

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: 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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4th Sunday of Lent - 27th March 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

Bright and early on a Monday morning, in times that were much less ecumenical, Mick and Paddy, a pair of Irish ditch diggers, were repairing a Dublin road directly across the street from a house of ill repute.

Soon, they saw the Protestant Minister lurking about the place and then ducking into the house.

'Would ya look at that Mick!' said Paddy.

'What a shameful disgrace. That Protestant Minister sinning in the likes of that place!'

'Well', said Mick, 'he's got a ticket to hell anyway Paddy, so that's only getting' him an upgrade on the seat.'

A short time later they watched as a Jewish Rabbi looked around cautiously and, when he was satisfied no one had spied him, darted into the house.

'Did ya see that Paddy?', Mick asked in shock and disbelief. 'Is nothing holy to those Jewish people?'

'God in heaven above', Mick replied, 'Do they have "half price Monday" for the clergy at that sinful place?'

'Well, all I know Paddy is that a man of the cloth indulging himself in sins of the flesh is a terrible shame, I tell ya!'

Not long had passed when they saw a third man, Fr O'Donovan, their parish priest, lurking about the house looking around to see if anyone was watching and then quietly sneaking in the door.

'Mick, look it's Father O'Donovan', said Pat removing his cap.

'Ah Mick', said Paddy, taking off his own cap, 'one of the poor girls musta died ...'

Often our history colours everything about us, even those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt, be compassionate and forgive.

What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is, that as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first century Palestine set the boy up for a fall: he was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the chosen land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likeable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

The context for this story, however, matters. The author of Luke 15 has Jesus responding to charges about the company he was keeping and especially those with whom he dined. In Jesus' day, one only ate with intimates and Jesus shared his table with losers. Three parables are given as an explanation for this practice: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. In each case the shepherd, the woman and the father go to ridiculous lengths to save that which is lost.

Who was admitted to the table of Luke's community was a huge issue. It seems some things never change. The action and words of Jesus, however, lead us to conclude the table is here for those of us who know the frailty of our lives enough to recognise our hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Today's Gospel is not just about each of us being welcomed into the arms of our compassionate God, it is also a challenge for us to defend the right of the outcasts, the public sinners and the losers who seek to turn their life around to be welcomed here as well.

This is not just about the table of the Eucharist, either. To the degree that we help our country be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor and the displaced then we live out the power of this parable.

May this Eucharist then, help us live beyond our history, which so often colours those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt and show compassion and may it give us the courage and faith to be ridiculously generous, and magnificently loving.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fifth Sunday of Lent—3 April 2022

1st Reading - [Is 43:16-21](#)

2nd Reading - [Phil 3:8-14](#)

Gospel - [Jn 8:1-11](#)

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Gerard Janssen, Mary Lewis, Connie Oliveri, Santina Longdon, Alma Campbell, Gerardo Iorio, Pauline Ashmore, Agatino 'Tino' Palella, Carmel Bryan, Lorraine Aiken, Paul Hotchkis, Frank O'Brien,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Tim & Catherine Purcell, Alick Harding, 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,

And those who are ill:

Kathleen Daly, Alec Gallaher

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 March

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo - 4.30pm,
5.45 & 7.00pm

St Anthony's Board 6.30pm

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 29 March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

Funeral 10.00am

RCIA 6.30pm

Wednesday 30 March

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Encounter Rehearsal 3.30pm

Encounter Leaders 6.00pm

Thursday 31 March

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration after Mass
until Friday Mass

Encounter Kedron 6.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Friday 1 April

Mass with Anointing 8.00am

Stations of the Cross

(Immediately after Mass)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Chat room at Delamore)

Funeral 10.00am

Saturday 2 April

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 3 April

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Stations of Cross Rehearsal 1pm

Mass 5.30pm



Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 ad 27 March

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for

herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her reintegrate into society.

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.

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 Fr Mario directly or the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

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.

ENCOUNTER Term 1
Us and the Church
**31st MARCH:
SOCIAL EVENING**

THIS TERM WE'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY OF US AND THE CHURCH, LOOKING AT WHAT IS THE CHURCH AND HOW IT 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: _____

Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday morning March 19th, our **Parish Pastoral Council** had a time of formation and team building. I would just like to offer you a brief report of some of what we shared on the morning.

Firstly, we received input from the Parish Leadership Team of Evangelisation Brisbane on: the purpose of the PPC, the qualities of a leader and what are some of the qualities we bring to the parish. We then shared our dreams for the parish and reflected on what God may be calling our parish to. Finally, we looked at models of a PPC and briefly looked at an example of Strategic Planning for a parish. The idea is that we may use some of these ideas and adapt them to our own parish.

I would like to offer you a summary of the dreams that we as a PPC have for our parish. This is by no means exhaustive but I hope it can get us thinking about what we hope for ourselves and how we might fulfil these dreams in our little corner of the Church and world.

Here are some of the **PPC dreams for our Parish community**:

- To connect the generations: engage and connect young with old.

