

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 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

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 9 July 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice.

'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!'

The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace.

Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

To which there was bemused silence.

So Sister tried again.

'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied,

'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 10 July

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practise 7.15pm

Tuesday 11 July

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practise 7.15pm

Wednesday 12 July

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Encounter Band and Leaders Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 13 July

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter starts for Term 3 6.30pm

Friday 14 July

Mass 8.00am

Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Padua Mass 11.50am

Saturday 15 July

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 16 July

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

SFO 9.00am

Baptisms 11.00am, 11.45am and 2.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Colin Dash, Laurie O'Shea, Pam Byrne,
Cecile Falvey,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Gerrit Janssen, Kath Hennessey, Mario La Rosa,
Derek Young, Warren Elletson, Murphy, Cheryl Moran,
Sarah and Tom Keating,

Rannie Ranario Nedtran, John Vanderbyl,

And for those who are sick

Anna Shiraze-Knight

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 July 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 55:10-11](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 8:18-23](#)

Gospel - [Mt 13:1-23](#) or [Mt 13:1-9](#)

The Samaritan Community

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



Pope Francis: Do you 'live as a witness of Jesus?'

Every baptized person is called to be a modern-day prophet, living as a witness of Jesus to others, Pope Francis said on Sunday.

In his Angelus address July 2, the pope recalled that at our baptism, each of us received "the gift of the prophetic mission." The pope, addressing an estimated 15,000 pilgrims and tourists gathered in St. Peter's Square, said a prophet is not a kind of magician who can tell the future.

"This is a superstitious idea and a Christian does not believe in superstitions, such as magic, tarot cards, horoscopes, and other similar things," he said, lamenting that "many, many Christians go to have their palms read."

"A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others, a prophet is a reflection of Christ's light on the path of his brothers and sisters," he explained, inviting everyone to ask themselves: "Do I live as a witness of Jesus?"

"Do I bring a little bit of his light into the life of another person? Do I evaluate myself on this? I ask myself: What is my bearing witness like, what is my prophecy like?" he said.

Pope Francis gave his weekly Sunday address and recited the Marian prayer the Angelus from a window of the Apostolic Palace.

He said not only are each of the baptized called to be prophetic witnesses of Christ, they also should welcome other Christians in their identity as prophets.

"It is important to welcome each other as such, as bearers of God's message, each one according to his state and vocation, and to do it right where we live — that is, in the family, in the parish, in the religious community, in other places in the Church and in society," he said.

"The Spirit," he added, "has distributed gifts of prophecy in the holy people of God. This is why it is good to listen to everyone."

His advice for making an important decision is to pray about it first of all and to call on the Holy Spirit.

"But then listen and dialogue trusting that each person, even the littlest, has something important to say, a prophetic gift to share," Francis said. "Thus, the truth is sought and the climate of listening to God and our brothers and sisters is spread." People should feel accepted and valued because they are gifts, he said, not only because they say what we like to hear.

Pope Francis said we could avoid or resolve a lot of conflicts by listening to others with the desire to understand.

"So, finally, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to welcome my brothers and sisters as prophetic gifts?" he said. "Do I believe that I need them? Do I listen to them respectfully, with the desire to learn? Because each of us needs to learn from others."

After praying the Angelus, Pope Francis recalled the importance of continuing to pray for peace around the world.

"Even in this summer time, let us not tire of praying for peace, in a special way for the Ukrainian people, [who are] so worn out."

"And let us not neglect the other wars, unfortunately often forgotten," he added, "and the numerous conflicts and clashes that bloody many places on earth."

"Let us take an interest in what is happening, let us help those who are suffering, and let us pray, for prayer is the gentle force that protects and sustains the world," he concluded.



DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE

Speakers : Father Emil Milat and Geraldine Ryan

Date: 10th July 2023

Place: Lavalla Centre,

58 Fernberg Road, Paddington. Qld.

Please RSVP by 3rd July, 2023

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Cost: \$25 per person includes lunch. Please notify us if you have dietary restrictions
Direct transfer into Society account BSB 064-480 Acct No. 10435169

Laudato Si

Ecological conversion was first used in the Catholic Church by St. John Paul II during his papacy on 17 January 2001. He noted Genesis 1:28, but he pointed out that the relationship is not "absolute, but ministerial." He highlighted how "humanity has disappointed God's expectations" by devastating plains and valleys, polluting water and air, and disfiguring the Earth's habitat. "We must therefore encourage and support the 'ecological conversion' which in recent decades has made humanity more sensitive to the catastrophe to which it has been heading," St. John Paul II said. Furthermore, he highlighted the goals of such a conversion, including returning to the right relationships between humans, God and the world, and living by them.

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Name: _____ Email: _____



Many of you will remember Peter Doherty who lived locally here in Kedron and was an active member of our parish prior to entering Holy Spirit Seminary for his home diocese, Rockhampton, in 2019. Peter usually attended the Saturday evening Mass. He was involved in many ministries, including money collector, church

cleaner, hospitality, reader, extraordinary minister of communion, RCIA and the Pastoral Council. Peter still feels a strong sense of connection to and deep affection for our Parish.

Bishop Michael McCarthy has announced that he will ordain Peter to the Diaconate next month, 11:00am 20th July at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton. While all parishioners of the Kedron Catholic Parish are very welcome to attend, for those unable to make the journey to Rockhampton, the event will be 'live-streamed' via the Diocese of Rockhampton's YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/@StJosephsCathedralRockhampton>

Please keep Peter in your prayers as his formation journey continues and he prepares for diaconal ministry.

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

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

Enrolments Open from: June 12th - July 18th

A. Information Session

**Monday 17th of July at 4pm or
Tuesday 18th 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

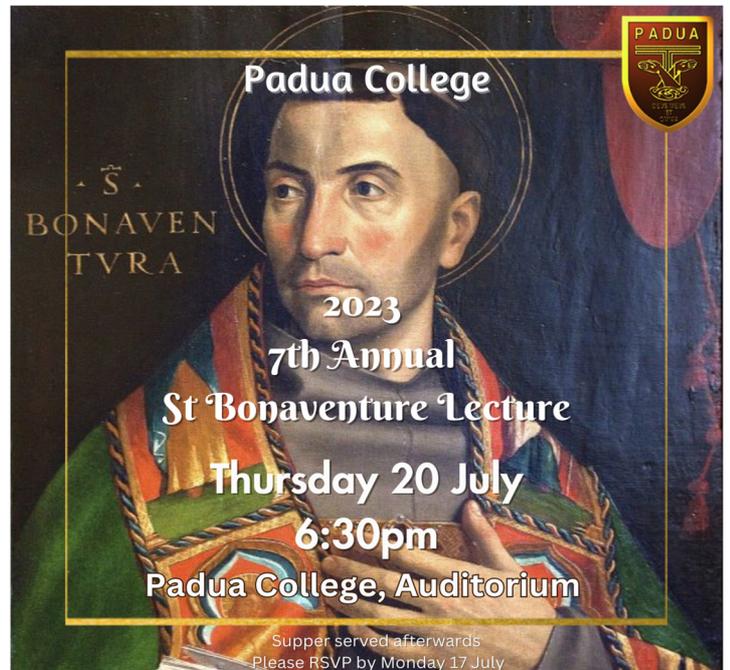
(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

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**



Please join us for the 7th 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>

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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.

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

Friday Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SECOND FRIDAY**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Something for the Kids...



If you are burdened, I will give you rest

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

In the box below, write down some things that are burdens which people carry in their lives.



Jesus tells us that he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble like Jesus? Draw a picture of yourself being gentle and showing humility towards others.

Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



_____ to me all who _____
 I will give you _____
 I am _____ and humble of _____
 My _____ is easy.
 My burden is _____

heart gentle labour
 Come yoke light rest



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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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