

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

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 October 2022 — Yr C

1st Reading - [2 Kgs 5:14-17](#)

2nd Reading - [2 Tm 2:8-13](#)

Gospel - [Lk 17:11-19](#)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2 October 2022 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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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.

PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT

Dear Parishioners

As you are all aware the Parish hall has for the last couple of years been talked about as needing a face lift. The Finance Council and myself are pleased to announce that as from Monday 10 October we will begin renovation of the hall. The builder has anticipated that this will take approximately 6 weeks to complete the following work:

- New ceiling
 - New windows
 - Air-conditioning
 - Update the wet bar kitchen
 - Internet wifi and projector
 - Painting inside and outside
 - Polish of floor and new carpet.
- If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



A PUBLIC ROSARY
Please join us for a nation-wide Rosary chain:
THE HOLY ROSARY
SACRED HEART CHURCH, 369 GIVEN TCE, PADDINGTON
DATE: SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER
TIME: 10:30AM



LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT
VENUE: ST ANTHONY'S HALL
Saturday, October 22
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Game starts at: 06:30pm
\$10 per person
\$70 per table (8 people)
BYO FOOD AND ALCOHOL
Light refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages available
For registration & further information contact the parish office

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (33576640) or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
Our next session will be **Sat 8 Oct 2022 at 11.00am (different Sat for Oct)**

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: Wed, 19th Oct. 6.30 - 7.30pm
Where: The Parish House, 134 Somerset Rd, Kedron

Help us celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi



Join us for a Sausage Sizzle on Sun 9th October 2022 straight after the 7.30 & 9.30am Masses.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Rosaria Greco, Jeanne Hayes, John McGowan, John Albury, 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:

John McManus, Freda Vas, James Clyne, 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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 October

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Transitus of St Francis 6.00pm

Tuesday 4 October

(Feast of St Francis)

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 5 October

Mass 9.00am
Funeral 10.30am
Encounter rehearsal 3.30pm
Mass Delamore 4.45pm
Encounter Leaders Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 6 October

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter Youth 6.30pm

Friday 7 October

Mass with Anointing 8.00am
St Anthony's Pet Blessing 8.45am
Christian Meditation 9.00am (Delamore)
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 8th October

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass with Blessing of Animals 5.00pm

Sunday 9th October

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptism 11.00am & 11.45am
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.

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

St. Francis of Assisi ... is one of the Church's best known and most beloved saints. Our current Holy Father Pope Francis took the name "Francis" after him. But how much do we know about his life? Here are 12 fascinating facts you probably didn't know about the great saint's life:



- 1) **He was one of seven kids** - Another reason for being open to a big family.
- 2) **He was named after the people of France** - His father was a merchant who liked French culture. "Francesco" means "Frenchman."
- 3) **He was a POW for a year** - At around the age of 19, before his conversion, he joined the military and fought in a war against a nearby city. He was taken prisoner and held for a year, but was eventually released unharmed.
- 4) **He was inspired by Matthew 10.9** - In Matthew 10.9, Jesus tells his disciples, "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts," when they travel around to preach the Gospel. He felt inspired to do the same, and started traveling around preaching repentance in poverty.
- 5) **Within a year, he had already gained 11 followers** - That meant there were 12 of them total – just like the 12 Apostles.
- 6) **Pope Innocent III decided to support the Franciscans after a dream** - Pope Innocent III was initially cautious about supporting Francis and his new group of followers. Then he had a dream in which he saw Francis holding up the Basilica of St. John Lateran. This is the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome, and thus possibly representative of the Church in general, but especially the papacy. He interpreted the dream as indicating that Francis and his group would help support the Church, and so gave official recognition to the group as a genuine Order in the Church.
- 7) **He attended the Fourth Lateran Council – and met St. Dominic there** - The Fourth Lateran Council was the 12th ecumenical council of the Catholic Church and affirmed transubstantiation and papal primacy, among other things. St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans, was also present.
- 8) **He travelled to a Muslim Sultan, preached the Gospel, and challenged them**

to a trial-by-fire in order to prove the truth of Christianity - During the Fifth Crusade, Francis and a companion travelled into Muslim territory to visit the Sultan al-Kamil. He preached before the Sultan. To demonstrate his great faith in the Christian religion, he challenged those present to a "trial-by-fire" in which he and a Muslim would step into a fire, with the idea that the follower of the true religion would be spared by God. Francis offered to go first, but the Sultan turned down the challenge. Nonetheless, the Sultan was so impressed by his faith that he gave Francis permission to preach in his land.

- 9) **The body of a dead Franciscan performed too many miracles, causing problems with crowds, so Francis prayed the miracles would stop – and they did** - In 1220, Francis handed over governance of the greater Order to the Franciscan Peter Catani. However, Peter died just five months later. Visitors to his grave reported many miracles, which led to great crowds visiting his grave. The great crowds were causing problems in that area, so Francis prayed asking Peter to stop the miracles – the miracles stopped.
- 10) **He received the stigmata during a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas** - The Stigmata is a condition in which the wounds of Christ appear on a person's body. A Franciscan who was with him later recounted, "Suddenly he saw a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel on a cross. This angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ." This happened while he was in the midst of a 40-day fast in preparation for Michaelmas, or the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel (September 29th).
- 11) **The foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi was laid by the pope the day after he was canonized – less than two years after his death** - Francis died on October 3, 1226. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228, and the next day the Pope personally laid the foundation stone for the new Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.
- 12) **His tomb was lost for centuries until it was rediscovered in 1818** - His body was moved to his basilica in 1230, but was soon hidden by the Franciscans to protect it from Saracen invaders. The location of the body was forgotten, and was not rediscovered until six centuries later in 1818.



Feast of St Thérèse (1st October)

St Thérèse in her autobiography – The Story of a Soul - called herself "The Little Flower of Jesus". Like St Francis, this young Carmelite nun's way of life was to follow a philosophy which was called the "Little way" - what was important was not doing great works, but doing little things with a great love. She believed that if we can maintain the right attitude, then nothing shall remain that can't be accomplished. St Thérèse is often pictured holding the cross and red roses in her hands which symbolised her mission of love in whatever she did.



St Francis of Assisi. is the patron saint of animals and the environment. On St his 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 on Oct 8th held on the front lawn of the church.**

Laudato Si

On October 4, YouTube Originals will release the film, *The Letter*, telling the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter and the unfolding ecological emergency. It's the fruit of a few years of work of Laudato Si' Movement in partnership with Off the Fence (Oscar-winning producers of *My Octopus Teacher*) and the Vatican. The film will premiere on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis that closes the Season of Creation. To spread the work of a spiritual voice to the world Laudato Si' Movement asks for support: <https://laudatosimovement.org/donate-the-letter/>

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 of 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.**

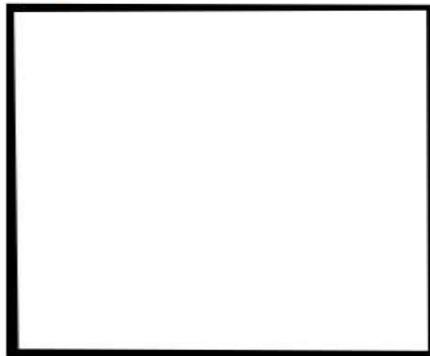
Something for the Kids...



With even the smallest amount of faith we can achieve a lot. Write in the tree some good things that you can do this week which show how much you believe in Jesus.



Jesus says our faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.



MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

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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 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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