

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)

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17th September 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Charged with the rape and murder of a young woman, it only took the jury twenty minutes to return a guilty verdict for the three men in the dock. The courtroom erupted in cheers as the verdict was read out.

As the men were being led out of the courtroom the mother of two of them ran toward the dock yelling, 'I think what you've done is despicable, but I want you to know that I love you.'

Outside the courthouse, the media were expecting the parents of the victim to advocate capital punishment for the criminals. Instead, they said they wanted to forgive the perpetrators of this vicious crime. Everyone listened in disbelief.

No one at that courthouse was running away from the heinous nature of the crimes, nor from the punishment the men deserved, but the parents involved chose to focus on love and forgiveness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other seventy-seven times. Numbers are not randomly used in the Bible. One, three, seven, twelve and forty all have specific meanings. To number something as seven is to describe it as being perfect. When we hear Jesus use this phrase we recall the story in the Book of Genesis of the seven days of creation where, on the seventh day, God looks at the result of his creative love and sees that it is very good. Jesus, using some shorthand, says that not only is forgiveness good, but that it is a creative act that gives life to the world and gives glory to those who exercise it.

In the 5th Century St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today's Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well.

It's easy to be forgiving in the big picture. We can preach strongly about war, peace and reconciliation. It's quite another to forgive those closest to us. Sometimes the hardest place to be compassionate and just is our own home. If we are not speaking to a husband, wife, child, parent, sibling or friend then today's Gospel has a strong challenge right where we live.

Part of the problem is that we could have accepted the film *Love Story's* motto, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry'. This idea is many things, but it's not Christian. For followers of Jesus the exact opposite is true. We seek opportunities to forgive and ask for forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't tell us that forgiveness is easy, just necessary. To forgive someone in our family, our workplace, our circle of friends or in our Church is not to pretend that a sinful situation did not occur, but to face it head on and demand justice with compassion.

For when we stand before God with the weakness and sinfulness of our own life, God will not settle old scores, take revenge and exact retribution. Rather God, will be perfectly just and completely compassionate. When we choose forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate we begin to glimpse God's creative goodness coming to perfection in us, because forgiveness is a participation in the very heart of God.

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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 18 September

NO Mass
Taekwondo 6.00pm

Tuesday 19 September

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
PFC Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 20 September

Mass 9.00am
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 21 September

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 22 September

Mass 8.00am
Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)

Saturday 23 September

Youth Choir Practice 3.30pm
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 24 September

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Rodney Humphrey, Tony Zillotti, Pat Tallon,
John Hanly, Errol Kerr, Catherine O'Donnell,
Dominador and Milagros Ranario, Helen Puls-
ford, ,

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

Frank Power, 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,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

24th September 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Isaiah 55:6-9](#)

2nd Reading - [Philippians 1:20-24. 27](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

The Samaritan Community

The Samaritans Morning Activities,
will resumes again on Tuesday 3rd Oc-
tober. Thank you for the Committee.

Rain or Shine

St Francis of Assisi. Born in the 12th century,
is the patron saint of
animals and the environment.
On St Francis feast day, animals are blessed to celebrate his
(and our) love for animals and all creation.

Annual
Blessing
of the
Animals

JOIN US FOR OUTSIDE MASS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th, at 5.00PM

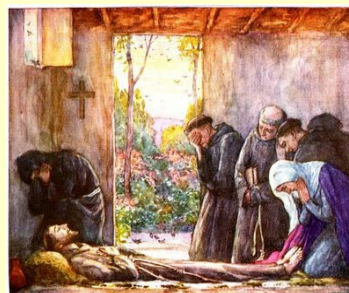
*Please bring a rug or
chairs with your pets
to church for a blessing*

In Honor of St Francis of Assisi
Patron Saint of Animals & the Environment

Laudato Si

Let us join the mighty river* by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realise that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves. *river per Amos 5:24

**You are invited to the
celebration of the Vigil Feast of
The Transitus of St Francis with the Franciscan Family**



**Ceremony commences at 6.30 pm
on Tuesday 3rd October 2023
At St Therese and St Anthony Church
"The Little Flower"
80 Turner Road, Kedron**

**If you have any questions, please contact the
Parish Office on 32674825
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Name: _____ Email: _____

**Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
Feast Day – September 17**



Saint Francis imitated Christ so perfectly that towards the end of his life our Lord wished to point him out to the world as the faithful imitator of the Crucified, by imprinting His five wounds upon his body.

Two years before his death, when, according to his custom, Saint Francis had repaired to Mt La Verna to spend the 40 days preceding the feast of St. Michael the Archangel in prayer and fasting, and there this wonderful event took place. St Bonaventure gives the following account of it:

"Francis was raised to God in the ardor of his seraphic love, wholly transformed by sweet compassion into Him, who, of His exceeding charity, was pleased to be crucified for us.

