

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

Ph: 0448 356 599

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27th August 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

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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 28 August
NO Mass

Funeral 10.00am
(for late Catherine O'Donnell)
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 29 August

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 30 August

Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 31 August

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
St Anthony's Father Day Liturgy 8.45am
Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 1 September

Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Padua 10.50am

Saturday 2 September

First Holy Communion Weekend
Baptism Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 3 September

First Holy Communion Weekend
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Catherine O'Donnell, Helen Pulsford, Linda La Schizza, Monica Carter, Bob Tedmann, Margaret Wingett, John Stein, Inis Zapparoli, Somneuk Aumsook, Giuseppe Di Francesco, Jill Gagno, Iris Box,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Mary Robertson, Katherine Stark, Shirley Hickey, Stanley Kelliher, Clare Hughes, Fiona and Diana Saffinga, Jan Bartlett, Mary Dallymore, Christina Woodward, Jean Butler, Harry Martin, Kevin Jacob, Edna Lonergan, Walter Erceg, James Bell, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary time
27 August 2023 — Yr A
1st Reading - [Isaiah 22:19-23](#)
2nd Reading - [Romans 11:33-36](#)
Gospel - [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

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



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested to learn about the Catholic faith?
Baptised Catholic but not received Confirmation or Holy Communion?
Baptised, but have had little or no formal religious education and would like to learn more about your faith?
Baptised in another Christian church and would like to explore becoming a Catholic?

Kedron Parish offers a group-based program called the RCIA that helps people learn about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God.
If you, or anyone you know would like to find out more, please ask them to contact the parish office on 3267 4825 or by email on kedron@bne.catholic.net.au.

SVdP

We have a family that is in need of a fold out sofa, so she can accommodate her family when they drop in.
We also have a request for 3 free standing wardrobes 2m high x 1.2 wide for another companion, as well as tall boys. You can contact Ros Bannerman on 0423 728 605 or Phil Wilson on 0409 698 119. We would even be interested if there was something for sale and we can arrange to collect either or hopefully both.

Laudato Si

The Season of Creation starts Sep 1 and ends still ringing out the spirituality of St Francis on his feast day Oct 4th. This year's theme alludes to the words of the Prophet Amos (5.24), "Let Justice surge like waters, and righteousness like an unfailing stream".

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

**LEGENDS OF
THE BIBLE**

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



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: _____



Congratulations to all the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend and next weekend. It is a special occasion to commemorate the fullness of God in their lives. We want to express our gratitude to Maria Hopes, our Sacramental Coordinator, and her team for their hard

work in organizing and managing all the necessary preparations for this celebration. Our heartfelt thanks also go to our APRE, teachers, musicians, and office staff who have been actively involved in making this event possible. We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of all the parents as well. To the children, we hope that you will continue to strengthen your faith and experience a life filled with love. May you be blessed in all your endeavours.

What is Eucharist?

Eucharist is the sacrament that completes the process of initiation and is when one can fully participate in the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion.

Eucharist is unique among the sacraments as it is at the heart of our faith. For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Mass, is the most powerful way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ. Sunday after Sunday (some, of course, gather everyday), Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the ritual in which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We who celebrate are also transformed, becoming Christ's presence to others, and recognising the presence of Christ in others.

Symbols of Eucharist

Bread – Wheat is grown and ground, transformed by human work to make bread. Bread is a staple food of life.

Wine – Grapes are grown and crushed, transformed by human work to make wine. Wine symbolises joy and celebration.

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Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Our \$10 Tap N Go box in the Church
- The 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 064786; Acc No. 10000 3991 Ref your name and Envelope No (if you have one).

The FIRST Mass Collection supports the Franciscan Friars and their work.

The SECOND Mass Collection all goes for Parish expenses. **A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.**

The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically) Once again a huge thank you for your continued support. Kedron Parish Finance Council.

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 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

**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

Something for the Kids...



Who do you say I am?



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

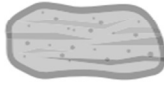
Who do you say Jesus is?
Write some words which describe Jesus.

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.



What makes strong foundations for the church?
Write your answers on the rock.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

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Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL

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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.



Cuts on Clifford

Barbara Goddard

132 Clifford Street,
Stafford Heights
Phone 3359 5199



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.



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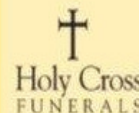
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