

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.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th September 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the dog was a Catholic!'

A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God.

The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men – lay, professed and ordained – who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 September 2022 — Yr C

1st Reading - [Am 6:1. 4-7](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Tm 6:11-16](#)

Gospel - [Lk 16:19-31](#)

We respectfully acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagerra people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land which is Kedron Parish. Our community pays our respects to them and their cultures; and to their Elders, past, present and future. May we too be good stewards of this land.

**Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
Feast Day – September 17**

Saint Francis imitated Christ so perfectly that towards the end of his life our Lord wished to point him out to the world as the faithful imitator of the Crucified, by imprinting His five wounds upon his body.

Two years before his death, when, according to his custom, Saint Francis had repaired to Mt La Verna to spend the 40 days preceding the feast of St. Michael the Archangel in prayer and fasting, and there this wonderful event took place. St Bonaventure gives the following account of it:

"Francis was raised to God in the ardor of his seraphic love, wholly transformed by sweet compassion into Him, who, of His exceeding charity, was pleased to be crucified for us.

On the morning of the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, as he was praying in a secret and solitary place on the mountain, Saint Francis beheld a seraph with six wings all afire, descending to him from the heights of heaven. As the seraph flew with great swiftness towards the man of God, there appeared amid the wings the form of one crucified, with his hands and feet stretched out and fixed to the cross. Two wings rose above the head, two were stretched forth in flight, and two veiled the whole body.

"Francis wondered greatly at the appearance of so novel and marvelous a vision. But knowing that the weakness of suffering could nowise be reconciled with the immortality of the seraphic spirit, he understood the vision as a revelation of the Lord and that it was being presented to his eyes by Divine Providence so that the friend of Christ might be transformed into Christ crucified, not through martyrdom of the flesh, but through a spiritual holocaust.

"The vision, disappearing, left behind it a marvelous fire in the heart of Saint Francis, and no less wonderful token impressed on his flesh. For there began immediately to appear in his hands and in his feet something like nails as he had just seen them in the vision of the Crucified. The heads of the nails in the hands and feet were round and black, and the points were somewhat long and bent, as if they had been turned back. On the right side, as if it had been pierced by a lance, was the mark of a red wound, from which blood often flowed and stained his tunic."

Thus far the account of St Bonaventure. Although St Francis strove in every way to conceal the marvelous marks which until then no man had seen, he was not able to keep them a complete secret from the brethren. After his death they were carefully examined, and they were attested by an ecclesiastical decree.

To commemorate the importance of the five wounds, Pope Benedict XI instituted a special feast which is celebrated on September 17th, not only by all branches of the Franciscan Order, but also in the Roman missal and breviary.



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 19th September

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th September

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 21st September

Communion Service 9.00am

Thursday 22nd September

(Public Holiday)

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 23rd September

Communion Service 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Saturday 24th September

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 25th September

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Kedron Youth 3.30pm
Mass 5.30pm

**LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION GROUP**

Our Kedron Parish Christian
Meditation group meets each
Friday at 9.00am at Delamore.
Everyone very welcome.



25th SEPTEMBER
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
3.30pm - 5.00pm - School Years 4 - 7

The Samaritan Community
Our last one for this term is next Tuesday 13 September and we return after the long weekend on
Tuesday 4 October
Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

**You are invited to the
celebration of the Vigil Feast of
The Transitus of St Francis with the
Franciscan Family**



**Ceremony commences at 6.00 pm
on Monday 3rd October 2022
At St Therese and St Anthony Church
"The Little Flower"
80 Turner Road, Kedron
There is no pre-booking needed
If you have any questions, please contact
the
Parish Office on 3357 6640
or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au**



**JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR MASS
SATURDAY OCT 8th,
at 5.00PM**

Annual Blessing of the Animals

St Francis of Assisi. Born in the 12th century, is the patron saint of animals and the environment. On St Francis feast day, animals are blessed to celebrate his (and our) love for animals and all creation. Please bring your 4-legged and winged friends to church for a blessing during the Sat 5.00pm Mass held on the front lawn of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

"... to service the poor is to go to God..." - St Vincent de Paul

In recent times, our St Vincent de Paul Little Flower Conference, a volunteer group in the Kedron parish, has been suspended due to declining membership.

