

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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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

## 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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

## BAPTISMS

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

*(unless of another event that day) (Booking is essential)*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

*(School Term Only)*

## FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am

*(School term only)*

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Ph: 0448 356 599

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—12th February 2023 (YEAR A)

## Truth-Telling...

I seem to remember some lines from a poem I learnt at school: 'Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practise to deceive.'

To guard against deceptions, many societies and organisations, including the Church, require a person to swear an oath to bolster their assertion that they are telling 'the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth'.

But, we have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

The early Church took this prohibition extremely seriously. It was only when the Church and State became entwined three hundred years later that that policy changed. The Church preferred to avoid tension with the political authority which required oaths as a supposed guarantee of truthful speaking.

The Church was weak, whereas Our Lord was strong. When He was challenged by the High Priest to swear by the Living God whether He was the Christ, Jesus simply replied: 'The words are yours', refusing to invoke the Living God. (Matt 26:63-64). Aren't we meant to imitate Jesus?

'Yes or No.' Our Lord tells us: '... anything more than this comes from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is the beginning of the prayer which is Jesus' gift to his community. It is our privilege and right as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. That is the way in which Our Lord wants us to use the name of God. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

It is clear that Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two tiered way of speaking the truth. Anything more by way of pious veneer devalues plain speaking. Straightforward, unadorned language will do.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person *truthes*.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. Such relationships are easily fractured or soured by lying. At the community level, a society will soon break down if the words of its members cannot be relied on.

It is shocking, but true, to realise that in this respect, secular society is more in conformity with the Sermon on the Mount! At least it allows for observance of Our Lord's injunction. For example, Parliamentarians are offered the choice of an oath or an affirmation in taking up their duties in the Chamber. The Courts offer the same choice, and if the accused makes the affirmation, no adverse inference can be drawn by Judge or jury.

And the Church? The Church needs to listen to the epistle of St James. It was written within living memory of the Sermon on the Mount and is astonishing in recalling this passage almost verbatim, urging it on to a new generation of disciples.

St James, a relative of Our Lord and leader of the Church in Jerusalem, writes, 'Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no so that you may not fall under condemnation.' (James 5:12-13)

The Church needs to put itself under the authority of the Sermon on the Mount, or rather under the authority of the Divine Teacher. Then perhaps it will find itself able to teach the rest of the Sermon with greater credibility, a greater chance of being heard.

The Church needs to hear for itself the final great imperative in this Gospel: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

Michael Tate

"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 13 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Adoration after Mass**

**Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm**

**SVdP Meeting 7.00pm**

*(Parish Office)*

**Choir Practise 7.15pm**

**Tuesday 14 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 15 February**

**Mass 9.00am**

**Padua Yr 11 Liturgy 1.00pm**

**Mass Delamore 4.45pm**

**Neighbourhood watch 7.00pm**

**Thursday 16 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Encounter 6.00pm**

**Friday 17 February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

*(Delamore)*

**Saturday 18 February**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 19 February**

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**SFO 9.30am**

**Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am**

**SFO Mass 2.00pm**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Margaret Collis(Sullivan), Raymond Ranario, Henry Milton, Giuseppe (Joe) Anello, Teresita Ranario, Arthur Pitty, Dorothy Smith, Patricia Pipe, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsm,

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

Norine Mullins, Bernadette Okely,, Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Paul Hotchkis, Audrey Robson, Bernie Butler, Catherine O'Malley, John Hegarty, Tracey Ihle, Clair Brown,

**The Samaritan Community**

are happy to announce that they will be starting this Tuesday 14th February  
Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan  
Committee.

**Laudato Si**

This week the Federation of the Catholic Bishops of Oceania met. Their prayer was: "Guide our Bishops of Oceania ...to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church." They can be a voice for the oceans and islands against causes of sea level rise and against deep sea mining destruction which is occurring at scale and speed. In terms of the adage, "Think Global Act Local", people from Kedron continue to be inspired by our recycling efforts across our community.

**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.

**Aboriginal Catholic Mass**

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal. To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm**. The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

**Secular Franciscan Order**

In 1221 St Francis established the Third Order now called the Secular Franciscan Order. St Francis saw the need to establish an order for people living in the world and pursuing their ordinary lives. He drew up a very simple rule of life which any good earnest catholic might easily observe. Members of the Kedron Parish are welcome to join the Secular Franciscans who meet each third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**19 February 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Lv 19:1-2. 17-18](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Cor 3:16-23](#)

Gospel - [Mt 5:38-48](#)

**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**

Greetings from Juba

Some of you all know Fr Mario has now safely arrived in Juba . I spoke to him last week and he is doing well. Fr Mario and the friars were all excited with the coming of Pope Francis to Juba. Here are some photos that Fr Mario has sent to me.



## 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 Co-ordinator at:

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



The family of Bev Cox wish to thank sincerely all members of the Little Flower Church for their prayers and concern while she was in hospital. She has started rehab and hopes to be back at Kedron Mass soon.

## ENCOUNTER SEASON 1



**3RD OF FEB**  
pilot

**9TH OF FEB**  
encounter on the lawn  
**16TH OF FEB**  
church? but why?

**23RD OF FEB**  
ALL IN  
**2ND OF MARCH**  
your role  
**9TH OF MARCH**  
in this together  
**16TH OF MARCH**  
look up

### SEASON 1

2023 - 4 Seasons HD

friends + good times +  
free food. This season is  
about diving into why we  
live out the faith, and  
how the church is maybe  
more relevant than you  
think!

**23RD OF MARCH**  
beauty of creation  
**30TH OF MARCH**  
EOS Finale  
(SOCIAL)

**PARISH HALL . 6:30PM -  
8:30PM . THURSDAYS**

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

# Something for the Kids...



**Be reconciled before you offer your gift to God**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

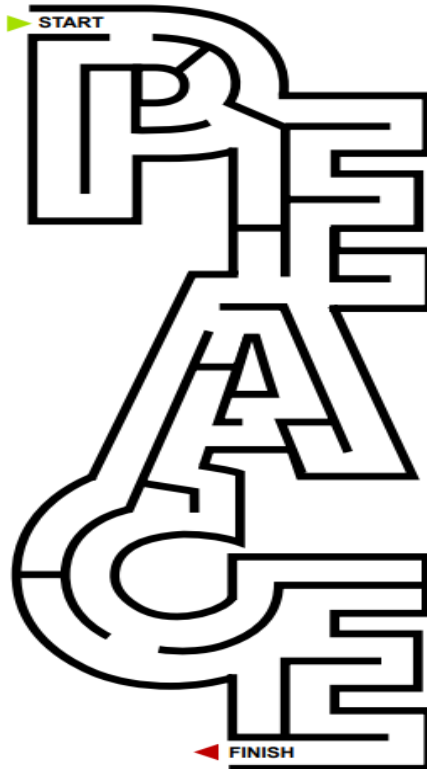
When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....



"When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

Find your way through the maze



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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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