carmel Bryan, Lorraine Aiken, Paul Hotchkis, Frank O'Brien, Br Ambrose Kyne ofm, Fr Mel Cotter ofm, Fr Anthony Stott ofm, Frank Sain

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

K. P. Matthai, Robin Sharry, Luigi Colavitti, Claudette McLeod, John Currie, James Stark, Bobbie Miscamble, Freddie Novisteros, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Norine Mullins, Bernadette Okely, Bernie Butler, Gerard Hennessy, Catherine O'Malley

And those who are ill:

Kathleen Daly, Alec Gallaher

HEALING MASS - BARDON

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st April, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP, Sacred Heart Parish, Booval will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

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.



Secular Franciscan Order

In 1221 St Francis established the Third Order now called the Secular Franciscan Order. St Francis saw the need to establish an order for people 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. All are welcome.

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.

Something for the Kids...



2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

When Peter, James and John awoke on the mountain, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them in what is known as the Transfiguration. Draw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. You can draw yourself looking on with the disciples.



God spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus. Write down two ways we can listen to Jesus. What are two things Jesus is telling you?



TRANSFIGURATION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word TRANSFIGURATION?

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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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