

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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 NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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)*

## 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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## 6th Sunday of Easter —14th May 2023 (YEAR A)

There are two strong images in today's gospel: the law and love. In a few verses Jesus keeps moving between the two ideas because he knows how closely related they are.

This can seem curious to modern ears because we have been duped into thinking that the law is the enemy of love, and that only freedom and joy are love's fruits. But think for a moment of people or projects we love, ones to which we are committed. We don't need a rulebook to call us to the most generous and sacrificial behaviour in their regard. We respond 'above and beyond the call of duty' not because of the law, but because of love. Jesus teaches us today that obedience to his commandments is a sub-set of our loving relationship with him.

The word 'obedience' comes from the Latin word *oboedire*, meaning, 'to listen carefully'. That's a gentler way of understanding Jesus' call. The more obedient we are to Christ's commandments, the more we are listening to his Spirit's call in our lives. And what are these commandments to which we have to listen? Jesus said the whole law and the prophets could be summarised as 'loving God and our neighbour, as we love ourselves'. If this seems too general a statement, then St Paul helps us fill out the details. Like Jesus, St Paul tells us the law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say, or how we feel, but in what we do. Christian love is an intensely practical affair. When we are patient, kind and gentle with each other we are obeying the law of love. So too when we forgive each other, tell the truth and remain faithful, we are listening most carefully to Christ's commandments.

St Paul also tells us that another of the fruits of Christian love is self-control. Sacrifice and self-control are really where the law of love comes into its own. The secular world keeps peddling the myth that self-expression is the only way to happiness. Most of us can see how irrational this position is and how unliveable the world would be if everyone expressed all their feelings and desires as they wished. Sometimes the most loving thing is to do nothing. If we are very angry with friends, for example, abusing them physically or verbally won't help. If we are sexually attracted to our best friend's spouse, having an affair will end in tears. On a more positive note, if we are alert to the poverty in which others live in our world, making sacrifices so that they might have something will not take away from us at all. Self-control is the ally of love and it helps us sort out the appropriate time to undertake the appropriate action.

The path to true happiness is found in being self-controlled. The problem is that self-control doesn't come easily. We need to train ourselves in its art and practise it regularly and consistently so that we can enjoy seeing the benefits of winning smaller battles before we venture out on larger campaigns. If we cultivate an attitude of self-control, we can be sure that when we most need to exercise it, we are in charge of our emotional life rather than it being in charge of us.

May this Eucharist effect a change of heart in us. May we embrace sacrifice and self-control as the doors to an even greater practical experience of the Risen Christ's law of love.

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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 15 May**

**NO Mass**

**Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 16 May**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 17 May**

**Mass 9.00am**

**NO MASS Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 18 May**

**Mass 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Encounter 6.00pm**

**Friday 19 May**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

*(Delamore)*

**Padua Mass 10.50am**

**Saturday 20 May**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 21 May**

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**SFO 9.30am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Lidia Ferro, Gabrielle Emery-Reece (Sullivan), Giovanni Danato, Robyn Woolley, Alf Gow, Alan Druery,

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

Paul Lynch, Noel and Connie Peach, Roy and Vera Jarrett, Ludovico and Luz Vargas, Bill Cable, Angus Robertson, Jack Hennessy, Rocco Raineri, Catherine Purcell, Valma Ihle, Ron D'Arx, Peter Moran, Gail Purcell, Doreen Purcell, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy, Gian Garizio, Helmut Kofler, Pam Emmerson,

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**21 May 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Acts 1:1-11](#)

2nd Reading - [Eph 1:17-23](#)

Gospel - [Mt 28:16-20](#)

**The Samaritan Community**

Tuesday Morning Activities, is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Thank you from on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

The Month of May is a time to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary is the best expression of devotion we can practice during May.



**TERM 2  
ENCOUNTER**

**SPACE  
COWBOY  
ALL IN**

20TH OF APRIL



27TH OF APRIL

**THE  
LANGUAGE  
OF GOD**

**BAPTISM**

4TH OF MAY

11TH OF MAY

**ALL IN  
CAKE OF  
FORTUNE**

**18TH OF MAY:  
NO YOUTH**

**25TH OF MAY  
FORGIVENESS  
+ ANOINTING**

**1ST OF JUNE  
CONFIRMATION**

**8TH OF JUNE  
HOLY  
ORDERS AND  
MARRIAGE**

**FT VOCATIONS  
BRISBANE**

**15TH OF JUNE  
EUCHARIST**

**23RD OF JUNE  
FINAL  
COMBINED  
ALL IN**

**W/ SPRINGY - CABO**

This term we're diving into the sacraments and how and why God speaks to us through them. Join us and the gang for food, awesome music and a chance to chat and ask questions!

