

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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17th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 30 July 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis. They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address.

His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before.

When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,
Departed yesterday as you know.
Just now got checked in.
Some confusion at the gate.

Appeal was denied.

Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow.

Your loving husband.

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here.

Old-time missionaries used to have a field day with today's gospel, or at least with part of it. While they may have liked the passages that suggested that heaven was *like* a treasure in a field or *like* a pearl of great price, they told us that hell was a furnace of fire where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Some of those preachers seemed to know an awful lot about hell! It's as though they were travel writers who had visited the place several times just to warn us about what to expect when we got there. And do you remember how easy it was to get in? Many of us thought we had a first class ticket in our pocket most of the time.

Once, during a parish mission, where the visiting priest had given us an excruciatingly detailed description of hell, he told us, 'You could be dipping your hand in the holy water font as you leave the Church tonight and be struck down dead and sent to hell for eternity!' At the end of that session my cousin stood by the holy water font and watched everyone else dip their hand in, saying as they did, 'After you, after you.' She wasn't taking any chances!

All this is not to underestimate the reality of hell. If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

There are two major differences, however, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God.

The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Jesus reminds his disciples that in glimpsing the things of heaven they have to be like the master of a household. That's a rich image. In Jesus' day such a person would have provided protection, love, security and justice for all.

God has given us free will and treasures, both new and old, to help us protect each other, love each other, feel secure in the truth and act justly. But we need to know that the choices we make in regard to these things have implications for how we live now and in the life to come.

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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 31 July

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 1st August

NO Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral 10.00am

(for the Late Catherine Standing)

Wednesday 2nd August

Anointing Mass 9.00am

Baptism 11am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Padua House Mass 6.30pm

(Cattani House)

Thursday 3rd August

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Funeral 10.30am

(For the late Giuseppe Di Francesco)

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 4th August

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Funeral 10.30am

(for the late Jill Gagno)

Saturday 5th August

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 6th August

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Giuseppe Di Francesco, Jill Gagno, Iris Box, Tresa Alexander, Catherine Standing, Fr Brian Sparksmann, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Colin Dash, Laurie O'Shea, Pam Byrne,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Edna Lonergan, Walter Erceg, James Bell, 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,

And for those who are sick

Anna Shiraze-Knight

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Transfiguration of the Lord

6 August 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14](#)

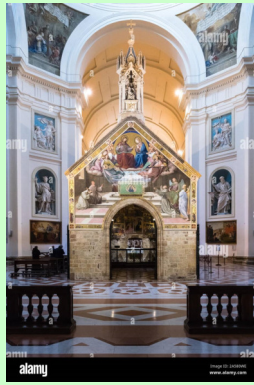
2nd Reading - [2 Peter 1:16-19](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

The Samaritan Community

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

This Sunday at our 9.30am Mass, we would like to express our gratitude to Fr Jim Smith for his invaluable assistance in helping us celebrate Mass. Welcome Fr Jim



The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula

August 2nd, is a special day for all Franciscans, as we celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. When St. Francis was discerning his vocation, he heard the Lord tell him, "Go and build my church". Francis taking what he heard literally, went and repaired chapels that were deteriorating. The Portiuncula or the "Little Portion," dedicated to St. Mary of the Angels was one of the three chapels he repaired. The chapel and the land belongs to the Benedictines for it was given to St. Benedict in the 6th century. However, the friars came to live at the Portiuncula in early 1211. It became the "motherhouse" of the Franciscans. It is now enclosed in a basilica in Assisi and the original structure of the Portiuncula is preserved. St. Francis of Assisi persuaded Pope Honorius III to grant a plenary indulgence to all those who visited the Portiuncula on August 2 and confessed their sins. This indulgence has been extended to all churches, especially those held by Franciscans, throughout the world.

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

LEGENDS OF THE BIBLE

JULY 13TH, 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
9:30PM - 8:30PM
LITTLE FLOWER
CHURCH HALL



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

1. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 20 (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

2. 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



**2023
Catholic Mission
Church Appeal**



Save The Date

Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023

Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023

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.

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.

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.

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"

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
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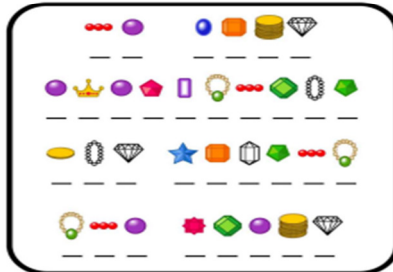
Something for the Kids...



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is so valuable that we ought to be prepared to give up everything for it. What are some things in your life that you would be prepared to give up or change in order to enter God's Kingdom?

What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.



Can you find the letters that spell the word **TREASURE** hidden in the picture below?

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."



"The kingdom of heaven is also like a shop keeper looking for fine pearls. When he finds one of great value"

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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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