

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

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13th August 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection..

A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock.

Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

**Monday 14 August
NO Mass**

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Padua House Mass 6.30am
(Masseo)
SVdP 7.00pm

Tuesday 15 August

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Funeral 10.00am
(for the late Monica Carter)

Wednesday 16 August

EKKA PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4.45pm

Thursday 17 August

Mass 8.00am
Funeral 11.00am
(for the late Linda La Schiazza)
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 18 August

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Padua 10.50am
Baptism 5.30pm

Saturday 19 August

2023 Annual Catholic Campaign Weekend
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 20 August

Mass 7.30am,
Mass 9.30am
SFO 9.00am
First Holy Communion Workshop 1.00pm
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Linda La Schiazza, Monica Carter, Bob Tedmamn,
Margaret Wingett, John Stein, Inis Zaparolli, Som-
neuk Aumsook, Giuseppe Di Francesco, Jill Gagno,
Iris Box, Tresa Alexander, Catherine Standing, Fr
Brian Sparksman, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm,

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

Fiona and Diana Saffinga, Jan Bartlett, Mary Dally-
more, Christina Woodward, Jean Butler, Harry Mar-
tin, Kevin Jacob, Edna Lonergan, Walter Erceg,
James Bell, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Conrack
Mirhan, Ivy Martin, Maria LaRosa, ,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**20th Sunday in Ordinary time
20 August 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Isaiah 56:1.6-7](#)

2nd Reading - [Romans 11:13-15. 29-32](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

The Samaritan Community
The Samaritans Morning Activities,
every Tuesday. Thank you for the
Committee.



**Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from

the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

His Apostolic Constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma,

contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance "a great sign" which "appeared in heaven," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary's assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

"It was fitting," St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, "that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death," and "that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles."

In Eastern Christian tradition, the same feast is celebrated on the same calendar date, although typically known as the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. Eastern Catholic celebration of the Dormition is preceded by a two-week period of fasting which is similar to Lent. Pius XII, in "Munificentissimus Deus," mentioned this same fasting period as belonging to the traditional patrimony of Western Christians as well.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.

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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

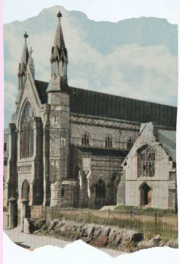
2. First Holy Communion Masses

August 26th (Saturday) 5:00pm

August 27th (Sunday) 9:30am, 5.30pm

September 2nd (Saturday) 5.00pm

September 3rd (Sunday) 9.30am



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, at 11.30am

Followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend. To register to attend the Mass and for Catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023—cathedral@catholic.net.au—3324 3030

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

LEGENDS OF THE BIBLE

| August 17th / All in Night
August 24th, 2023 / St Paul ||
August 31st, 2023/ Saints From
History || September 7th / Modern
Day Saints || September 14th / You
Are A Saint ||

LEGENDS OF THE CHURCH

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



Laudato Si

European scientists declared July the planet's hottest month on record. On Tuesday night 34 people met in the Hall to pray and reflect on how to support efforts to respond to the Pope's call in Laudato Si to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. If you feel concerned about the future of the planet, contact Wayne from our Care of Creation group via the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

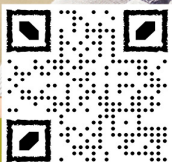
It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

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For more information: Jim Kearney

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Something for the Kids...



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Life is a bit like a boat out at sea - on some days life seems good and the sea is calm, but on other days there are storms that rock our boat and try to tip it over. Write or draw some of the things that make life tough for you on those stormy days?



We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

Amen.

Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat. Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



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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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