

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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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 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

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 25th June 2023 (YEAR A)

## Reflection...

A few years ago there was an English film entitled, *Secrets and Lies*. It charted the story of a dysfunctional family who sat on terrible secrets and told many lies for decades.

Like many successful dramatic films, audiences flocked to see it, not only because of its compelling story, but also because it tapped into an important truth about family life as many of us live it.

When I was a boy I was often told that 'What's said and done in the home, stays in the home.' And to a degree, this is a good and loyal principle.

There are, however, family secrets and lies that cause untold damage for generations because no one is allowed to speak about them. Sexual abuse, domestic violence, suicide, incest, drug-taking, alcoholism, theft, adoption and abortion are only some of the secrets and lies that many families sit on.

Jesus, however, tells us in today's Gospel that what you 'say in the dark, tell in the light. What you whisper in darkness, shout from the housetops.'

This doesn't mean that Christians tell everyone their personal business, but it does cut to the heart of what stunts spiritual and personal growth.

To the degree that something shameful remains buried, hidden and unhealed, then its power over us is increased. It remains the thing about which we can never speak. The bad spirit has a field day with this sort of stuff, feeding our fears and lowering our self-esteem.

In this regard some Christians make a false distinction between their spiritual and psychological lives. They hold that the exploration of one's personal history or emotional problems is self-indulgent or unimportant to how we live.

We all know people who, in the pursuit of emotional health, become obsessed by their own story, feelings, reactions and psychology. We also know others who never deal with the heavy hurts they seem to carry through the years, even though the pain of them seem to be as powerfully felt now as they were when they were inflicted upon them. Today's Gospel reminds us that there is a middle road between denying what should be acknowledged and dealt with, and being absorbed by it.

The Church, rightly, holds that the best psychological tools can bring out into the open memories and experiences that can be seen for what they are and dealt with. We just have to be sure that we don't get conned into believing that psychology and therapy is anything but a pit-stop in life, so that we can attend to the working order of our mental machinery, and, importantly, get back on the road with everyone else, calling in later if needs be.

Long before the therapist's office Christ enabled the Church to develop the Sacrament of Penance where we admit our most destructive behaviour and hear that we are forgiven and healed.

That's why, when I am hearing a confession, I can't tell you how happy I am to hear the penitent say, 'Father I have never told anyone this before.'

At that moment I know the love of God is active in the person, drawing out what Christ wants in the light, spoken of and healed.

This Sunday Jesus invites all of us to find a person we respect and trust, and to end the tyranny of the power of secrets and lies. I promise you when you take this risk with the appropriate person, the presence of God won't be very far away either.

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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 26 June**

**NO Mass**

**Taekwondo 6.30pm-8.00pm**

**Tuesday 27 June**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Wednesday 28 June**

**Mass 9.00am**

**Funeral 11.00am**

*(for the late Mr Patrick Laurie O'Shea)*

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**JPCCC Group 7.00pm**

**Thursday 29 June**

**Mass 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 30 June**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

*(Delamore)*

**Saturday 1 July**

**Baptism Information 11.00am**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 2 July**

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Patrick O'Shea, Pam Byrne, Cecile Falvey,  
Mem Oliver,

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

Warren Elletson, Murphy, Cheryl Moran,  
Sarah and Tom Keating, Rannie Ranario  
Nedtran, John Vanderbyl, Paul Lynch, Noel  
and Connie Peach,

**And for those who are sick:**

Anna Shiraze-Knight

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

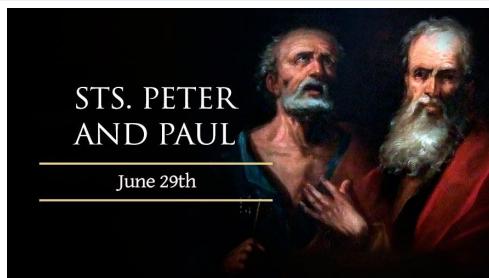
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 July 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

Gospel - [Mt 10:37-42](#)



**STS. PETER  
AND PAUL**

June 29th

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

**The Samaritan Community**

Tuesday Morning Activities, will recommence on Tuesday 11 July. Thank you for the Committee.

**Divine Will Prayer Group** meets monthly. Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom' as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation** is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Maria Hopes** is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries and enrolment forms via email at: [sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

Enrolments Open from: June 12th - July 18th

#### A. Information Session

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 4pm or  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of July at 7pm**

at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony,  
80 Turner Road, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, at which there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.

