

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

Ph: 0448 356 599

2nd Sunday of Easter —16th April 2023 (YEAR A)

The gospel story about doubting Thomas has to be one of the most misunderstood episodes in the New Testament.

If you're like me, for years we have been consoled by Thomas doubting that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas' doubts were in Jesus, we have been led to believe. But let's read the story very carefully. It's not Jesus Thomas doubts, it's the disciples. In fact when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and like the others he immediately confesses Easter faith.

There are three elements in this story that should give us great comfort. The first is that Thomas doubts the early Church, and not just in regard to a minor issue of discipline or procedure. He doubts the central Christian message: that God raised Jesus from the dead. Some of us, too, at various times in our lives, can have doubts about all sorts of things in our faith. There are very few Catholics who get through life without asking some serious questions of God, about Jesus, the Spirit and the Church. These questions are good in themselves. They are necessary for a mature, adult faith. What we need to ensure is that we sincerely want answers to the questions we ask and not just use them to justify our wandering away from our faith. Thomas is the patron saint of all of us who sometimes struggle to believe what everyone else in the church seems to accept. And he is also the patron saint of those of us who seek the courage and patience to wait for the answers.

The second consoling fact to this story concerns the earliest Church. Even though they were filled with the presence of the Risen Lord and though Thomas refuses to believe their witness, they remain faithful to him in his doubts. We know this because he is still with them a week later. They didn't expel him from the group or excommunicate him, they held on to him in the hope that he would experience the Lord for himself.

Sadly for us, today, there are some who argue that Catholics who struggle with their faith should 'shape up or ship out'. While every group has its boundaries and there are limits to what people can dissent from, we could take the earliest Church as our model and stay faithful to our doubters and help them come to see the transforming truth that has changed our lives.

The final element in this extraordinary story which can help us in our Easter faith concerns the significance of the time between the first and second appearances of Jesus. We're told it was seven days and the parallel to the story of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of John's Gospel. And even though the earliest disciples experience the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, they are still locked in their fears one week later. The creation of the early Church, the movement of its earliest leaders from timidity to boldness took time and having a doubter in their midst ends up a great blessing for them all, for Christ is present at every step of the Church's creation and re-creation as well.

This story was written for people like us who do not have access to the historical Jesus. The birth of the Church is an ongoing act of God's creation in every generation. It takes time, and people will be at different stages at different moments. Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is only surpassed by our Crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt.

May this Eucharist give us confidence enough to hold on to each other in good times and bad so that we can all continue to experience his presence and have life in his name.

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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".

**...PLEASE NOTE...
AS FROM THE 10th APRIL THERE WILL
BE NO MORE MASS AND ADORATION
ON A MONDAY MORNING**

**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 17 April
NO Mass
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 18 April
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 19 April
Mass 9.00am
NO MASS Delamore 4:45pm
Encounter Band/workshop 6.30pm
Neighbour Watch 7.00pm

Thursday 20 April
Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 21 April
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 22 April
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 23 April
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Alf Gow, Alan Druery, Robert Out, Fr John Boyd-
Boland ofm, Francesca Cantarella,

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

Doreen Purcell, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy,
Gian Garizio, Helmut Kofler, Pam Emmerson,
Gina Darke, Gerard Janssen, Kerry Phillips,
Diana and Fiona Saffigna, Robin Sharry,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
23 APRIL 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Pt 1:17-21](#)

Gospel - [Lk 24:13-35](#)

Food Item Donations



URGENT – DONATIONS REQUIRED SVDP

St Vincent DePaul urgently require donations of the following food items to assist with weekly hamper distributions to those in need in our community. If you are able to purchase an item from this list and place it in the basket at the front door of the church, we would be very grateful.

SOUP	TINNED VEGETABLES	TINNED FRUIT
LONG LIFE MILK	PASTA	PASTA SAUCE
RICE	2 MINUTE NOODLE and any clean plastic shopping bags cluttering up your car or kitchen we can also put to good use!



WHITE BOOKS

The WHITE BOOKS are available at the Piety Store. There are prayers and reflections for spending time with the Lord during these 50 days which includes His Ascension, 40 days after Easter.

Laudato Si

“Easter invites us to expand our imagination. Our celebration of the resurrection enlivens our hope, as we celebrate life transformed from death. When it comes to the fate of our planet, it can be easy to fall into despair. An Easter practice might then be to ask ourselves, inspired by a question posed by marine biologist Ayana Elizabeth Johnston, “What if we got this right?” What if we got our ideas right and our work about how to care for creation correct? Can we allow ourselves to be moved from a place of possibility, trusting in God’s grace?” From LSM: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/happy-easter-expand-your-imagination/>

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.

