

# 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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*Feast of Christ the King — 26th November 2023 (YEAR A)*

## Reflection...

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church.

In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger, it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.

That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

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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 27th November**

NO Mass

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late Sesto Porcellini)

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

SVdP 7.00pm

**Tuesday 28th November**

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

St Anthony Graduation Liturgy 6.00pm

**Wednesday 29th November**

Mass 9.00am

Encounter Rehearsal 3.30pm

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

**Thursday 30th November**

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late Marissa Emlyn-Jones)

**Friday 1st December**

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Mt Alvernia Staff Mass 10.30am

St Anthony's School Mass 10.30am

(school)

**Saturday 2nd December**

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 3rd December**

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Marisa Emlyn –Jones, Sesto Porcellini, Belen Vargas, John Cook, Fr Greg Bourke OFM, Maguire, Loreto Giacomantonio, Pietro Rossitto, Ross Hielscher,

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

Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green, Bill Ryan,, Marianne Desmond, Kevin Jacob, Annie Ranger, Thomas Family, O'Shea and Delaney Families, Elena Nadtran, Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, Geoff Ludgate

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

First Sunday of Advent  
3 December 2023 — Yr B

1st Reading

[Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8](#)

2nd Reading

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

Gospel

[Mark 13:33-37](#)

**The Samaritan Community**

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

**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 Anthonys 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!

**All Saints of the Franciscan Order (29th November)**

The Church celebrates the many Franciscan saints who followed in the footsteps of St. Francis. It is a special day for all Franciscans to celebrate the feast of 'All the Saints of the Seraphic Order.'

According to tradition, St. Francis of Assisi prayed the following prayer:

*"O Lord Jesus Christ, two favors I beg of you before I die. The first is that I may, as far as it is possible, feel in my soul and in my body the suffering in which you, O gentle Jesus, sustained in your bitter passion. And the second favor is that I, as far as it is possible, may receive in my heart that excessive charity by which you, the Son of God, were inflamed, and which actuated you willingly to suffer so much for us sinners."*



In response to his earnest prayer, the Lord appeared in the form of a seraph, or a six-winged angel (They are usually considered the highest order of angelic beings, immediately above the Cherubim, and their special duty is to love God).

Then Jesus bestowed on St. Francis the wounds of his suffering. St. Francis had been marked with the love of Christ, the stigmata.

St. Francis died two years later in 1226, leaving the world the Franciscan Order, which became synonymous with the Seraphic Order. To this day, seraph wings and seraphs are symbolic of the Franciscan Order.

The final Rule of life for Franciscan friars was also approved on this day in 1223. To commemorate this, and all the saintly examples produced in the Franciscan Order, on this day all the saints of the Seraphic order are remembered at Franciscan churches.

**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.

**Please Join Us for the  
HOUR OF GRACE  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December,  
2023**

**12 noon – 1p.m.  
FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE CON-  
CEPTION  
AT  
LITTLE FLOWER  
CHURCH  
TURNER ROAD, KED-  
RON**

**All Welcome**

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



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.

### Centacare Pastoral Ministries

“Expressions of interest are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare’s Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information.”

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# CHRISTMAS CAROLS

2.30pm—Sunday, 3 December 2023

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## EUCHARIST 10:30AM

**DEC | 08<sup>th</sup> | 2023**

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### 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](mailto:lorettai@coasit.asn.au).



### Laudato Si

Pope Francis has emphasised that we live in a “change of epoch”, which requires deeper engagement with societal and cultural changes that mould our understanding of faith, worship, salvation and God. We need a liturgical vision of the world that understands the fundamental ecology of life and the interrelationships between all spheres of knowledge within our “common home”. This from J. P. Grayland, a priest of the Diocese of Palmerston North commenting on the exhortation of Pope Francis, inspired by theologian Romano Guardini, for a theology approach that is not afraid of contemporary physical, human and social contexts and cultures. Our pre-eminent biblical theology is that in Jesus we have the model of the one anointed Christ. His way in his world leads us in how to relate to our world of continued war, famine, disasters, violence and desecration of nature. As the Gospel tells us, we can ask like the blind man (Lk 18:41-42), “Let me see”. Jesus Christ’s answer is, “your faith has saved you” which ought to give us hope that the real key to the best way of being on earth is a faith perspective. Dialogue with the earth is what the Faith for Earth Initiative is all about <https://www.unep.org/about-un-environment/faith-earth-initiative>

### 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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)



# Something for the Kids...

**Come and receive the kingdom that is prepared for you**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A*




Jesus says when we do something good for others we also do it for him. Draw a picture of yourself performing an act of kindness.



Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_.

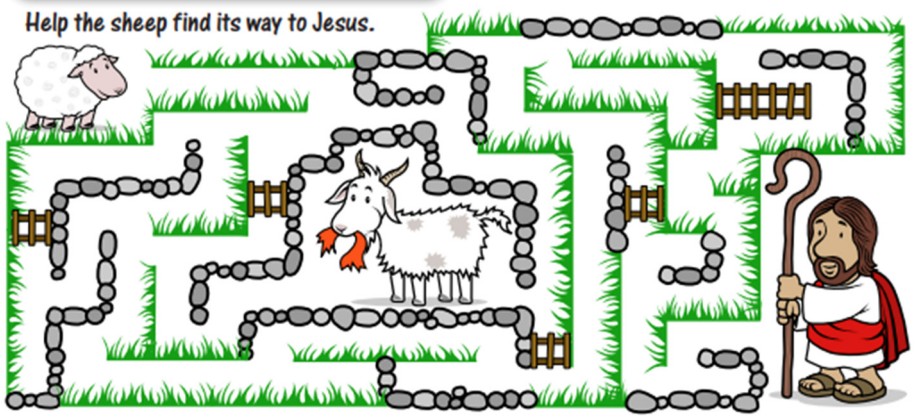
When I was a stranger, you \_\_\_\_\_ me.

When I was naked, you gave me \_\_\_\_\_ to wear.

When I was sick, you took \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

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