

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 10th September 2023 (YEAR A)

The Parish office will be closed on
Tuesday 12th September
for Staff Training Session.

Reflection...

When couples who are going to be married in the Church come to see me for the first time I get them to fill out a brief questionnaire. The last two questions on the form ask:

'What do you like best about your partner?'

'What do you like best about yourself?'

The first question usually presents no problems, although it can hold a few surprises and sometimes a playful punch if the right answer is not forthcoming!

The second question seems to present all sorts of difficulties, especially for prospective grooms. Some of us find it hard to name the God-given qualities we value most in our character. Some couples try to pass it off, 'That's for others to say' or, 'I don't want to blow my own trumpet.' Others try to dismiss the question as being new age or trendy.

But the question does, in fact, cut to the heart of both today's second reading and Gospel. 'You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.' We cannot say in the same breath, 'I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.' For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves. Put another way, we cannot love anyone else if we don't love ourselves. If we have poor self-esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self-love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

The Church has to take some responsibility for this state of affairs. We used to be taught that mortification and self-denial were good Christian virtues, and indeed they can be. When properly understood they are never opportunities for self-hatred. The sanest spiritual writers in our tradition saw these virtues as paths of closeness with God and service of our neighbour.

One such writer was St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God's love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today's Gospel attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

And we know when these qualities are taking deep root in us because answering a question like, 'What do you really like about yourself?' is a piece of cake!

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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 11 September

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

SVDP 7.00pm

Tuesday 12 September

Office Closed for staff Training

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 13 September

Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 14 September

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Final Encounter for this Term 6.00pm

Friday 15 September

Mass 8.00am

Mt Alvernia 9.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua 10.50am

Saturday 16 September

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 17 September

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Inurnment of Millie Gomes 10.30am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Tony Zillotti, Pat Tallon, John Hanly, Errol Kerr, Catherine O'Donnell, Dominador and Milagros Ranario, Helen Pulsford, Linda La Schiazza, Monica Carter,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Maureen Hudson, Giovanni Di Bella, Isidora Di Bella, Nunzio La Spina, Mariano Grasso, Maria Finocchiaro, Mary Robertson, Gerda Janssen, Vince Brasch, Max Behrendt, Greg Brasch, Robertson, Katherine Stark, Shirley Hickey, Stanley Kelliher, Clare Hughes, Fiona and Diana Saffinga,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary time

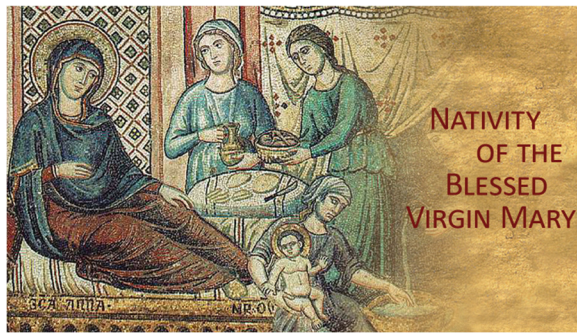
17 September 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Sirach 27:30 – 28:7](#)

2nd Reading - [Romans 14:7-9](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

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



The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

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Name: _____ Email: _____

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

LEGENDS OF THE BIBLE

|| September 14th / You Are A Saint ||

LEGENDS OF THE CHURCH

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



CAN YOU SERVE?

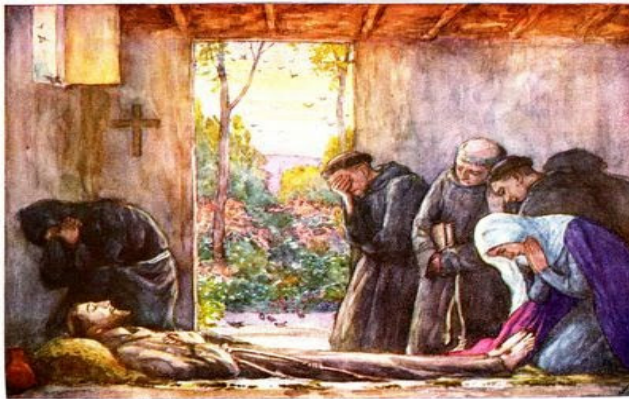
Serving on the altar is a unique and engaging way of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. The parish is seeking young people who have already made their First Communion who would like to be a part of the Altar Servers' Team. All that is involved is a commitment to be 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

St Vincent de Paul Food Donations

Thank you to those parishioners who diligently bring a food parcel to mass each week. The pantry's stocks of pasta and men's shaving items are very low, so if anyone is able to donate these items we would be very grateful.

Laudato Si

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonised in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river (Amos 5:24). Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.



Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday 3rd October, 2023 - 6.30pm
St Therese and St Anthony Church
80 Turner Road, Kedron

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



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.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 10 SEPTEMBER: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



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Something for the Kids...

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....



I'M SORRY

If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.



How did Jesus treat sinners?

Matthew was a tax collector and was disliked by many people. Jesus shared a meal with him and other sinners. Matthew became a disciple of Jesus. **Mt 9:9-13**

Draw Jesus sharing a meal with Matthew and his friends

A woman who had sinned was brought before Jesus. The pharisees wanted Jesus to condemn her, but instead Jesus forgave her sins. **Jn 8:2-11**

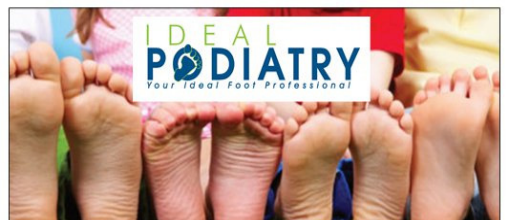
Write a short prayer asking God to forgive our sins

Dear Lord, _____

_____ Amen.

A rich man named Zaccheus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. People became upset when Jesus decided to be a guest at Zaccheus' house, but Zaccheus was so happy he gave half his possessions to the poor. **Lk 19:1-10**

Draw Zaccheus in the sycamore tree



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