On the morning of the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, as he was praying in a secret and solitary place on the mountain, Saint Francis beheld a seraph with six wings all afire, descending to him from the heights of heaven. As the seraph flew with great swiftness towards the man of God, there appeared amid the wings the form of one crucified, with his hands and feet stretched out and fixed to the cross. Two wings rose above the head, two were stretched forth in flight, and two veiled the whole body.

"Francis wondered greatly at the appearance of so novel and marvelous a vision. But knowing that the weakness of suffering could nowise be reconciled with the immortality of the seraphic spirit, he understood the vision as a revelation of the Lord and that it was being presented to his eyes by Divine Providence so that the friend of Christ might be transformed into Christ crucified, not through martyrdom of the flesh, but through a spiritual holocaust.

"The vision, disappearing, left behind it a marvelous fire in the heart of Saint Francis, and no less wonderful token impressed on his flesh. For there began immediately to appear in his hands and in his feet something like nails as he had just seen them in the vision of the Crucified. The heads of the nails in the hands and feet were round and black, and the points were somewhat long and bent, as if they had been turned back. On the right side, as if it had been pierced by a lance, was the mark of a red wound, from which blood often flowed and stained his tunic."

Thus far the account of St Bonaventure. Although St Francis strove in every way to conceal the marvelous marks which until then no man had seen, he was not able to keep them a complete secret from the brethren. After his death they were carefully examined, and they were attested by an ecclesiastical decree.

To commemorate the importance of the five wounds, Pope Benedict XI instituted a special feast which is celebrated on September 17th, not only by all branches of the Franciscan Order, but also in the Roman missal and breviary.



As we begin the start of the school holidays, we wanted to take a moment to express our hopes for a well-deserved rest for all of you.

Teachers, you have tirelessly dedicated yourselves to educating and guiding our students throughout the year. Your commitment and passion for teaching have made a significant impact on their lives, and we are grateful for all that you do.

School officers, you have worked diligently behind the scenes to keep our school running smoothly. Your efforts in administration, maintenance, and support services have been vital in creating a conducive learning environment for our students and staff.

Students, you have consistently put in hard work, determination, and enthusiasm in your studies. Your growth and achievements are a testament to your resilience and eagerness to learn.

As the break approaches, we encourage each of you to take this time to relax, rejuvenate, and spend quality moments with loved ones. It is essential to take care of your physical and mental well-being during this period. Whether you choose to embark on new adventures, catch up on hobbies, or simply unwind with a good book, we hope that you find joy and fulfillment in whatever you do.

We also want to extend our gratitude to all the parents, guardians, and families who have supported our school community throughout the year. Your involvement and cooperation have been instrumental in creating a successful learning environment for our students.

We recognize the challenges and hard work that you have all faced, and we want to ensure that you have a well-deserved break to recharge and prepare for the upcoming year. Take this time to unwind, reflect, and engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our school. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As we approach 2024, it is time for us to start preparing our volunteer rosters once again. We have noticed a few changes among our volunteers since our last roster update. If you have switched Masses or altered your availability for your respective ministries, we kindly request that you inform the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Your dedication to supporting our Masses and Liturgies is truly commendable, and we want to ensure our rosters accurately reflect any adjustments you may have made. Your commitment and contribution are immensely valued and appreciated.

Please reach out to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to update your information. Your cooperation in this matter will greatly assist us in organizing our volunteer schedules effectively for the upcoming year.

Something for the Kids...

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

One day a _____ gathered his officials to find out how much _____ they owed him. One official owed the king fifty million _____ coins, but could not pay back what he owed. The king ordered that he, his family and _____ be sold to pay back the debt. The official _____ for mercy. The king felt sorry for him and set him _____. As the official left, he met a man who owed him one hundred silver _____. He grabbed the man and said, "Pay me back what you owe me!" The man begged for _____ but the official had him thrown in prison. When the other officials found out they told the king. The king was so _____ he called the official back and ordered him to be _____ until he paid back everything he owed.



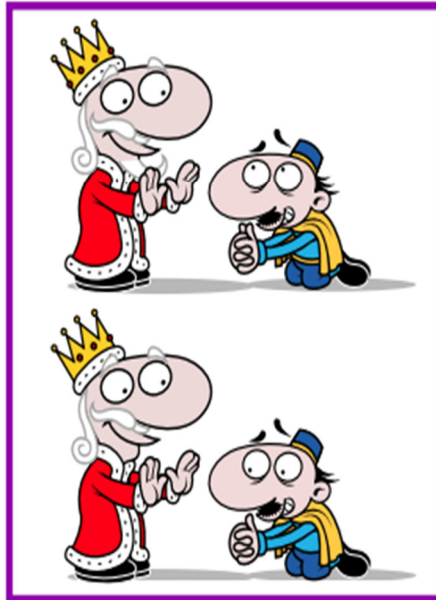
- coins
- mercy
- punished
- money
- king
- angry
- free
- possessions
- begged
- silver

Show Forgiveness

How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?

How can we show forgiveness to others?

Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



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