

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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 19th November 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact, we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. Its world is a vastly different one to ours. This is clearly seen in the tasks of the 'capable wife'. She is praised for her work with wool, flax, in the vineyard and in real estate. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. They were expected to serve and shut up.

By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire.

And these days of course, through the ongoing revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised.

All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.

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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 20th November

NO Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm
SVdP 7.00pm

Tuesday 21st November

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

St Anthony Yr 4 farewell Liturgy 9.00am

Encounter 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd November

Mass 9.00am

Encounter Rehearsal 3.30pm

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

JPCCC Group 7.00pm

Thursday 23rd November

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 24th November

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Encounter 1.00pm

Saturday 25th November

Youth Practice 3.30pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 26th November

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

John Cook, Fr Greg Bourke OFM, Maguire,
Loreto Giacomantonio, Pietro Rossitto,
Ross Hielscher,

**and those whose Anniversaries
occur about now:**

Daniel Green, Bill Ryan, Marianne Des-
mond, Kevin Jacob, Annie Ranger, Thomas
Family, O'Shea and Delaney Families, Elena
Nadtran, Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, Geoff
Ludgate, Madaline Jones, Lawrie Minton,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26th November 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading

[Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

2nd Reading

[1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#)

Gospel

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

The Samaritan Community

Join the Samaritans Morning
Activities, every Tuesday .
Thank you from the Committee.



Welcome

My name is John Nguyen and I am a member of the Franciscan friars of Vietnam. I am 35 years old and took my first vows in 2013, followed by my solemn vows in 2018. I was so pleased and honored to be ordained in 2022 by Bishop Emmanuel Nguyen Hong Son. It was suggested that I do my new ministry in the Province of the Holy Spirit, Australia, in 2020 after my graduation from the Franciscan Seminary in Vietnam.

I started doing my Visa paperwork in the beginning of this year and it has taken up till now for it to be completed.

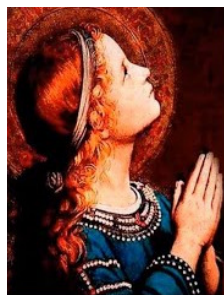
This job will not be easy for me but with the grace of God and my thanks for the help of the many friars in both the OFM Provinces of Australia and Vietnam, I am now here, in the Little Flower Church Kedron and looking forward to meeting you all and thanking you for your warm welcome. It has given me the feeling of being with family.

Safeguarding Volunteer member

As a Safeguarding volunteer representative, you will be responsible for ensuring that the members of our parish community are aware of the policies and procedures in place to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. You will also be a point of contact for anyone who has concerns or suspicions about the safety or well-being of someone in the parish community. Training will be provided to all Safeguarding representatives to ensure that you have the knowledge and tools necessary to fulfil your role effectively. The safety and well-being of our community is everyone's responsibility, and we hope that you will consider joining us in this important work. To find out more or to express your interest in becoming a Safeguarding representative, please contact Sandra at the Parish Office. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our parish community safe.

Pantry Thanks from Vinnies:

A big thank you to Padua for their recent much needed top up of pantry items to tide us over Christmas/New Year. We also thank parishioners for their thoughtful contributions at weekend Masses and St Anthony's and the Samaritans for their wonderful contributions during the year. We note that Mt Alvernia and Padua are hard at work on Christmas hampers and we know many parishioners contribute incredibly generously to our Advent Giving Tree which will be in the church shortly. The generosity of our local community is what makes the work of your local Vinnies possible. Thank you!



