

# 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)

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 15th October 2023 (YEAR A)

## Reflection...

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

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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 16 October**

**NO Mass**

**Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 17 October**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.00am**

**Wednesday 18 October**

**Mass 9.00am**

**Inurnment 9.30am**

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 19 October**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Mt Alvernia Leadership Day 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Encounter 6.00pm**

**Friday 20 October**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

*(Delamore)*

**Padua Mass 10.50am**

**Saturday 21 October**

*(Catholic Mission Appeal Weekend)*

**Baptism 8.00am**

**Wedding 2.00pm**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 22 October**

*(Catholic Mission Appeal Weekend)*

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Pietro Rossitto, Ross Hielscher, Heather Clarke, Scott Dixon, Rodney Humphrey, Tony Zillotti, Pat Tallon **and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:**

Melenio Cabrega, Frank Power, Maureen Hudson, Giovanni Di Bella, Isidora Di Bella, Nunzio La Spina, Mariano Grasso, Maria Finocchiaro

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**22nd October 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

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

Gospel - [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

**The Samaritan Community**  
Join the Samaritans Morning Activities, every Tuesday.  
Thank you from the Committee.

Dear parish members,

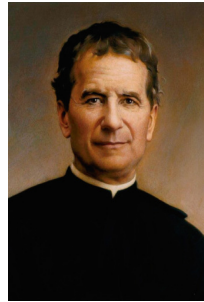
I wanted to provide an update on the ongoing issue with the church roof. As many of you are aware, there has been an ongoing dispute with the builders who worked on the roof two years ago. Despite their initial refusal to take responsibility for the leaks, we persisted in our efforts to address the issue.

I am pleased to share that after numerous independent reports, it has been confirmed that the builders are indeed at fault for the problems with the roof. They have been deemed responsible for the repairs, and I am happy to report that they will begin setting up on October 19th to initiate the necessary work.

However, I must also inform you that during the repair process, parking at the back of the church may be limited or temporarily unavailable. I kindly request your patience and understanding during this time. I assure you that the repairs will be conducted efficiently to minimize any inconvenience caused.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in this matter. We are committed to resolving the issue and ensuring the stability of our beloved church.

Sandra Di Francesco  
Parish Manager



**THE RELIC STATUE OF  
ST JOHN BOSCO  
ON THE 18TH OCTOBER 2023 between  
8.00am—7.00pm at  
THE LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH  
80 TURNER ROAD, KEDRON**

The relic statue of St. John Bosco, more commonly known as Don Bosco, will be visiting our parish on the 18th October 2023. This statue is a significant artifact that has been touring Australia as part of the centenary celebrations of the Salesians' arrival in the country.

On this special day, the relic statue of St John Bosco will be present in our parish. It is a rare and special opportunity for us to be part of the centenary celebrations of the Salesians in Australia. We strongly encourage all parishioners to join us and make this occasion even more significant.

St John Bosco is a revered saint who dedicated his life to serving young people, particularly those in need. His teachings and work have had a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals, and having his relic statue in our midst is a humbling and inspiring experience.

The Salesians, who are hosting this event, have been instrumental in spreading the message and mission of St John Bosco around the world. They are a religious order that focuses on the education and spiritual development of young people, mirroring the values and teachings of their founder.

By participating in this celebration, we not only honor St John Bosco and his legacy but also pay tribute to the Salesians who have dedicated themselves to his cause. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a community, to learn more about the Salesians and their work, and to be inspired by their example.

Let us embrace this special occasion and join in the festivities, whether through attending Mass, participating in prayers and devotions. It is a chance for us to deepen our faith, to learn from the teachings of St John Bosco, and to be part of a meaningful event in the history of our parish and the Salesians in Australia.

We encourage all parishioners, regardless of age or background, to come and be part of this important occasion. Whether you have a personal connection to St John Bosco or are simply curious and interested in learning more, this celebration is for everyone. It is an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and how we can contribute to the spiritual well-being of our community.

So mark your calendars for Wednesday, 18 October and make it a priority to be a part of this significant event. Let us gather as a parish, celebrate the presence of the relic statue of St John Bosco, and join in the centenary celebrations of the Salesians in Australia. Together, let us grow in faith, unity, and gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us and devotions. It is a chance for us to deepen our faith, to learn from the teachings of St John Bosco, and to be part of a meaningful event in the history of our parish and the Salesians in Australia.



