

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 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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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 23 July 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, *The Bible in 50 words*.

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.

At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

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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 24 July

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 25 July

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 26 July

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

JPCCC 7.00pm

Thursday 27 July

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 28 July

Mass 8.00am

Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30am

Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua Mass 11.50am

Saturday 29 July

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 30 July

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm



St. Mary Magdalene, also called **Mary of Magdala**, (flourished 1st century CE, Palestine; feast day July 22), one of Jesus' most celebrated disciples, famous, according to Mark 16:9–10 and John 20:14–17, for being the first person to see the resurrected Christ.

The unchallenged facts about her life establish that Jesus cleansed her of seven demons (Luke 8:2 and Mark 16:9), probably implying that he cured her of a physical disorder rather than the popular notion that he freed her of evil spirits. She was one of the women who accompanied

and aided Jesus in Galilee (Luke 8:1–2), and all four canonical Gospels attest that she witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and burial; John 19:25–26 further notes that she stood by the cross, near the Virgin Mary and the unidentified Apostle whom Jesus loved. Having seen where Jesus was buried (Mark 15:47), she went with two other women on Easter morning to the tomb to anoint the corpse. Finding the tomb empty, Mary ran to the disciples. She returned with St. Peter, who, astonished, left her. Christ then appeared to Mary and, according to John 20:17, instructed her to tell the Apostles that he was ascending to God.

The Gospels reveal her to be of practical character. Origen and other early textual interpreters usually viewed her as distinct from the mystical Mary of Bethany, who anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair (John 12:3–7), and from the penitent woman whose sins Jesus pardoned for anointing him in a like fashion (Luke 7:37–48). The Eastern Church also distinguishes between the three, but, after they were identified as one and the same by St. Gregory the Great, Mary Magdalene's cult flourished in the West. This identification has since been challenged, and modern scholars feel that the three women are distinct.

Gnostics, pre-Christians and early Christians who believed that matter is evil and redemption is attained by an enlightened elite through faith alone, regarded her as a medium of secret revelation, so described in their *Gospel of Mary*, *Gospel of Philip*, and *Pistis Sophia*. According to Eastern tradition, she accompanied St. John the Evangelist to Ephesus (near modern Selçuk, Turkey), where she died and was buried. French tradition spuriously claims that she evangelized Provence (now southeastern France) and spent her last 30 years in an Alpine cavern. Medieval legend relates that she was John's wife. **Saint Mary Magdalene is the Patron Saint of: Penitents and Perfumers**

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Colin Dash, Laurie O'Shea, Pam Byrne, Cecile Falvey,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Conrack Mirhan, Ivy Martin, Maria LaRosa, Richard McNeven, Joan McNeven, Edmond and Bridget Jones, Charles Stevens, Elia and Gina Arquilla, Teresa Gianni, Brian Carroll,

And for those who are sick

Anna Shiraze-Knight

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 July 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [1 Kings 3:5:7-12](#)

2nd Reading - [Romans 8:28-30](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 13:44-52](#) or [Matthew 13:44-46](#)

The Samaritan Community

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

Scam Warning: there are currently a large number of scam messages being sent by text to parishioners which use the names of

Brisbane Clergy. Please be aware of these scams and do not respond to the texts. Do not purchase any gift cards.

Simply delete the messages. Father Joseph's name is being used in the scams, along with many of our Brisbane priests' names. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or gift cards. Please do not fall victim to this scam.

Dear Parishioners

I wanted to take a moment to update you on some recent developments regarding the parish office's phone and internet services.

As many of you may be aware, we have been experiencing numerous challenges with our NBN connection, resulting in intermittent phone and internet disruptions. In order to address these issues and ensure smooth operations at the parish office, we have made the decision to upgrade our systems to the Archdiocese's software and telephone systems.

We have completed the transition, and we are confident that this upgrade will significantly reduce the disruptions and improve the overall efficiency of our services. However, with this change, there comes a need for a new phone number for the parish office.

Starting immediately, our new phone number is **3267 4825**. Please update your contact lists and make sure to include this number for any future communications with the parish office. It is important to note that the old phone number will remain active for the next six months to ensure a smooth transition for everyone.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we believe that this change is necessary to improve our communication capabilities. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the new phone number or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.
Sandra

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**

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW CLOSED

1. Enrolment Mass

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

July 23rd (Sunday) at 4.00pm

2. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 20 (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

3. 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

Vinnies update: In the first half of this year, our Kedron conference members have made more than 160 home visits to local families giving assistance valued at more than \$17,000 in putting food on the table and helping pay essential bills, including education costs. This has only been made possible by our Kedron parish, schools and local community groups' ongoing generosity and support through donations, fundraising and maintaining our supplies of pantry and other staples. Thank you for your prayers, generosity and willingness to assist. If you want more information on how to help, please contact: Cass 0400 192 679 or Maria 0411 871 859.

This year we have 160 children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy communion. Please keep our candidates in your prayer and may their journey towards receiving this sacrament be filled with blessings, guidance, and spiritual growth.

CARING FOR CREATION AND ITS CLIMATE

Invitation to a Brisbane
discussion about advocacy
and action in your
community

Panel, questions and group discussion

Panel includes: ARRCC, Angligrreen,
Queensland Churches Environmental
Network, Climate For Change and
Queensland Conservation Council.

7pm - 8th August 2023

Little Flower Church Hall
80 Turner Rd (Corner of Wayland St)
Kedron QLD

RSVP - laudatosibrisbane@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3
**LEGENDS OF
THE BIBLE**

**JULY 15TH, 2023 / GENESIS | JULY 20TH
2023 / ALL IN NIGHT | JULY 27TH / JOSHUA
AND RAHAB | AUGUST 3RD / JUDGES | AUGUST
10TH / JOB | AUGUST 17TH / ALL IN NIGHT**

**LEGENDS OF
THE CHURCH**

**AUGUST 24TH 2023 / ST PAUL | AUGUST
31ST 2023 / SAINTS FROM HISTORY |
SEPTEMBER 7TH / MODERN DAY SAINTS |
SEPTEMBER 14TH / YOU ARE A SAINT**

**THURSDAY
6:30PM - 8:30PM
LITTLE FLOWER
CHURCH HALL**



Women's Night of Spirituality

CARING FOR THE CARERS

Through history women have been the nurturers. Today, women dominate both paid and unpaid health and social care. But who cares for the carers?

This year a panel five women: Toni Janke, Mary Robson, Carol Douglas, Yasmin Kahan and Sheila Corcoran - all who have invested their lives in nurturing others will discuss where they find their strength!

Tuesday 25 July 2023

**St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace
Toowong**

Entry by donation includes supper

For more details: <https://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au>

In partnership with



The Grail will be selling copies of *In her Voice* for \$25 at the event. *In Her Voice* is a unique Australian book that showcases the often-unheard voices of women. It is powerful and ground-breaking!

Something for the Kids...

The farmer scattered good seed

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

What are some of the "weeds" in our lives that stop us from growing?

Circle the things plants need in order to grow.

Write down or draw some of the things we need to make ourselves grow.

Help the farmer scatter the seed by finding the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!

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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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Safeguarding Commitment

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