

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

Ph: 0448 356 599

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 July 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 July 2022 — Yr C

1st Reading - [Gen 18:1-10](#)

2nd Reading - [Col 1:24-28](#)

Gospel - [Lk 10:38-42](#)

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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 well-being.

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.

The Secular Franciscans meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Church Hall at Kedron. All inquiries are welcome. Come and join us. It is now 800 years since St Francis began the Third Order for lay people. This is now called the Secular Franciscan order and is one of the largest lay orders in the world.

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.



St Stephen's Cathedral Primary School Reunion

All past students and teachers are invited

Sunday 24th July 2022

10.00am Mass - Cathedral of St Stephen
Followed by Morning Tea in the Hanly Room
Enquires and bookings

Connie Costa Massadi – 0415 592 155

Flora Di Lizio - 0148 753 554

Cost \$30pp RSVP 12 July 2022

School photos and memorabilia are welcome
conniecosta123@hotmail.com

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 11 July

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30pm,
5.45 & 7.00pm

Parish Finance Council 5.30pm

Choir practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 12 July

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 13 July

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Conversations on Elder Matters

(at Parish House) 6.30pm

Choir Practice 7.00pm

Thursday 14 July

8.00am Mass

24hr Perpetual Adoration

until Friday Mass

St Bonaventure Lecture 6.00pm
(Padua Auditorium)

Encounter Youth 6.30pm

Friday 15 July

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am
(at Delamore)

Mass St Bonaventure 10.00am

Saturday 16 July

Inurnment 10.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 17 July

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Secular Franciscan Order 9.30am

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 at 9.30am in the Parish Hall is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Welcome on 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.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Do you have one hour to spare on a Tuesday morning, every 2nd month?

That's all it takes to become a volunteer at the Parish's outreach program of assisting with Meals on Wheels. The centre is located at Mawson Street, just off Turner Road. Information on the delivery process is provided. If you are interested please contact me and I can provide an overview. Thanks for considering this. Lydia Kirby, Co-ordinator, 0418 918 728.

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.



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)**

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Sheila Thurlow, Audrey Tanwan, Matilde Jayloni,
John Massingham, Michael Bathersby, Remigio Boscaino,
Enza Stagnitti, John Vanderbyl

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Gerrit Janssen, Laurence Sherrington, Dr Frank Lonergan, Anthony O'Brien, Derek Young, Rose Graham, Lin and Yvonne Graham, Anita Lambert, Freddie Novisteros, Tom and Sarah Keating, Clair Murphy, Angus Robertson, Rocco Raineri, Ron D'Arx, Jack Hennessy, Anne McManus, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy

Parish Laudato Si' Event



The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone (Pope Francis, Laudato Si Chapter 2)

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Our Guest Speaker is Alice Carwardine, from Catholic Earthcare. She will explore the '8 steps to ecological dialogue' and unlock the 7 Laudato Si Goals, outlined in the encyclical. We will be introduced to the Earthcare Families & Individuals Program. This program supports us in our efforts to live Laudato Si at home.

Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon

Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron

Booking: Little Flower Parish Office, Kedron

Phone: 3357-6640

Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Feast of St Bonaventure

Parishioners are invited to attend the Feast Day of St Bonaventure

Feast Day Eucharist

which will be celebrated by

Bishop Vincent Long,

Bishop of Parramatta,

at 10.00 am

in Little Flower Church.

A light morning tea will be served afterwards in the forecourt area of

Padua's St Francis Hall.

It would be appreciated if you are coming that register using the following link

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

It would be appreciated if anyone coming to these events does register mainly for catering purposes.

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. 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.

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...



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Draw pictures of three different people who are your neighbours.

Then draw yourself helping the injured man.



Help the good Samaritan find the injured man and take him to the inn at Jericho.



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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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Barbara Goddard

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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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