**Hearts on Fire  
FEET ON THE MOVE**

Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

**Catholic Mission Appeal  
21st –22nd October**

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fr Joseph Nguyen ofm  
is looking at taking a group of parishioners on a  
Franciscan Pilgrimage in 2024  
Below is the itinerary route that we will be looking to do  
We will be in Assisi for the Feast Day  
Dates and places will still need to be confirmed**

Day 1 Brisbane – Dubai-Venice  
Day 2 Dubai-Venice  
Day 3 Venice  
Day 4 Venice  
Day 5 Florence  
Day 6 Florence  
Day 7 Florence - Rome  
Day 8 Rome  
Day 9 Rome – Pompeii  
Day 10 Rome  
Day 11 Rome – Greccio –  
La Foresta – Assisi  
Day 12 Assisi  
Day 13 Assisi – La Verna  
Day 14 Assisi  
Day 15 Assisi  
Day 16 Assisi – Rome - Dubai  
Day 17 Arrive Brisbane



We are asking for expression of interest for this wonderful experience. Please contact our parish manager Sandra for more details on 3267 4825.



### Laudato Si

On October 4th (St Francis Feast Day), the Pope issued a follow up to his letter Laudato Si – called Laudate Deum (Praise God). He exhorts us to act on the climate crisis. See more at <https://laudatedeum.church/>  
See the launch on YouTube by searching Presentation of the Apostolic Exhortation: "Laudate Deum"

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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you have one morning every 2 months free? Perhaps you may like to consider volunteering for the Parish's Meals on Wheels ministry. The roster is allocated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and only takes an hour to complete the deliveries. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Lydia Kirby on 0418 918 728. Thank you.

### GRAIL WOMEN'S RETREAT

To be held 28 & 29 October 2023  
at Villa Maria Spirituality Centre  
For further information,  
please contact  
Judy Brown on 0407 580 174

### MASS INTENIONS & 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.

Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Our \$10 Tap N Go box in the Church
- The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one-off giving. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device.
- Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account: BSB 064786; Acc No. 10000 3991 Ref your name and Envelope No (if you have one).

**The FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan Friars and their work.

**The SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. **A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.**

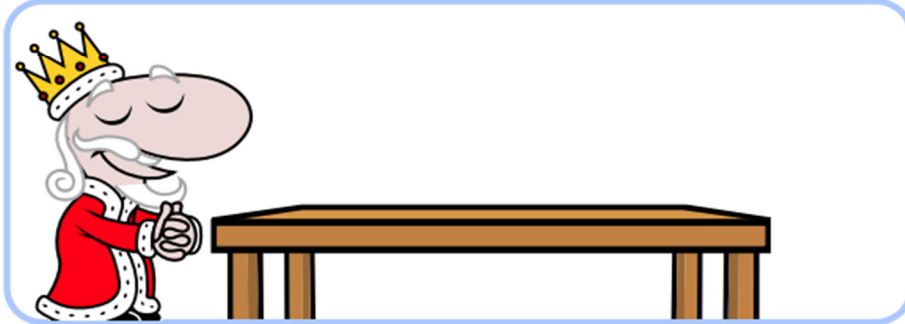
The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically) Once again a huge thank you for your continued support. Kedron Parish Finance Council.

# Something for the Kids...

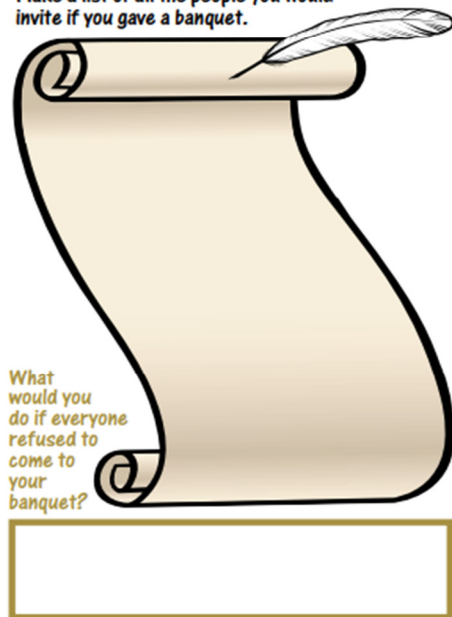


28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

When the invited guests refused to come, the king asked people from the streets to come to the banquet. On the table, draw the finest food for the banquet and fill the room with guests from all walks of life.



Make a list of all the people you would invite if you gave a banquet.



What would you do if everyone refused to come to your banquet?

Mt 22:1-10



## BANQUET

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

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**Safeguarding Commitment**  
 The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.  
*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.*

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