

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 3th Sunday of the Month - 9.30am
(School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am
(School term only)

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm
(Parish Office)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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2nd Sunday of Lent—5th March 2023 (YEAR A)

Transfigured Bodysouls

One often hears the comment: 'All religions are the same. Somewhat different packaging, but really they all believe in the same things.'

But do they? For example, what do they say about our final destiny?

Some believe that the soul is more or less trapped in the body. The best thing would be for the soul to be freed from the body, leaving the old corpse behind and enjoying heaven simply as a soul ... forever.

Well, that might be what the ancient Greeks taught, but it is not what Christians believe. What do we believe?

The soul is not a miniscule dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the soul is not in the body so much as the body is in the soul! There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. I am my bodysoul.

So it is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' What might this involve?

It will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed, sharing in the radiance of God's Glory.

There is a hint of this in old holy pictures, or the Stations of the Cross. Notice the halo of light, a golden glow, around the head of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel gives more than a hint as to what we believe. This was no out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. This was an utterly bodily experience. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light.

Note that the transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as *their* destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would 'listen to Him'.

Could a person share in the transfiguration experience of Christ, exhibiting that sharing in their own bodies?

Let me recount my favourite story of the life of a saint. (Conversation of St Seraphim on the 'End of the Christian Life' in *The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church* by Vladimir Lossky, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, New York 1976, pp 227-229.)

A disciple of St Seraphim of Sarov recounts this story. St Seraphim is talking to him,

'Why then, my friend, do you not look me straight in the face? Look freely and without fear; the Lord is with us.'

'Encouraged by these words, I looked and was seized by holy fear. Imagine in the middle of the sun, dazzling in the brilliance of its noontide rays, the face of the man who is speaking to you. You can see the movement of his lips, the changing expression of his eyes, you can hear his voice, you can feel his hands holding you by the shoulders, but you can see neither his hands nor his body – nothing except the blaze of light which shines around, lighting up with its brilliance the snow-covered meadow, and the snowflakes which continue to fall unceasingly.'

'What do you feel?' asked Father Seraphim.

'An immeasurable well-being,' I replied.

'But what sort of well-being? What exactly?'

'I feel', I replied, 'such calm, such peace in my soul, that I can find no words to express it.'

'My friend, it is the peace our Lord spoke of when he said to his disciples: "My peace I give to you," the peace which the world cannot give; "the peace which passeth all understanding." What else do you feel?'

'Infinite joy in my heart.'

That is the promise our Heavenly Father makes to you and to me, personally and individually.

You and I can be, and with God's grace *will* be, bodysouls radiant with Divine Light, translucent to Divine Glory,

filled with 'immeasurable well-being' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

© Fr 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 6 March

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Funeral 10.00am
(for the late Barbara Pridham)
Reconciliation Evening 4.00pm
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 7 March

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Parish Finance Meeting 5.30pm
Padua Leo House Mass 6.30pm

Wednesday 8 March

Mass 9.00am
Encounter 6.00pm
(Band and Leaders Meeting)

Thursday 9 March

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.00pm
Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Friday 10 March

Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Mass Padua 10.50am

Saturday 11 March

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12 March

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
Stations of the Cross rehearsal 1.00pm
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Vincenzina Cavallaro, Margaret Collis(Sullivan),
Raymond Ranario, Henry Milton, Giuseppe
(Joe) Anello, Teresita Ranario, **and those whose
Anniversaries occur about now:**

James Clunie Stark, Leonardo Caruso, Jayloni
family, John Currie, Bernabela Ferrer, Norine
Mullins, Bernadette Okely,, Sarina Caruso, Ei-
leen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Paul
Hotchkis, Audrey Robson, Bernie Butler, Cathe-
rine O'Malley,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent

12 March 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Ex 17:3-7](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 5:1-2. 5-8](#)

Gospel - [Jn 4:5-42](#) or [Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42](#)

Parish Notice from Fr Joseph.

It has been over a month now since I returned to this Parish Community and it is indeed a great joy to be back. Thank you very much every one of you for your warm welcome.

As you are aware, the reality of our Franciscan Community in Kedron is that there are only two Friars, Fr Joe McKay and myself, to manage the Parish, schools, pastoral and hospital visits. With the reduced number of Friars, it is quite challenging for masses to be covered whenever needed. I have discussed this matter with Fr Joe, for him to help with a regular Parish daily mass, unfortunately, he is unable to do so due to his commitment with Padua College.

It is important that we Friars provide masses and sacraments for all those who would like to attend. It is also important that we sometimes need to look after our own well-being and be refreshed.

After consultation with Fr Joe and our Parish Staff, I would like to inform you, that from Easter (09-04-2023) onwards, there will be no Monday morning mass until further notice. Rob Byrne (our Sacristan) and myself will take Monday as our day off from Parish commitments.

We also invite those who attend adoration after mass on Monday morning, if possible, to try and re-arrange your time and join with other adorers any time from Thursday Morning after mass to 7.30am Friday Morning every week.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM

**Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday after Mass at 8.30am**

**Second Sunday of Lent
4 & 5 March**



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Laudato Si

Last week, our parish Justice Peace and Care for Creation team hosted a loose affiliation of people interested in the future of life on earth and what religion might have to do with that, had one of its regular meetings in person and virtually. Emma Beach, Member of The Inclusion and Community Life Network (ICLN), addressed the group about the upcoming launch of a night to support the networkers, old and new, interested in working in the areas of Justice and Peace, Reconciliation, Care of our Common Home, Multicultural Pastoral Care, Ecumenism and Inter-faith relations. Register for the night at The Hanly Room, 196 Charlotte St Brisbane on: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/ICLN_launch23

ENCOUNTER SEASON 1

JOIN US FOR
GOOD
TIMES

9TH OF MARCH
in this together
16TH OF MARCH
look up

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

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!

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

Food Item Donation

St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

We truly appreciate all items that you donate to assist local people doing it tough. Last year, your Kedron Little Flower conference made many visits, most requiring food assistance. Any items that you generally buy for your own household will be useful and appreciated but, in response to questions about the items we commonly run low on, see the following list:

Breakfast cereals	Pasta sauces	Tinned vegetables and beans
Long-life or Powdered milk	Pasta	Tinned salmon, tuna etc.
Spreads e.g. jam, vegemite	Noodles	Soup
Tea	Rice	Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
Coffee – smaller bottles	Toilet paper and Toiletries of all sorts	Meal in a tin options e.g. stews

.... and any clean plastic shopping bags cluttering up your car or kitchen we can also put to good use!

Did you Know???

Erwin Albert Guth, a German-born artist based in Queensland, created many public art works to churches and institutions across Queensland, including a number in our own Kedron parish church. Guth was particularly renowned as a sculptor and, using Queensland maple, he carved the 14-foot crucifix (the Christ figure is 10 foot) behind the altar and also the statue of St Anthony. In addition, he made the copper-work featured on the ambo (pulpit), the top of the sandstone baptismal font and the tabernacle. The tabernacle imagery is



a replica of the ark of the covenant as described in the Old Testament.



Little Flower Church Stations of the cross

Once again the parish is doing a reenactment of the Stations on the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help reenact the stations. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

First Rehearsal:
Time 5th of March 2023
Where: Little Flower Church

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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.

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...



*This is my own dear Son
Listen to what he says!*

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them as they witnessed the Transfiguration. Draw Jesus, Moses and Elijah on top of the mountain as the apostles look on.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

Matthew 17:1-9

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS __ MY

_____,

AND I _____

WITH _____

__ WHAT HE _____

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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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Barbara Goddard

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