

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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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: 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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3rd Sunday of Lent - 20th March 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

The resource I use to help couples prepare for marriage has questions for them to think about and discuss in between sessions. One of the questions at the end of one of the chapters is, 'What effect would adultery have on your marriage?'

In one sense this hypothetical question is absurd. Dealing with the consequences of any sin requires time and place, context and contrition. It is even tougher to imagine the effect of any destructive behaviour in one's marriage even before the marriage has begun. Still, it never ceases to amaze me how this question usually leads the couple to have a very fruitful and frank discussion, not about adultery, but about their values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growing old together.

Sometimes, however, I cringe when the prospective bride or groom seems to give the green light to their future spouse by saying, 'Well I guess if he or she went looking elsewhere it would be my fault' or 'I love him or her so much that I know we could go on regardless'. Others say very clearly that it would alter the trust and respect of the relationship, but they hope they could look at the circumstances and rebuild the relationship.

The most mature couples do not wipe over the seriousness of the sinful action, but want to hold on to compassion, forgiveness and a commitment that it will not happen again.

Couples like these have clearly understood the power of today's readings. The third Sunday of Lent is all about second chances. In Exodus we have a bush that is alight but does not burn and in Luke we have a fig tree that does not bear fruit, is earmarked for the chop and saved by the gardener. In both cases where we would expect to find destruction we find new opportunities for growth, nurturance and flowering.

Over the centuries the goodness of God that always gives us another chance has not been proclaimed as vigorously as it should have been. We have focused on God's justice as though it was a once and for all, shape up or ship out sort of message. These ideas can be deduced from today's second reading where Paul seems to argue that God killed the chosen people for their complaining and infidelity.

Paul was a tough man and for him Christian commitment was no picnic. He was aware of how people were suffering and dying for the Gospel, so he was at pains to teach the people of Corinth that the commitment demanded from the Gospel could entail everything they had. His reading of why the Israelites died in the desert, however, needs to be read against the second chances of the other readings, especially the Gospel.

We believe in Lent that we enter a holy time in our year and visit a holy place in ourselves where the fire of God's love should burn brightly within us. We are offered these weeks to re-examine our values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growth so as to chart how best we can grow old with God. To do this sometimes requires facing up to our sinful behaviour and making choices to change our lives. We can only do this when we trust that the fire of God's love is not about destruction, but compassion, forgiveness and a second chance.

May this Eucharist be nurturance for the foundations of our lives and a moment to take stock and to assess with honesty the fruitfulness of how, as a sign of Christ's light within us, we live out our faith in our marriage, at home, at work and in the world.

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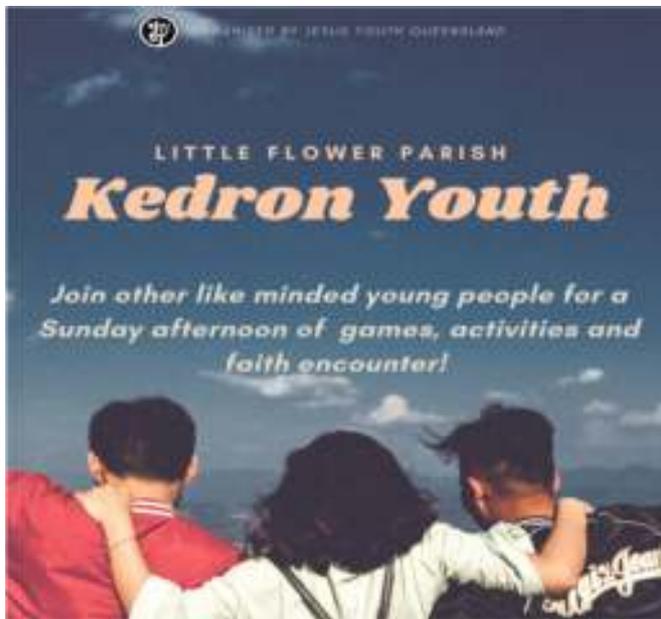
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

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](#)



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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 March
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo - 4.30pm,
5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 22 March
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.00am

Wednesday 23 March
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
JPICC Group 7.00pm

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

Friday 25 March
Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross
(Immediately after Mass)
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Hall)
Intercessory Prayer Group
Divine Will Prayer 8.30am
Padua Mass 10.45am

Saturday 26 March
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 27 March
Mass 7.30am
Children's Mass 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Kedron Youth 3.30pm
Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community
Tuesday Morning Activities, organised by the **Kedron Parish Samaritans**, will have their **LAST** gathering before Easter on the **29th March**.

They will resume on **Tuesday 19th April**. It will be 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.



Third Sunday of Lent 19 & 20 March

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

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**.

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!

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

Divine Will Prayer Group meets monthly. 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"

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.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL NEWS RETIREMENT OF LORRAINE SEARLE



Mrs Lorraine Searle, our school secretary, has decided to step down from her secretarial role at St Anthony's School. Lorraine is currently on Long Service Leave and will officially retire in mid-March.



Lorraine's has had a long and personal connection to St Anthony's and the wider Kedron Parish. This began as a parent during the period from 1975-1987; In 1985, the

then Principal, Sister Teresita, invited Lorraine to become a Teachers' Aide. Lorraine then devoted a record 36 years to a role she has loved and still loves today!

I know that Lorraine is incredibly proud of her grandchildren. All 10 of them attended St Anthony's with her youngest grandson, William Loth farewelled from St Anthony's at the end of last year.

Lorraine's contribution to St Anthony's School is enormous. We congratulate Lorraine and wish her good health and happiness as she moves to the next phase of her journey. She will certainly be greatly missed!

Martin Wilkie
Principal

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:

Gina Darke, 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

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...

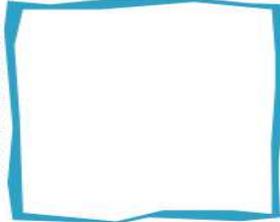


3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?



Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Luke 13:6-9

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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 HAP
TAEKWONDO & SELF DEFENCE

Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL
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An Outreach of the Catholic Church Celebrating Life...

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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