The Samaritan Community

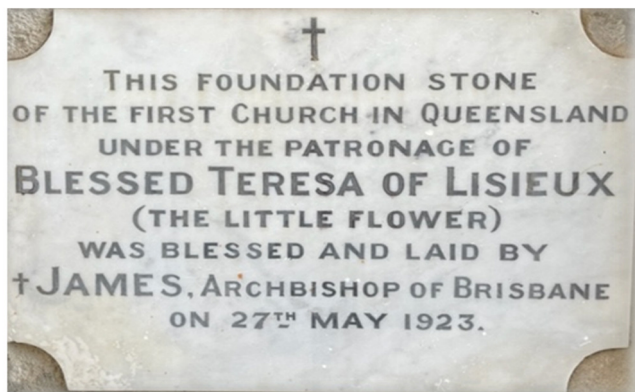
Tuesday Morning Activities at 9.30am will start again on 18th April.

They will also be closed on the 25th April (Anzac Day).

Thank you from 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: _____



The parishioners of Kedron Parish are cordially invited to attend the celebration of the **100th Anniversary** of the laying of the first foundation stone at 80 Turner Road, Kedron.

To be held on
Saturday 27th May at 5:00pm
followed by dinner at the parish hall.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH ALL
(Please let Sandra know what dish you will be bringing)

RSVP 19th May 2023
to Sandra 3357 6640 or email
kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Confirmation 2023

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program.

Enrolments

Enrolments are open until 9th May

Parent Information Night

Monday 8th May at 4.00pm or

Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm
(please choose only one to attend)

Enrolment Mass

Sunday 14th May at 4.00pm

Compulsory Workshop

Sunday 4th June (1.00-3.00pm)

Confirmation Ceremony

Friday 9th June at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

(please choose only one to attend)

If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

**Our Anzac Day Mass
will be at 8.00am
Tuesday morning**



ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

25 APRIL



Catholics "Come Alive" Parish Mission

Presented by the
Agape Charismatic Prayer Group
Over eight consecutive Friday evenings
14 April-2 June 2023

COME ALONG ON A JOURNEY WITH US
A journey of Jesu— A journey of hope and healing.

To be held at
Church of the Twelve Apostles—Jindalee
Enquiries and registration: Chris Guylet (0414 481 506)

An Indigenous VOICE to Parliament
WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?
Jesuit Fr Frank Brennan will answer THIS

At a Talk and Book Launch
When Thursday 27 April 2023

Where St Ignatius Church
Kensington Tce, Toowong
Time 6.30pm for 7pm start

Or via livestream on the Parish Website
For more information see your Parish Noticeboard

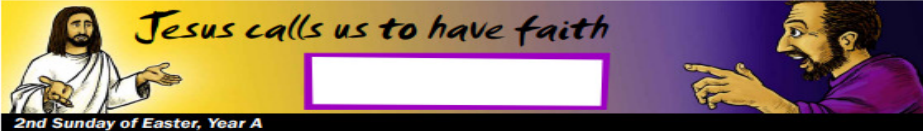
Laudato Si

"We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or to our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts" (LS205).

Easter adds "relationality" to these transcendentals, integral relations with the whole "kindom" of the Trinitarian God. Via the Triduum we contemplate our relations with all on earth, under and in earth and above earth. We contemplate the great mystery of God-with-us. For praying see Laudato Si Movement Prayer Book:

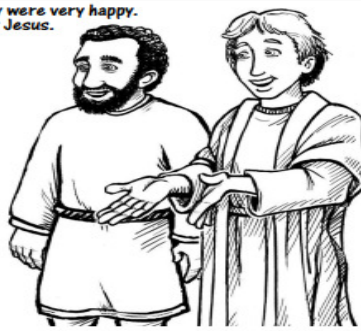
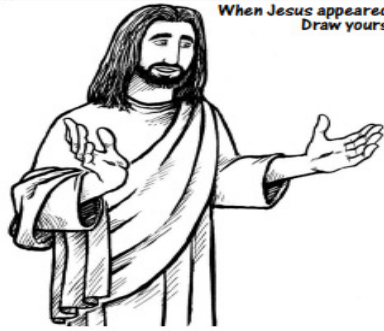
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Something for the Kids...



2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

When Jesus appeared to his disciples they were very happy.
Draw yourself being greeted by Jesus.



What do you think it would feel like to be re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again?

There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE

LOVE CRUCIFIX

 FORGIVENESS

JOY PEACE

 ALTAR

 FLOWERS

BREATH CANDLE

 CHALICE HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

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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.

STOP line Service Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: A0B@stopline.com.au Online Disclosure: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com STOP line is an external service that receives confidential information about 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistle blower Policy. Reportable conduct includes suspected abuse, misconduct and policy breaches within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Brisbane Catholic Education and Centacare Brisbane. Information can be shared anonymously

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