There has been a long Vincentian tradition in our parish of volunteers helping people in need and we would very much like to see this tradition continue.

The existing conference members warmly invite any potential new volunteers to attend an:

Information Night on Monday 10th October, 6.30 – 7.30pm, at the Parish House, 134 Somerset Road.

It is hoped this meeting will help us to organise our potential visitation roster and conference leadership moving forward.

New Potential Conference members and volunteers are asked to consider whether they can commit to fortnightly meetings (held on an evening) and a willingness to get involved in the Conference service and visitation (weekdays and/or Saturdays). We offer training and also hope to support flexible options to cater to the competing demands of work and family commitments.

The Society offers its volunteers and members a chance to visit companions in need, offering a hand of friendship, as well as practical assistance to their immediate and long-term needs.

If you would like to find out more and help us to reignite our Kedron parish Conference group, please come to our meeting on 10 October or contact Cassandra Bull – 0400 192 679 or Vicki Scanlan 0403 169 421 or email the parish office kedron@bne.catholic.net.au. **We would be most grateful if you could RSVP by October 6 for planning purposes.**



A Conversation on 'Elder Matters' Living with Memory Loss

We invite you to an evening conversation led by Trish Carroll exploring the lived experience of memory loss and the profound impacts on individuals and their families and loved ones.

More specifically, this conversation will provide an opportunity to discuss:

- The many causes and types of memory loss (including dementia);
- Symptoms of memory loss, including uniquely felt loss and grief;
- Complexities of caring for a loved one with memory loss;
- 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 dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing challenges of ageing, illness and life transitions.

**When: Wednesday, 19th October
6.30-7.30pm**

**Where: The Parish House
134 Somerset Rd, Kedron**

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Margaret Loretto Gurney, Shirley Shepherd, Jianwen Feng, Cherlyn Wright, Megan Reid, Pam Short, Antonina Gullo, Ken Power, Simone Gallimore

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Loveday Harding, Giovanni & Dora Di Bella, Mariano & Maria Grasso, Nunzio La Spina, Gerda Janssen, Neville Taylor, John V Taylor, John A Taylor, Shirley Hickey, James Bell, Stanley Kelliher, Maureen Hudson, Fred Hudson, Diana & Fiona Saffigna, Leona Akers, Katherine Stark

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...



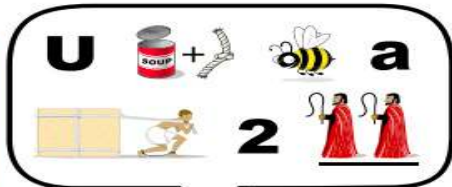
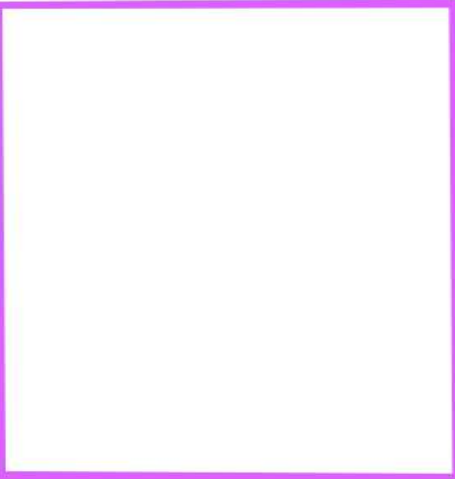
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 How can money be used well?

 How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that you are trusted to do every week.

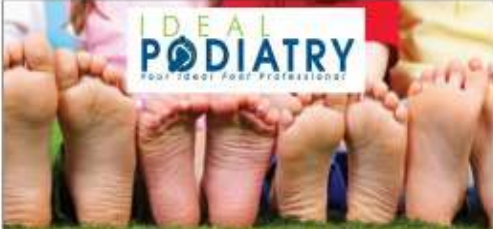


Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



Luke 16:10-13

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Police Check and Blue Cards 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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