- Involve the young generation.
- Social events that bring people of all ages together.
- Be a welcoming and inclusive community.
- Be a community that Breathes In (prayer life, sense of God's love) and Breathes Out (action, mission, outreach, giving).
- Integrated community life.
- That the parish would be comfortable evangelising and have strategies to help us do so.
- That we would each have a relationship with God (prayer, silence).
- We would serve different age groups in coming to encounter God.
- That we can flip the age profile of the parish by having lots more youth and young families among us regularly.
- Interfaith engagement.
- Respond to the poor, social justice initiatives.
- Be a light and proclaim Christ around us.

Dear parishioners, do any of these dreams resonate with you? What are your dreams for our parish community, and importantly, how could you help bring them about even in a small way? Every contribution of every person goes a long way. *Thank you, Fr Mario*

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



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 27th March

Sunday 3rd April

Wednesday 13th April (5.30pm-6.30pm)

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!

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** in the Chat Room at Delamore Retirement Community. Everyone is very welcome.

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

EASTER SERVICES

Monday 11th April

7.00pm Parish Reconciliation Service

Holy Thursday 14th April

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Night Prayer at 9.00pm

Good Friday 15th April

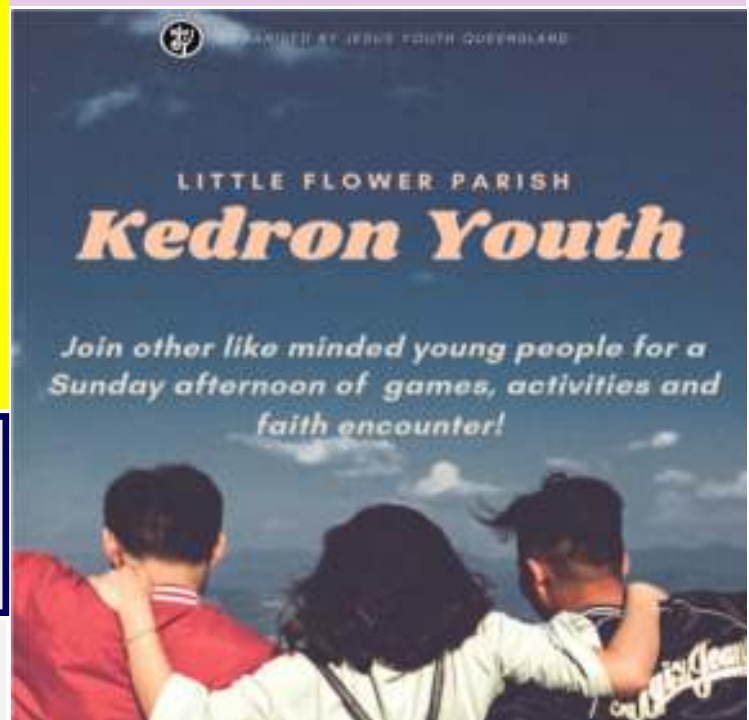
10.00am Stations of the Cross (led by Youth)
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord with Communion

Holy Saturday 16th April

NO Reconciliation at 4.00pm
6.00pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17th April

Normal Sunday Mass times



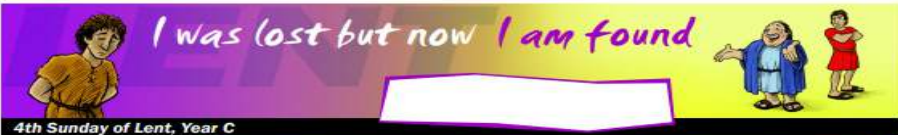
MARCH 27th, MAY 22nd & JUNE 12th

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL

3.30pm - 5.00pm

School Years 4 - 7

Something for the Kids...



4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

Lent is a time to focus on the act of forgiveness. We ask God to forgive us for the wrong things that we do. In the story of the prodigal son....

What wrong things did the younger son do?

What did he do to show he was sorry?

When I do things against my friends, I can show them that I am sorry by...

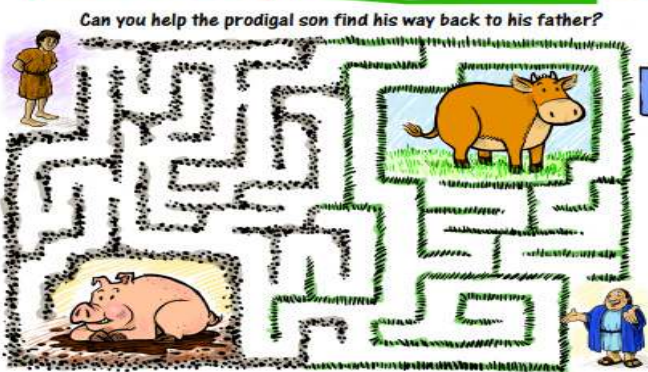
When I do things against my family, I can show them that I am sorry by...

When I do things against God, I can show him that I am sorry by...

Blank lines for writing answers to the first question.

Blank lines for writing answers to the second question.

Blank lines for writing answers to the third question.



Dear God, help me when I turn away from you. You always call me back, help me listen to your voice. Give me the strength to forgive as you forgive. Amen.

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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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TAEKWONDO & 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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