

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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The Ascension of the Lord - 29th May 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection ...

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Pentecost 5 June 2022 — Year C

1st Reading - [Acts 2:1-11](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#) or [Rom 8:8-17](#)

Gospel - [Jn 20:19-23](#) or [Jn 14:15-16, 23-26](#)

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Enza Stagnitti, John Vanderbilt, Thomas Donohoe, Pat Garozzo, Eileen Brodie. Ana Moran, Elizabeth Casey, Lidia Bonaventura, Leonardo Cantarella, Kerry Phillips

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Angus Robertson, Rocco Raineri, Ron D'Arx, Jack Hennessy, Anne McManus, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy, Dora Scarcella, Patrick Byrne, Gina Darch, Annette Donghi, Alice Golding, Trevor Stewart

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities, is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. On the behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

Laudato Si' Week

Last week on Monday May 23rd of Laudato Si' Week, Australia was proudly represented by Theresa Ardler at the Australian Catholic University in Rome. Other featured speakers were Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Dr Vandana Shiva, Greg Asner and Fr Joshrom. The title of that session was, "No More Biodiversity Collapse: Rebalancing Social Systems With Nature". The 2020 United Nations Global Biodiversity Report notes the importance of biodiversity in addressing climate change, long-term food security and concludes that action to protect biodiversity is essential to prevent future pandemics. Register at <https://laudatosiweek.org/> for updates.

July 30, 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Hall, we'll host an event involving Catholic Earthcare to help individuals and families engage with Laudato Si in caring for our common home.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 May

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm,
5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 31 May

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.00am
St Anthony's Yr 4 11.15am
(School visit)

Wednesday 1 June

Mt Alvernia Staff Mass 7.50am
Mass 9.00am (with Yr 4)
Delamore Mass 4.45pm
Mt Alvernia House Mass 6.00pm
(Greccio and Perugia)
Choir rehearsal 7.30am

Thursday 2 June

8.00am Mass
24hr Perpetual Adoration
until Friday Mass
Encounter Youth 6.30pm

Friday 3 June

Mass with Anointing 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(at Delamore)
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 4 June

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm
(Wine & Cheese follow)

Pentecost Sunday 5 June

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Baptism 11.00am
Confirmation Workshop 1.00pm
Mass 5.30pm

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who helped support the Parish last weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped bake, setup, cook, and serve. A big thank you to Paul Masters and Mav Green who helped coordinate this. The support from our community was magnificent. All was sold out. Our total for that day was \$3057.00.



Musica Antiqua Collegii

presents

Gabriel Fauré's

Requiem

With music from Vaughan Williams and Ola Gjeilo

Conducted by Dr Andrea Morris-Campbell

Accompanied by Kathleen Clifford

Spiros Rantas and Sofiaia

Soloists:

Morgan England-Jones (Soprano)

Camilo Lopez (Baritone)

Dr Phillip Gearing (Organ)

Angus Campbell (Tenor Saxophone)

Sunday, 5 June 2022 - 2.30 pm

Chermside Kedron Community Church

Car Gympie & Rode Roads, Chermside

Admission: \$30

Bookings essential - no ticket sales at the door

<https://www.trybooking.com/BYVSK>



Enquiries: Michael Herman
Phone 3350 1410



BONAVENTURA

Save the Date
Padua College
2022 St Bonaventure Lecture

PRESENTED BY

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

THURSDAY 14 JULY 6:30PM
PADUA COLLEGE, AUDITORIUM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

ENCOUNTER TERM 2

YOUTH IS

@ Little Flower Church Hall
From 6:30PM-7:30PM

DOUBLE IN A DAY

is where we go BIG with activities, food and vibes! Bring a MB along with you to youth, because you know its going to be good!

YOU CAN BE MORE

this term we're looking at one of the most influential leaders in history to see how we can be more. come join us on Thursdays for a night of games, music and more

JUNE

02

The Samaritan
Woman

03

Temptation of
Christ

16

Humility and
Suffering

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An introduction to the Gospel of Luke in 3 sessions

The lectionary for Sunday readings has three cycles. This year, we hear from Luke's Gospel at our Sunday liturgies during Ordinary Time, from June to November.

We hear scripture proclaimed every Sunday, but it is not always easy to see a connection between the ancient texts and our everyday lives. Do you want to know more? Join us for three evening sessions of input, reflection and discussion led by Dr Jenny Close. The focus will be a study of the Gospel of Luke. Then there will be a time for quiet reflection on a gospel passage and some time for sharing personal insights.

Jenny Close is a Kedron parishioner who has many years experience as an artist, theologian and liturgist. Her field is not scripture but liturgy, so her focus is on interpreting scripture texts in their liturgical context and understanding their relevance for everyday life.

Three sessions, each 1 hr long starting at 6.30pm:

When: Tues 7th June, 14th June and 21st June

Where: The Parish House – 134 Somerset Road, Kedron

Please contact Sandra at the Parish Office on 33576640 or email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au if you will be attending.

Confirmation 2022

Enrolment for this Program has now closed. If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Compulsory Workshop
Sunday 5th June (1.00-3.00pm)

Confirmation Ceremony
Friday 10 June at 5.00pm and 7.00pm
(please choose only one to attend)

PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS NEWS ...

At our recent **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**, we progressed work on our Parish Organisational Structure in which we want to set out clearly the various ministries, initiatives and responsibilities that are undertaken in the parish. For each of the main areas, different members of the PPC will act as contact people and in some cases, as facilitators. We also planned various education and social activities for the remainder of the year.

At our **Parish Finance Council Meeting**, we agreed on the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Initial quotes are being updated to include additional improvements such as WiFi. After a builder is agreed upon, the project will proceed under the management of the Archdiocese. Our plan is to give the Parish Hall interior a general renovation to bring it up to a standard that makes it more attractive for parish events and general hire.

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.

JOIN THE ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION OF
ST ANTHONY AND THE FRANCISCAN
SPIRIT!

ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY!

Monday 13 June 2022

9:15am St Anthony's School
Awards + Whole School Mass
+ Blessing of our New
Buildings
- held on the Multipurpose
Court

10:15am - 10:40am Open
Classrooms (throughout the
school) + Memorabilia
Display (in our new
Multipurpose Rooms)

10:40-11:10am Join us for
Morning Tea in The Hall

Please phone the School Office
on 3357 6185 to RSVP by Wed 8 June.



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: _____

Something for the Kids...



Jesus was taken up to heaven

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....



ASCENSION

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

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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
Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm
All ages welcome - family discounts
Fair Play Vouchers and NDIS supported
Kate Eggar - 7th Dan Instructor
0408 982 248

Primary and Secondary School Social & Emotional Workshops

We offer a range of small group programs to increase self-esteem. We empower children to better understand themselves, so they can advocate for their own needs, boundaries & dreams.

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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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