

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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The Body and Blood of Christ — 11th June 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope.

'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.'

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.'

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.

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PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK

Monday 12 June

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
Choir Practise 7.15pm

Tuesday 13 June

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Mass St Anthony's School 9.15am
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 14 June

Mass (Yr 4) 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Encounter Band and Leaders Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 15 June

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

(Final for Term 2)

Friday 16 June

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 17 June

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 18 June

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

SFO 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Pam Byrne, Cecile Falvey, Mem Oliver,
Lorraine Therese Towne, Lidia Ferro,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Sarah and Tom Keating, Rannie Ranario Nedtran,
John Vanderbyl, Paul Lynch, Noel and Connie
Peach, Roy and Vera Jarrett, Joyce Swanson, Lu-
dovico and Luz Vargas, ,

And for those who are sick:

Anna Shiraze-Knight

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 June 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Ex 19:2-6](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 5:6-11](#)

Gospel - [Mt 9:36 – 10:8](#)

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities, is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Thank you from on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



St Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guest master and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them.

Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony then travelled to Morocco to spread God's truth,

but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they travelled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health. There, he was assigned to work in the kitchen and as well, he spent time praying and studying.

Some time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, thus the Franciscans assumed it was they who would provide a homilist, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. It was then the head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak about.

Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. Soon, news of his eloquence reached Francis of Assisi, who held a strong distrust of the brotherhood's commitment to a life of poverty. However, in Anthony, he found a friend.

In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it.

When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief *did* return the book and in an extra step returned to the Order as well. The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today.

Anthony occasionally taught at the universities of Montpellier and Toulouse in southern France, but he performed best in the role of a preacher. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, most unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946.

Once, when St. Anthony of Padua attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he went out and preached his message to the fish. This was not, as liberals and naturalists have tried to say, for the instruction of the fish, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say.

He was only 35-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles."

St Anthony is venerated all over the world as the Patron Saint for lost articles, and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods.

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: _____



GOLD COIN BOOK SALE

11.00am– 1.00pm
Saturday 10th June
Sunday 11th June

At The Dining Room at Delamore
115 Turner Road, Kedron

Our library group has recently culled our shelves donate a gold coin (2) to “buy” one of these books. Money raised will go to the Residents Funds and books left unsold donated to the Samaritans or SVdP. All welcomed

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation** is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries and enrolment forms via email at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

Enrolments Open from: June 12th - July 18th

A. Information Session

**Monday 17th of July at 4pm or
Tuesday 18th of July at 7pm**

at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony,
80 Turner Road, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, at which there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.

B. Enrolment Mass

All children with one parent are required to attend the following Mass

July 23rd (Sunday) at 4.00pm

C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 20th (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Masses

**August 26th (Saturday) 5:00pm
August 27th (Sunday) 9:30am, 5.30pm**

**September 2nd (Saturday) 5.00pm
September 3rd (Sunday) 9.30am**

Piety Store...

Thank you to everyone who supports the Piety Store. They have donated \$1500.00 to the Franciscan Missions.

Laudato Si

In Australia, we celebrate Laudato Si Week 16-24 May 2023, *Hope for the Earth; Hope for humanity*, to honour the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. These dates are different from the international dates to enable us to fully celebrate National Sorry Day (26 May) and National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June).

If you have not already done so, would you please view the film: *The Letter* at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

For your deeper understanding, prayer, contemplation and action for justice, peace and reconciliation, please visit: <https://laudatosiweek.org/> or the Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/05/05/laudato-si-week-2023-resources/>

TERM 2 ENCOUNTER

This term we're diving into the sacraments and how and why God speaks to us through them. Join us and the gang for food, awesome music and a chance to chat and ask questions!

**WHEN: THURSDAYS
6:30PM - 8:30PM
WHERE: LITTLE
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For more information: **Jim Kearney**
0410-881622



Mission to Juba

Last Sunday the parish launched Mission to Juba. By bringing in your unwanted drinking cans and bottles not only are you helping the environment but you will also be helping raise funds for the people of Juba where Fr Mario is working. Thank you to Peter Jones who help organize this for us.



Something for the Kids...



Whoever eats this bread will live forever

The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

During Mass we share in a sacred meal called the Eucharist, which means 'to give thanks'. In the chalice, write down some things which we can be thankful for. In the bread, draw a picture of your family sharing a special meal.



Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



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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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Safeguarding Commitment

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