

# 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

Ph: 0448 356 599

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time — 5th November 2023 (YEAR A)

## Reflection...

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough time for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for *all* concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time.

On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach.

Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this time has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world.

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**PARISH EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

**Monday 6th November  
NO Mass**

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm  
SVdP 7.00pm

**Tuesday 7th November  
NO Mass**

NO Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.00am  
PFC Meeting 5.30pm

**Wednesday 8th November**

Communion Service 9.00am  
Encounter Rehearsal 3.30pm  
NO Mass Delamore 4.45pm

**Thursday 9th November**

Communion Service 8.00am  
24hr Perpetual Adoration  
Encounter 6.00pm  
PPC Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 10th November**

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

**Saturday 11th November**

Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 12th November**

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

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Cheryl Maguire, Loreto Giacomantonio, Pietro Rossitto, Ross Hielscher, Heather Clarke, Scott Dixon  
**and those whose Anniversaries  
occur about now:**

Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, Geoff Ludgate, Madaline Jones, Lawrie Minton, Virgilio Escobar, Melenio Cabrega, Frank Power, Maureen Hudson,

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time  
12th November 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Wisdom 6:12-16](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)  
or [1 Thessalonians 4:13-14](#)

Gospel - [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

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

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.

**BOOK OF  
REMEMBRANCE**

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the “**Book of Remembrance**” for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, Or you can drop the names off at the Parish Office, Or email:

kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

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**Saturday 11th  
November 2023**  
12.00PM - 4.00PM

**Stewardship**

*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ? - Matthew 23:12*



The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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



Next week Fr Joseph, Fr John, Fr Joe and Fr Harry will be away in Sydney with the rest of the Friars. During their absence, we will have **no Mass on Tuesday** but **Wednesday and Thursday** we will have **Communion Service**. For emergency situations after hours, please contact the parish office on 32674825 and leave a message and someone can get in touch with you. Please keep all of our Friars in your prayers as they attend their meeting in Sydney.



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### WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR MINISTRIES

As you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. It needs the involvement of as many of us as possible, sharing our gifts and time with one another, for the good of one another, as well as our own nourishment. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

But we also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, we'd like to welcome new volunteers to come forward to make their contribution to our community, simply to the extent that they are able. We are happy to be flexible!

**Where we can use the help is for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting, and our Tuesday Morning Samaritans Group.**

**We are also wanting people for the 5.30pm to go on a roster,. This will help out our priest who would be on that evening mass.**

**A huge thank you to all who have already volunteered but if you think you could also assist or you just want to know more, please contact Sandra at the parish office by phone or email—[kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)**

#### Friday Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SECOND FRIDAY**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

#### Divine Will Prayer Group meets monthly.

Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom' as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"

**VOLUNTEERS, B B Q**  
join us for a

Sunday 19th November 2023

At 11.30am

RSVP 10<sup>th</sup> November

Parish office on 32674825 or email [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

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**THANK YOU !**

#### Laudato Si

The University of the United Nations Bonn Campus just issued "The 2023 Interconnected Disaster Risks" report analysing six such points which represent immediate and increasing risks across the world. They are: accelerating extinctions, groundwater depletion, mountain glacier melting, space debris, unbearable heat and an uninsurable future.

<https://interconnectedrisks.org/>

"Laudate Deum" helpfully reiterates the urgency of the climate crisis that we face, noting how Creation is being crucified today as politicians, business people – and even some church people – fail to act. It is inspiring that Pope Francis set the climate crisis as the 'locus theologicus' of our times. (Fr. Rigobert Minani, The Ecclesial Network of the Congo Basin and Ecclesial Networks Alliance for Integral Ecology – ENA convenor). See CIDSE website:

<https://www.cidse.org/>

# Something for the Kids...

**Be humble and you will be honoured**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus said that the greatest people are those who serve others. What can we do to be of service to others?

Tick the correct answers

**A humble person is someone who...**

respects others     takes turns

always tries to be first

lets others go before them

boasts about how good they are

serves others     pushes in

always tries to help others

Complete the maze by making the right choices

Start out as a humble servant of others

You see a fellow student struggling to carry all their books. So you...

stop and offer to help carry the books    ignore them and walk on by

You win a prize for a science project that a friend helped you with. So you...

acknowledge your friend's help and share the prize    take all the credit

You come first in a school running race. So you...

tell everyone how good you were    encourage the others to run faster next time

Someone pays you a compliment for being clever. So you say...

"Of course I'm clever! Everyone knows that!"    "Thankyou."

Congratulations! You make a great leader

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