**WHEN: THURSDAYS  
6:30PM - 8:30PM  
WHERE: LITTLE  
FLOWER CHURCH  
HALL**

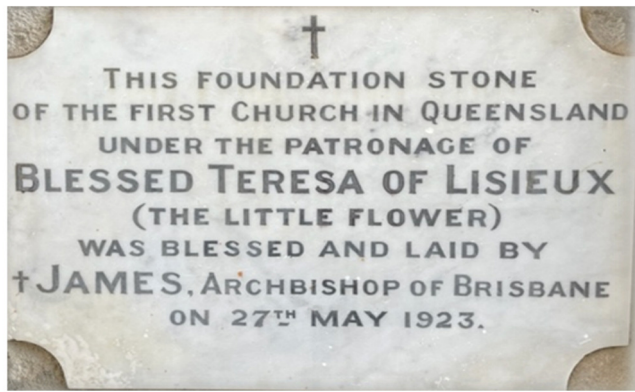
**St Vincent de Paul**

Thank you for responding to our urgent call for donations for St Vincent de Paul, your generosity is greatly appreciated. The local Kedron families we assist each week have asked us to thank you on behalf of them. They would not be able to put food on their tables each week without your kindness. If you find yourself still in a position to contribute a non-perishable item each week, we would welcome any donations of tea, coffee and cereal.



**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

### Ministers of Communion

As our Parish Community is aging some of our older parishioners are struggling to attend Mass. The Parish is looking for people to help as Minister of Communion who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly..

If you think you can help us please see Fr Joseph or contact the parish office on 33576640

### Laudato Si

In Australia, we celebrate Laudato Si Week 16-24 May 2023, *Hope for the Earth; Hope for humanity*, to honour the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. These dates are different from the international dates to enable us to fully celebrate National Sorry Day (26 May) and National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June).

If you have not already done so, would you please view the film: *The Letter* at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

For your deeper understanding, prayer, contemplation and action for justice, peace and reconciliation, please visit: <https://laudatosiweek.org/> or the Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/05/05/laudato-si-week-2023-resources/>

### 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.



### A Mother's Love

*There are times when only a Mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappointments  
And calm all our fears.  
There are times when only a Mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.  
There are times when only a Mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.  
For a Mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a Mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.*

### Confirmation 2023

#### Enrolments

**Enrolments are open now closed**

#### 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](mailto: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.




**CAN YOU SERVE?** Serving on the altar is a unique and engaging way of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. The parish is seeking young people who have already made their First Communion who

would like to be a part of the Altar Servers' Team. All that is involved is a commitment to be part of this beautiful ministry and a brief training session. Altar servers are then put on a roster (generally once a month). Parents, if you think your son or daughter would benefit from participating in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office

### Mass Count

During the month of May a count of those attending Mass will be taken. These figures assist the Archdiocese to understand how many people are being reached in local communities.

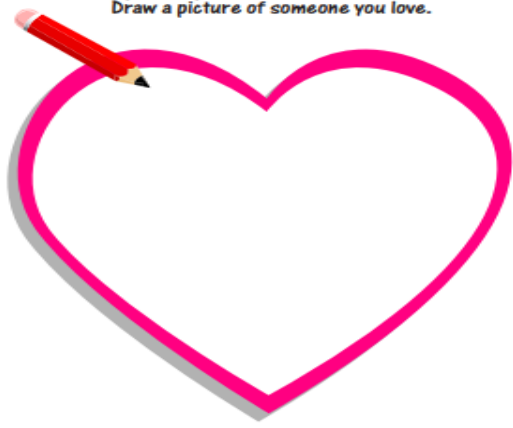
# Something for the Kids...


 **The Holy Spirit will help you and always be with you**

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A  
Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments. Name some of the commandments?



The Holy Spirit helps us to love God and to love others. Draw a picture of someone you love.



 **The Spirit will show you what is true**

Answer the following questions True or False

- Jesus only loves those who do good deeds. \_\_\_\_\_
- The Holy Spirit is always with us. \_\_\_\_\_
- God sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus said "You should not love your enemies". \_\_\_\_\_
- The disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. \_\_\_\_\_

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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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 ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

**Safeguarding Commitment**

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