

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24th September 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

The film *Forrest Gump* was once described as the 'battler's triumph'. On one level it was about how the last will be first. This story picks up where the film left off.

Forrest Gump dies and goes to heaven. On arrival St Peter informs him that there are three questions he has to answer before he can enter.

1) What days of the week begin with the letter T?

2) How many seconds are there in a year?

3) What is God's first name?

Forrest answers straight away, 'Shucks, there are two days in the week beginning with the letter T – Today and Tomorrow.' St Peter replies,

'That's not what I was thinking, but you have a point. How about the next one?' 'I think the only answer can be twelve.' 'Twelve?' St Peter asks. 'Shucks, there's gotta be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd. . . .' 'Hold it', interrupts St Peter, 'I see where you're going with this. Let's go to the final question.' 'Sure', says Forrest, it's Andy!' 'Andy?' exclaims an exasperated St Peter. 'OK, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with Andy as God's first name?' 'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all', Forrest replied. 'I learned it from the hymn . . . ANDY walks with me, ANDY talks with me, ANDY tells me I am his own.' St Peter opened the pearly gates and yelled, 'Run Forrest, run!'

In today's Gospel, in which the first labourers are paid the same wage as the afternoon workers, what the early birds didn't reckon on was that they could have come much later and got the same deal.

We would cynically call the afternoon workers, 'Johnny-come-latelies' and chances are if we were confronted with the same situation we would be with the complainers.

This story was important to the early Church because generations of Jews waited and longed for the Messiah and, like the first workers, they were the first to respond to the call of Jesus and to work in the field of his Kingdom. For some of the early Jewish-Christians, including St Peter, it came as a surprise that the Lord was calling Gentiles to the life and work of Jesus' Kingdom as well.

We can imagine that it rankled some of the early birds to see these Johnny-come-latelies taking charge of the Christian mission. This wasn't how it was supposed to be!

This story, then, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just.

And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

That's why those people who have decided that God can only work in certain ways, places, people, institutions and times so often end up at the end of the line when it comes to religious wisdom. Michael McGirr in his excellent book, *Things You Get for Free*, argues that there is a crisis of belief today, but that it's not the way we often think. In a brilliant turning of the tables, McGirr says that the crisis of belief is that people inside the Church sometimes cannot believe that people outside its traditional structures can experience the love of Jesus. God loves and guides the Church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to come in first.

Rather than resent this, however, let's thank God for being bigger than we are and for being just to all of us, no matter when, or how, we get the Word.

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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 25 September

NO Mass
Taekwondo 6.00pm
SVdP 7.00pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 26 September

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 27 September

Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4:45pm
JPCCC Group 7.00pm

Thursday 28 September

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 29 September

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

Saturday 30 September

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 1st October

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Heather Clarke, Scott Dixon, Rodney Humphrey,
Tony Zillotti, Pat Tallon, John Hanly, Errol Kerr,
Catherine O'Donnell, Dominador and Milagros
Ranario, Helen Pulsford,

**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:

26th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st October 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)

