

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In

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## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and 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

## BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am

*(Booking is essential)*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday - 9.30am

*(School Term Only)*

## FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday at 9.30am

*(School term only)*

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Ph: 0448 356 599

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—29th January 2023 (YEAR A)

# Welcome back Fr Joseph

## Reflection...

In any walk of life there are stories that circulate about an important facet of the job. For priests these stories often focus on sermons.

Like the young priest who was having trouble with his sermons, so he asked the Bishop for help. 'Well,' said the Bishop, 'you might start with something to get the congregation's attention, such as, "Last night I was in the warm embrace of a good woman." I've always found that sparks their interest and then you can go on to talk about how warm and accepting she was and at the end reveal she was your mother. It's great for sermons about family love.'

The young priest decided to take the advice the following Sunday, but he was so nervous, something got lost in the translation. He started, 'Last night I was in the arms of a hot woman.' As the congregation audibly gasped the young priest paused and realised he had forgotten how the Bishop's story ended, so he said, 'I don't remember who she was but the Bishop recommended her.'

We have just listened to one of the greatest sermons ever given. It is universally known as The Sermon on the Mount. What makes it great is not just the beauty of its language or the hope of its theology. It is truly great because Jesus was preaching to the reality in front of him. The Jews listening that day were poor, in grief, meek and hungry for justice. Some were trying to be merciful to their enemies, struggling to find God in the midst of persecution and attempting to make peace while their family and friends were being falsely accused and condemned.

As true as this was for the Jews of Jesus' day, it was even more so for the earliest Christian community for whom this Gospel was written.

Sometimes when we hear a sermon our reaction can be, 'What would he know?' 'If only he knew the complexities of my life, he would soon change his tune!' It's true that some of us have not been sensitive to the human frailties of the congregation in front of us and we have not been able to communicate our own frailties in the words we deliver.

The Sermon on the Mount is a model for all of us in every way. When Jesus says 'Blessed are you' he is not being patronising, glossing over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven.'

In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now. So the Beatitudes are saying that you do not need to go past your own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that if we are poor, compassionate, mournful, campaigning for a just society and suffering because of it, gentle, innocent, a peacemaker or a martyr, we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

The God of the Beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through. God is our best friend, walking beside us as we get out of bed and meet the days we would rather not face.

Sadly, God-as-friend is a rich image not used as much as it should be. We choose our friends, we like to spend time with them, we tell our intimate friends things we tell few others. Sometimes, when we are on top of the world or in a crisis we call our best friends ahead of our family. And we know our friends like us because they seek us out and want to share our life.

Jesus is the best friend we could ever have, interested in every daily event and he's there for us at every moment in life. Yet he doesn't barge in. He waits patiently for an invitation to enter our lives at whatever level we want.

Jesus-as-friend doesn't give us old-fashioned sermons, but rather meets us where we are, embraces us and holds us close when the going gets tough and helps us find the way forward. Jesus-as-friend is the greatest Beatitude of all.

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"We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera People in Brisbane, and the Gubbi Gubbi People at Pomona as the traditional custodians, past, present, and emerging, of the land and waters where Kedron Parish stands. We pay our respects to them".

**PARISH EVENTS**  
**THIS WEEK**

**Monday 30 January**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Adoration after Mass**

**Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm**

**Encounter Band and Leaders**

**6.00pm**

**Tuesday 31 January**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Mt Alvernia Opening Mass 8.45am**

**Wednesday 1 February**

**Mass 9.00am**

**Mass 4.45pm**

*(Delamore)*

**Thursday 2 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Encounter 6.00pm**

**Friday 3 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

*(Delamore)*

**Mass Padua 10.50am**

**Saturday 4 February**

**Baptismal Information 11.00am**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 5 February**

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Piety Store**

The Little Black Books for Lent have arrived. They will be on sale at masses this weekend for \$5.00.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5 February 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Is 58:7-10](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Cor 2:1-5](#)

Gospel - [Mt 5:13-16](#)

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Giuseppe (Joe) Anello, Teresita Ranarid, Arthur Pitty, Dorothy Smith, Patricia Pipe, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsn, Agnes Mines, Nona Catali,

**and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:**

Audrey Robson, Bernie Butler, Catherine O'Malley, Henry Milton, John Hegarty, Tracey Ihle, Clair Brown, Marie Davis, Peter Moran, Carmelo Angi,

**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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our next baptismal information will be Saturday 4th February at 11.00am**

**The Samaritan Community**

The Samaritan will be starting back on

**Tuesday 14th February**

Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



**TRIUMPH-LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023**

With Ash Wednesday occurring on 22nd February you are invited to join us this Lent for a series of reflections and prayers as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. Please indicate your interest by contacting the parish office so that we can order your book.

**SPARE "DUMP" VOUCHERS?**

You would be surprised at just how much green waste and other waste accumulates around our Parish. We are always in need of BCC waste vouchers. If you have any spare and would like to donate them simply leave them at the Parish office or in the sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

**OLD GREETINGS CARDS**

For many years I have been giving a second life to unwanted, used greetings cards; some of you may have purchased some of my creations from the piety store.

If you have any cards that you have no use for - Christmas, Birthday, Thank you, Easter, Sympathy etc, I would be happy to relieve you of them. You could drop them off at the parish office or at church.

Clean envelopes of any size would also be very welcome.

Marion

**MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS**

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

"The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Ecumenical Service for 2023 will be held on **Friday 3rd March, 2023 at the CKCC Uniting Church** which is located on the **Cnr of Rode Road and Gympie Highway Chermside**. It will commence at **10.30am** and will be followed by Morning Tea. TAIWAN is the focus of our prayers this year. This is an opportunity to join in prayer with other Christian denominations in our region.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### PREPARATION 2023

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation thus relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The First Reconciliation program is for children in

#### School Year 5 and above.

If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

**sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au** or  
**call the parish office for an enrolment form.**

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of their preparation for this sacrament. Please note these important dates:



*Reconciliation Evening:*  
**Monday 6th March**  
**4.00pm - 6.30pm**  
**(at the Parish Church)**

## Did you Know???



On 26 January - Australia Day 99 years ago (1924) that was the day a severe storm destroyed the first Kedron church – a weather-board church proudly opened only in September the prior year.

Several parishioners were in the church at the time of the storm (about 3pm) but fortunately all escaped and only three needed medical attention for minor injuries, namely, Miss Ruby Wren, Miss O'Hagan and Mr Charles Wren.

By October 1924, a replacement brick church had been opened; it was furnished with the altar, seats and statues from the original church repaired for chips and scratches from the storm. Some of those furnishings, donated by long-standing Kedron families (including Woulfe, Wren, Flanagan and Gallagher) are still in our church today.



### **Enrolments Prep 2024 - Open Now**

If you have a daughter or son who will be commencing Prep in 2024, please click on the following link to complete the online application. Applications for PREP 2024 close on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may be considering a Prep 2024 enrolment at St Anthony's.

Prep 2024 enrolments close on 28 February 2023.

**Eligible birth dates**  
**Children Born - 1 July 2018—30 June 2019**  
**Eligible for Prep Year 2024**

### **Friday Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SECOND FRIDAY**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



**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 .**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Something for the Kids...



Draw a line from the first half of each beatitude to its correct ending.

Blessed are those who grieve...

...they will be treated with mercy.

Blessed are the merciful...

...they will be called God's children.

Blessed are those who make peace...

...they will see God.

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will find comfort.



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What are some of the ways we can follow Christ?

## Complete the Text Maze

"Blessed are the humble, the earth will belong to them."

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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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