

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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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th June 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished...

"When you think what?" I asked...

"I don't know. When you think."

"What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important.

"When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities - farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 July 2022 — Yr C

1st Reading - [Is 66:10-14](#)

2nd Reading - [Gal 6:14-18](#)

Gospel - [Lk 10:1-12](#), [17-20](#) or [Lk 10:1-9](#)

Conversations on `Elder' Matters (2 Sessions)

The experience of ageing is as unique as each individual and so can present both gifts and challenges throughout our lives. As we grow older, the challenges often become more prominent and confronting, and can impact our independence, family relationships, confidence, faith and general wellbeing.

As families and loved ones, we are also affected as we experience vicariously these many and complex challenges of ageing, and struggle to understand how best to promote and support wellbeing, while also reminding our loved ones of their ongoing worth and wisdom.

Do you want to know more? Join us for two evening sessions of input, reflection and discussion led by Trish Carroll.

These conversations will provide an opportunity to discuss:

- Our uniquely lived transitions and experiences of ageing,
- Acknowledgment of wisdom, talents and contributions,
- Complexities of elder care, and
- The importance of self-care and sustenance.

Trish Carroll is a Kedron parishioner who is a Psychologist and Founder of *Elder Matters* – a private practice focussed on supporting individuals who are experiencing the challenges of ageing and/or life transitions.

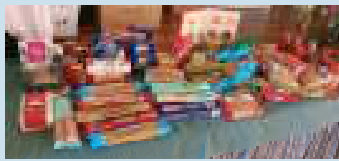
When: Wednesday, July 13th & 20th, 2022 from 6.30-7.30pm

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.

St Vincent de Paul

A BIG THANK YOU to the Samaritans for the generosity of their recent donation to the Vinnies Winter Appeal consisting of \$500 PLUS a huge load of food from their pasta drive. This pasta drive is now a long-running tradition with our big-hearted Samaritans and it will help keep food on many tables over coming months. Thank you! Your local Vincentians.



June 26, 2022 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.” Galatians 5:13

We like to celebrate that we are free to “live the good life.” We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God’s work on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

(Accessed on June 14, 2022 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 27 June
Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30pm,
5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 28 June
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 29 June
Mass 9.00am
Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Thursday 30 June
8.00am Mass
24hr Perpetual Adoration
until Friday Mass

Friday 1 July
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(at Delamore)

Saturday 2 July
Baptism Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 3 July
Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Parish Mass 5.30pm

Parish Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2022-2023 Financial year Planned Giving Envelopes are available at the back of the church from this weekend. THANK YOU to all those who generously give in support of the parish through our planned giving. It is essential for the life of the parish.

Please contact Sandra at the Parish office on kedon@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to join our planned giving program.

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities, is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Our last activity morning for this term is Tuesday 21 June, then 2 weeks holiday (school holidays). We will then resume on Tuesday 12 July. Thank you on the behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

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.

Peter’s Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter’s Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is normally taken at the Masses on the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year’s collection will be taken up this weekend. The Peter Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. Thank you for your ongoing support.



WHS Incident Report. Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation** is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries via email at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Key Dates for First Holy Communion

Enrolments: Close on July 19th

A. Information Session

**Tuesday 19th July at 7:00pm or
Wednesday 20th July at 4.30pm**

at the church of St Therese & St Anthony, 80 Turner Rd, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, where there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, details of the program and the giving out of resources.

B. Enrolment Mass

All children with at least one parent are required to attend Mass on:

Sunday 24th July at 4.00pm

C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 21st (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Masses

You are welcome to book your child to any Mass over two weekends but there will be limits on the number of First Holy Communion families at each Mass:

**Saturday August 27th (5:00pm),
Sunday August 28th (9:30am or 5:30pm),**

**Saturday September 3rd (5:00pm), or
Sunday September 4th (9:30am)**

An introduction to the Gospel of Luke

If you missed any of the sessions on the Gospel of Luke, here are the links to view them on YouTube:

Session 1 <https://youtu.be/0TbZu1OdvVs>

Session 2 <https://youtu.be/GJhL6jXcDIY>

Session 3 <https://youtu.be/S-aNx7autnk>

Piety Store

If you are looking for a gift, why not have a look at the Piety Store. We have new stock that has just arrived. 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.

