

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 3rd 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 Transfiguration of the Lord — 6th August 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world.

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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 7 August

NO Mass

Funeral

(for the late John Stein)

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 8 August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

JPCCC 7.00pm

Wednesday 9 August

NO Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 10 August

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 11 August

NO Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua 10.50am

Saturday 12 August

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13 August

Mass 7.30am,

Mass 9.30am

(SVdP Commissioning)

Baptisms 11.00 and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

John Stein, Inis Zaparolli, Somneuk Aumsook, Giuseppe Di Francesco, Jill Gagno, Iris Box, Tresa Alexander, Catherine Standing, Fr Brian Sparksman, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Colin Dash, Laurie O'Shea, Pam Byrne,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Christina Woodward, Veronica Rame Soegiarti, Jean Butler, Harry Martin, Kevin Jacob, Edna Lonergan, Walter Erceg, James Bell, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Conrack Mirhan, Ivy Martin, Maria LaRosa, Richard McNeven, Joan McNeven, Edmond and Bridget Jones, Charles Stevens, Elia and Gino Arquilla, Teresa Gianni,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

19th Sunday in Ordinary time

13 August 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [1 Kings 19:9.11-13](#)

2nd Reading - [Romans 9:1-5](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

The Samaritan Community

The Samaritans Tuesday Morning Activities, will recommence on Tuesday 11 July. Thank you for the Committee.



Saint Mary MacKillop's Story

If Saint Mary MacKillop were alive today, she would be a household name. It's not that she sought the limelight. On the contrary, she simply wanted to serve the poor wherever she found them in her native Australia. But along the way, she managed to arouse the ire of some rather powerful churchmen. One even excommunicated her for a time.

Born in Melbourne in 1842, to parents who had emigrated from Scotland, Mary grew up in a family that faced constant financial struggles. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860, she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity.

As the congregation grew, so did Mary MacKillop's problems. Her priest-friend proved unreliable in many ways and his responsibilities for direction of the Sisters were removed. Meanwhile, Mary had the support of some local bishops as she and her Sisters went about their work. But the bishop in South Australia, aging and relying on others for advice, briefly excommunicated Mary—charging her with disobedience—and dispensed 50 of her Sisters from their vows. In truth, the bishop's quarrel was about power and who had authority

over whom. He ultimately rescinded his order of excommunication. Mary insisted that her congregation should be governed by an elected mother general answerable to Rome, not to the local bishop. There also were disputes about whether or not the congregation could own property. In the end, Rome proved to be Mary's best source of support. After a long wait official approval of the congregation—and how it was to be governed—came from Pope Leo XIII. Despite her struggles with Church authorities, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters were able to offer social services that few, if any, government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the aborigines. They taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers. Money, actually the lack of it, was a constant worry. But the Sisters who begged from door to door, were bolstered by faith and by the conviction that their struggles were opportunities to grow closer to God.

By the time Mary was approaching the end of her life, the congregation was thriving. She died in 1909 at the age of 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI canonized her, she became Australia's first saint. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on August 8.

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

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: _____

**Sacramental Programme
First Holy Communion**

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

1. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 20 (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

2. 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

**CARING FOR CREATION
AND ITS CLIMATE**

Invitation to a Brisbane
discussion about advocacy
and action in your
community

Panel, questions and group discussion

Panel includes: ARRCC, Angligrreen,
Queensland Churches Environmental
Network, Climate For Change and
Queensland Conservation Council.

7pm - 8th August 2023

Little Flower Church Hall
80 Turner Rd (Corner of Wayland St)
Kedron QLD

RSVP - laudatosibrisbane@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM 3

**LEGENDS OF
THE BIBLE**

**August 10th / Job || August 17th /
All In Night**

**August 24th 2023 / St Paul ||
August 31st 2023 / Saints From
History || September 7th / Modern
Day Saints || September 14th / You
Are A Saint ||**

**LEGENDS OF
THE CHURCH**

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



**Saint Clare of Assisi
(July 16, 1194 – August
11, 1253)**

***Saint Clare of Assisi's
Story***

One of the more sugary
movies made about
Francis of Assisi pictures
Clare as a golden-haired
beauty floating through
sun-drenched fields, a
sort of onewoman coun-

terpart to the new Franciscan Order.

The beginning of her religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula

received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jewelled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

The Poor Ladies went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions.

When even the pope tried to persuade Clare to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano.

Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. Clare was always obedient to his will and to the great ideal of gospel life which he was making real. A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Clare had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenceless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled.

Something for the Kids...



*This is my own dear Son
Listen to what he says!*

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them as they witnessed the Transfiguration. Draw Jesus, Moses and Elijah on top of the mountain as the apostles look on.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS __ MY

AND I ____
WITH ____

__ WHAT HE ____



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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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