The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

celebrated annually on November 21st, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord. The celebration of the Feast

is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, then removed from the calendar by Pope Pius V in the mid 16th century. Pope Sixtus V later re-established the feast in 1585, and it is still celebrated today, commemorating the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

Piety Store

Advent Books: Little Blue Books from America \$5.00. Australian Advent Books \$6.00.
Calendars 2024: Columban Calendars \$10.00 Franciscan Calendars \$8.50

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: _____

Our Sacristan

As most of you are aware our sacristan, Robert, has expressed his intention to start reducing his workload here in our parish. We have been extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated and committed as Robert, and we are grateful for all that he has done. To ensure a smooth transition and to lighten Robert's workload, we are seeking one or two volunteers male or female or maybe a husband and wife team for each mass to assist with setting up and closing the church. Training will be provided for these tasks, so no experience is necessary. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please reach out to Fr. Joseph or contact Sandra at the parish office. Your support in this matter will greatly benefit our community and make our church operations more manageable for Robert. Let us come together as a parish and support one another in this endeavour.

VOLUNTEERS, BBQ

Join us for a

Sunday 19th November 2023
at 11.30am

& let us

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EUCHARIST 10:30AM

DEC | 08th | 2023

The Little Flower Church, Turner Road, Kedron

VOLUNTEERS...WE NEED YOU!



Co.As.It. is seeking volunteers who love to spend time and make a difference in the lives of older people. We are specifically seeking people from particular linguistic and cultural backgrounds visiting at home or in aged care centres. All that is required is one hour per fortnight and a smile. If this sounds like you, come and be part of our volunteer team.

Please call Sarina, Luisa or Loretta on 3624 6100 or email us at lorettai@coasit.asn.au.

Laudato Si

From Nov 30 to Dec 12, COP 28, the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate will take place in Dubai. The Presidency calls on all parties to match the highest ambition for negotiated outcomes with robust action in four areas:

Fast-track the energy agenda; Fix climate finance; Focus on nature, people, lives and livelihoods; Full inclusivity. See the UN climate news aggregator snapshot of Australia's efforts on climate and recovery to date: <https://unclimatesummit.org/climate-diplomacy-snapshots/australia-country-snapshot/>

Pope Francis will attend and speak at the inauguration of the first-ever "Faith Pavilion" which will host 65 sessions about how major religions groups are working to reduce climate change. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-11/pope-pray-for-cop28-and-thanks-to-laudato-si-action-platform.html>

At the conclusion of a pre COP28 gathering of global faith leaders in Abu Dhabi this statement was issued, " We ardently implore all decision-makers assembled at COP28 to seize this decisive moment and act with urgency, weaving a tapestry of shared action and profound responsibility" See: <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/faith-based-engagement-cop28>

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

Something for the Kids...

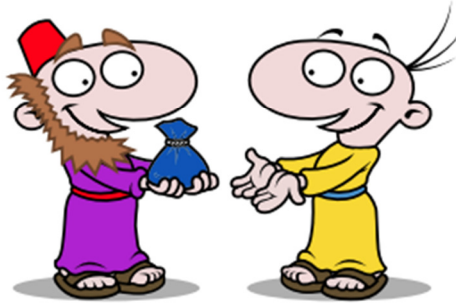


Come and share in my happiness

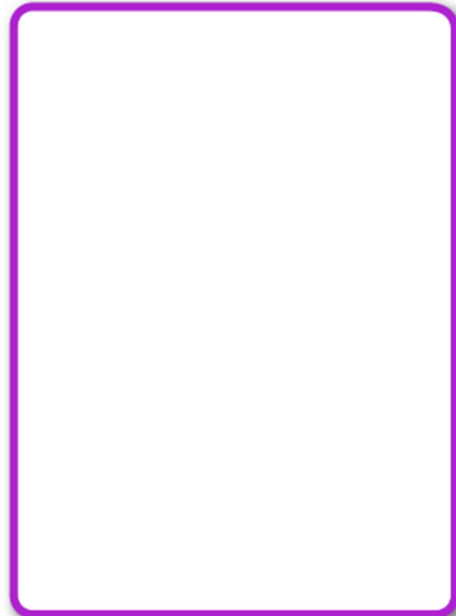
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Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of his servants responsibility for a large amount of money. Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

START
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