

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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 3rd September 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies. I often wonder, had Jesus been electrocuted to death, whether we would have little golden chairs around our necks? But while we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortured hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed.

Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. We are not meant to be lovers of pain – just bearers of it.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless.

And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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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 4 September

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 5 September

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 6 September

Anointing Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

PPC Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 7 September

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 8 September

Mass 8.00am

Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua 10.50am

Saturday 9 September

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 10 September

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Pat Tallon, John Hanly, Errol Kerr, Catherine O'Donnell, Dominador and Milagros Ranario, Helen Pulsford, Linda La Schiazza, Monica Carter, Bob Tedmann, Margaret Wingett, John Stein, Inis Zapparoli,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Mary Robertson, Gerda Janssen, Vince Brasch, Max Behrendt, Greg Brasch, Robertson, Katherine Stark, Shirley Hickey, Stanley Kelliher, Clare Hughes, Fiona and Diana Saffinga, Jan Bartlett, Mary Dallymore, Christina Woodward, Jean Butler, ,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

10 September 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

2nd Reading - [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

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.

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

**LEGENDS OF
THE BIBLE**

|| 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

This Sunday, Sep 3 2023, is the first Sunday of the Ecumenical/Orthodox Season of Creation. James Hug S.J. has written reflections on the five Lectionary Sunday readings. To quote: "Despite the personal experience of worsening storms, wildfires, droughts, floods, and heat waves, despite the consensus of scientists studying what is happening to Earth, far too many follow Peter's assumptions and mindset... No, it couldn't happen, Earth is too vast... God wouldn't let that happen... it is untrue. But what Jesus tells Peter fits us here. Think as God thinks. Seeing the truth should set us free to act, to change, to find ways to avoid the suffering and destruction that are looming, ways to heal Earth. In what ways can we transform our hearts in order to care more effectively for creation? Now? In the months to come? In what ways can we change our lifestyles...to reduce the throwaway culture? To call each other to conversion? To ways of living within God's Creation wisely, justly, reverently? We pray...."

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. 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.

Bread and wine symbolise the Creator who gives life, the one who nourishes us. At the Last Supper Jesus gave himself in the form of bread and wine.

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CAN YOU SERVE?

Serving on the altar is a unique and engaging way of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. The parish is seeking young people who have already made their First Communion who would like to be a part of the Altar Servers' Team. All that is involved is a commitment to be part of this beautiful ministry and a brief training session. Altar servers are then put on a roster (generally once a month). Parents, if you think your son or daughter would benefit from participating in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

VERSE FOR VINNIES

I have heard there are some
who are still yet to come
to St Williams on Dawson Parade.
Verse for Vinnies' the show
and you know that your dough
goes to battlers who struggle for aid.

And **Veronica Weal**
has a bush poet's spiel
that will captivate, hold you in awe.
She's a Mount Isa girl
and her verse she'll unfurl
at St Williams on Sep. 24
And four times she has won,
far above anyone,
the prestigious Bronze Swagman Award.

So please be a good sport,
come and give your support,
show Veronica how you applaud.

This will be the first time
that her metre and rhyme
will appear at our V-4-V gig.
So we'd love you to come,
to this Sunday of fun

for we're hoping this concert is big.

Sunday Sept. 24 1.30pm \$15 (cash only)
67 Dawson Parade Grovelly
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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2023
OFFICIAL PROGRAM

WHERE WE START MATTERS

NAPCAN

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3-9 SEPTEMBER: This year National Child Protection Week will

continue to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'. The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, go to: <https://www.napcan.org.au/final-official-program-webinars-events-2023/>

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

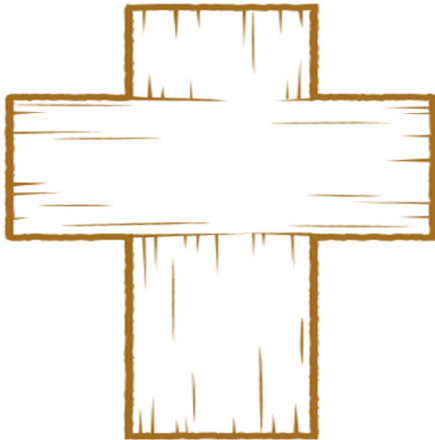
Our next baptismal Information will be Saturday 2nd September at 11.00am

Something for the Kids...



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

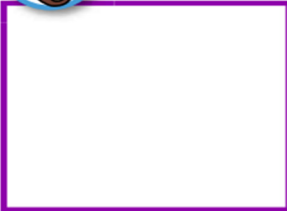
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 E U W T **E** FINISH

Help Jesus tell his disciples about the coming events in Jerusalem.



I must go to the city of Jerusalem...

...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.



Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey

Draw Jesus suffering on the cross

Write what Jesus tells the disciples next

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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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