#### B. Enrolment Mass

**All children with one parent are required to attend the following Mass**

**July 23rd (Sunday) at 4.00pm**

#### C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

**August 20 (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

#### D. First Holy Communion Masses

**August 26th (Saturday) 5:00pm  
August 27th (Sunday) 9:30am, 5.30pm**

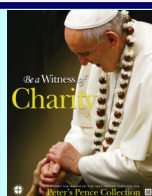
**September 2nd (Saturday) 5.00pm  
September 3rd (Sunday) 9.30am**

### Laudato Si

Let's consider A Prayer for our Earth – by Pope Francis in Laudato Si' (LS 246). See beautiful short videos which accompany this prayer at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbBYMikCsi4&amp;t=7s> "All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one....."

See many community actions this past 7th year since the publication of Laudato Si" at:

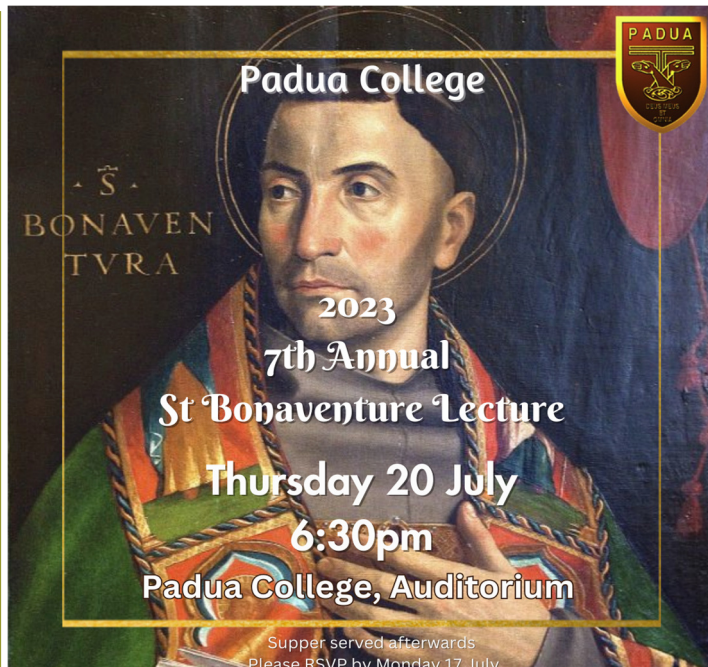
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNOO9M66QF8>



### PETER'S PENCE APPEAL UPCOMING

This weekend a collection will be taken up for Peter's Pence. Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

- The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, and to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.
- In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.



Please join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St Bonaventure Lecture, this year's guest lecturer is Fr Joe McKay ofm. speaking of 'Living the Gospel' as we celebrate the Centesimo of the Franciscan rule of life. Please click on the link below to reserve your spot. <https://www.trybooking.com/CJDGZ>

### A New Financial Year

With the new financial year upon us it is a timely opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made a pledge and over the past year supported our Kedron Parish Planned Giving Programme. Through your generosity and very real sacrifices we have the ability to budget and plan with confidence the many projects and activities and exciting ministries that flourish within our parish family.

### Your commitment is important.

Some people prefer not to use our weekly envelopes and embrace other forms of technology.

**Smart Terminals:** Our \$10 Tap N Go boxes in the Church. We have three that are positioned on stands. One at the front entrance of the door and one at the two side of the doors. Its must a matter of "Tap N Go".

**Parish Giving App:** is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one-off giving. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device.

**Direct Debit:** You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:  
BSB 064 786; Acc No. 10000 3991  
Ref your name and Envelope No (if you have one).

**Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver:** the weekend Mass collection plate.

### Your pledge makes a difference!

For those who use envelopes your new Planned Giving envelopes for the new financial year are available this weekend. If you are not as yet a member of the Kedron Parish Planned Giving simply call Sandra at the Parish Office (3357 6640) or via email [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au). Thank you once again.

# Something for the Kids...



## Don't be afraid!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him. Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.

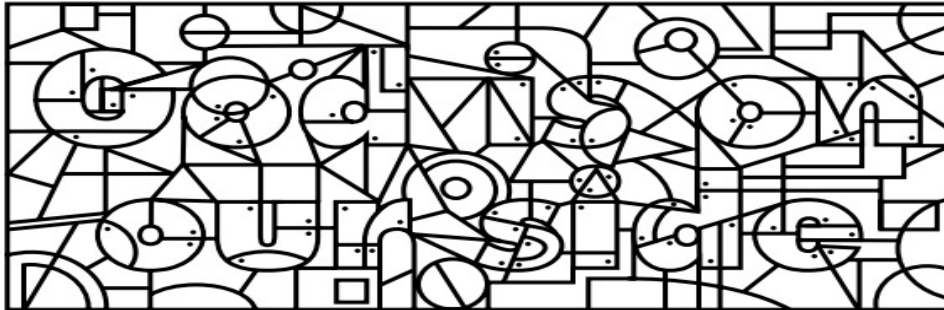


What are some things that people are afraid of?



How does God help us to overcome our fears?

Colour in the shapes that contain a dot • and discover the hidden message!



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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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