Parish Laudato Si' Event

July 30, 10.00am - 12noon in the Parish Hall

This event involving Catholic Earthcare aims to help individuals and families engage with Laudato Si in caring for our common home.

The 2020 United Nations Global Biodiversity Report noted 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. You can find out more by registering at: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Michael Bathersby, Remigio Boscaino, Enza Stagnitti, John Vanderbyl, Thomas Donohoe, Pat Garozzo, Eileen Brodie

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Rose Graham, Lin and Yvonne Graham, Anita Lambert, Freddie Noviteros, Venera Fola, Tom and Sarah Keating, Clair Murphy, Angus Robertson, Rocco Raineri, Ron D'Arx, Jack Hennessy, Anne McManus, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy, Dora Scarcella, Patrick Byrne, Gina Darch, Annette Donghi

And those who are ill: Audrey Tanwan



Feast of St Bonaventure

Kedron Parish Community is invited to join with Vincent Long ofm Conv Bishop of Parramatta, for the **Mass of the Feast Day of St Bonaventure at 10:00am on Friday 15th July in Little Flower Church.**

Bishop Vincent will be in Brisbane to give the 6th Annual **St Bonaventure Lecture for Padua College on Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm.**

Please click on the following link for the Lecture. Registration for this event is essential and free. A light supper will be served afterwards.

For the Bonaventure Lecture, click this link:

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

For the special Mass, because of potential large numbers, attendance is by registration only. Please use the link below to register for the Mass. The focus of this celebration is not only for the Feast Day but one in which the FOTH community can come together to welcome Bishop Vincent during his short stay in Brisbane.

For the Mass, click this link:

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

Help for Vinnies Needed

If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer in our Kedron Vinnies Conference, please contact the parish office or Fr Mario and we will direct you to a Vinnies member to speak with. We do need your help!

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.

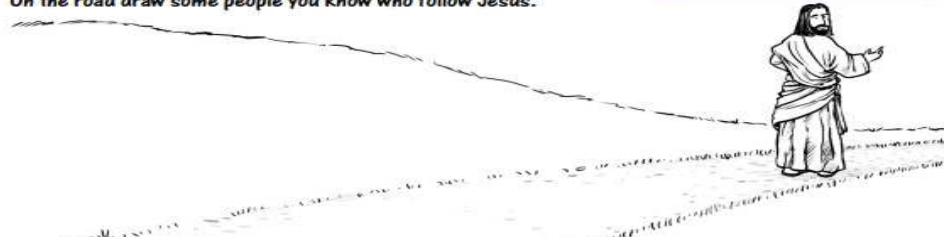
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Something for the Kids...

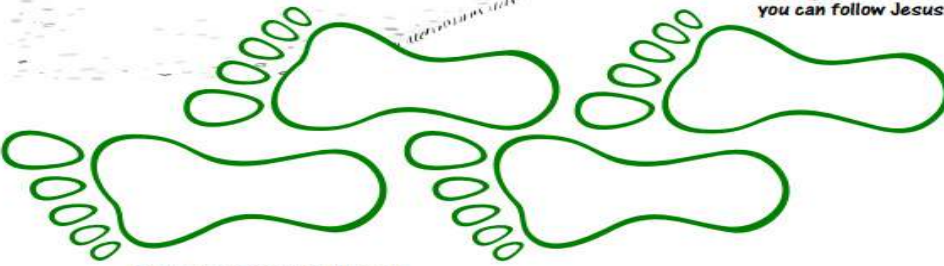


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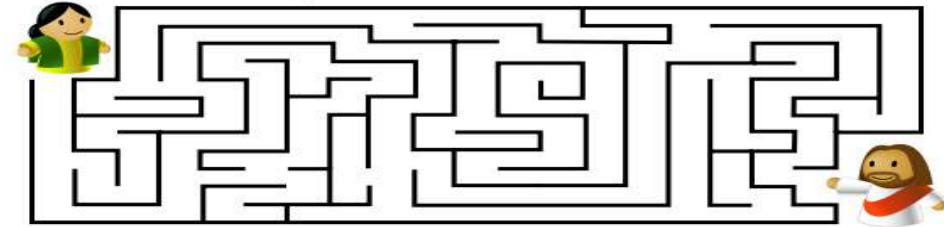
On the road draw some people you know who follow Jesus.



In each footprint write how you can follow Jesus.



Follow Jesus through the maze.



Luke 9:57-62

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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 pre-populate 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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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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