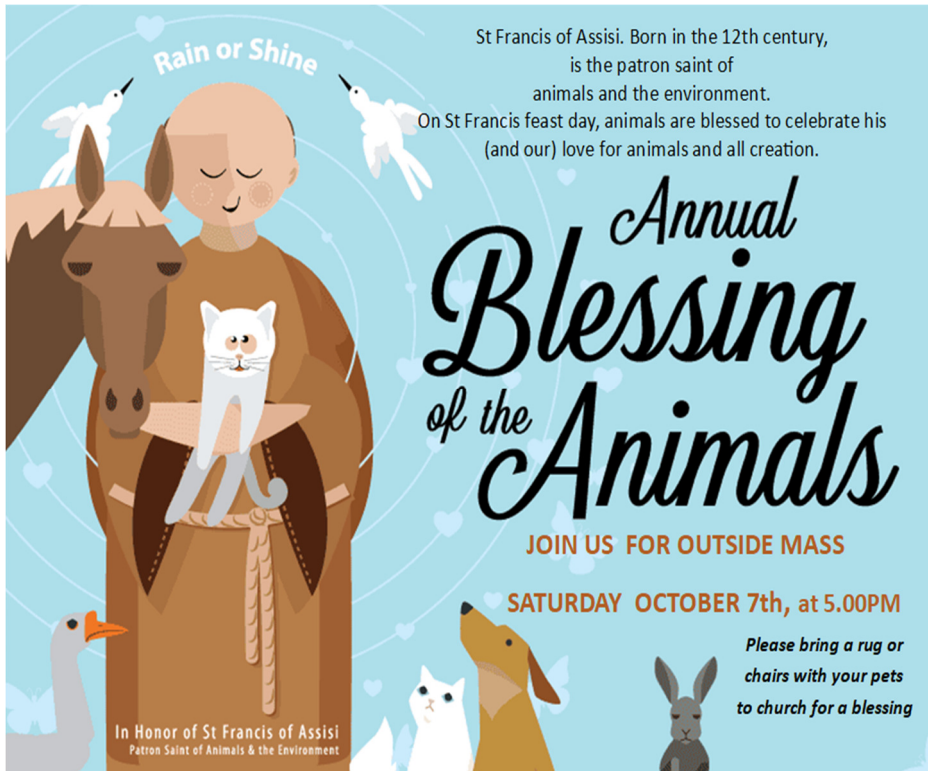
2nd Reading - [Philippians 2:1-11](#) or

[Philippians 2:1-5](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

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

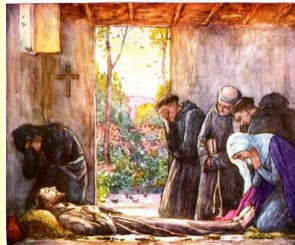
Please bring a rug or
chairs with your pets
to church for a blessing

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

Laudato Si

Let us, as the Pope reminds us, "add to the flow of this mighty river (Amos 5.24) by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our "ecological sins", as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God's grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable."

**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

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Breaking Through

*When life is breaking down -The Paschal Mystery
A Prayer Reflection...*

suitable for all ages and all life stages.

Presented by Sr Mary Frazmann, Presentation Sister

22 October 2023 at 2pm-4.30pm Little Flower Parish Hall

80 Turner Road, Kedron

RSVP for catering purposes—overheads2hearts@gmail.com or 0407
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tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door .**

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Saint Vincent de Paul's Story

September 27

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer [Blessed Frédéric Ozanam](#).

Reflection

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.



Sausage Sizzle

Democracy Sausage.

Volunteers Required

The parish is running a Sausage Sizzle at the upcoming Referendum on

Saturday the 14th October.

Proceeds would go towards parish projects.

If you are able to help for a couple of hours, please contact Paul Masters on 0438 106 049 or

email pma78556@bigpond.net.au

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

Bake Sale

A fundraiser for the church

Calling all bakers!



Referendum Election Day
Cake Stall next to Parish Hall

**Saturday, 14 October
2023**

All baking **must** be packaged & labeled with ingredients when delivered to the store.

Baking can be delivered:

Friday 13 October between 9am and 12pm
at Parish Office

or
Saturday morning between 6am and 8am
to the cake store near the parish hall

If you can bake please contact

Stacey De Angelis

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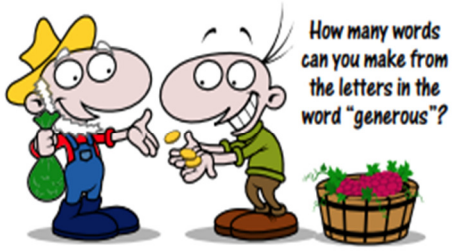
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Something for the Kids...

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

GENEROUS

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



SELFISH CARING
VAIN GREEDY KIND
GENEROUS
SHARING CARELESS
JEALOUS

START

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