

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**Parish Manager**

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**Mrs Maria Hopes**

**Sacramental Coordinator**

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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

Ph: 0448 356 599

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st January 2024 (YEAR B)



Australia Day

Australia Day Mass  
Friday 26th January 2024  
8.00am in the church.

## Reflection...

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in life-style.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's us -and-God-in-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd January  
NO Mass

Tuesday 23rd January  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 24th January  
Mass 9.00am  
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm  
Padua Commissioning Liturgy  
6.30pm

Thursday 25th January  
Mass 8.00am  
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 26th January  
(Australia Day)  
Mass 8.00am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am  
(Delamore)

Saturday 27th January  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 28th January  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
& 5.30pm

### **Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Taylor Smith, Sr Jo Scanlan  
mfic, Marisa Emlyn - Jones,

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

Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green,  
Bill Ryan Marianne Desmond,

### **The Samaritan Community**

Tuesday Morning Activities begin on  
the 23rd January at 9.30am in our air  
conditioned Parish Hall. Join us for a  
morning of activities, games, laughter  
and sharing which everyone enjoys.

Welcome on behalf of the Samaritan  
Committee.

New volunteers always welcome.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### PREPARATION 2024

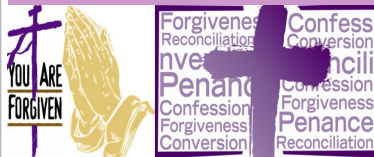
Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation thus relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The First Reconciliation program is for children in

### School Year 5 and above.

If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

**sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au or  
call the parish office for an enrolment form.**

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of their preparation for this sacrament. Please note these important dates:



**Reconciliation Evening:**  
Monday 4th March  
4.00pm - 6.30pm  
(at the Parish Church)

### **Laudato Si**

While the World Economic Forum talks in Davos have as their motto “rebuilding trust” (in the economy) some Dioceses in the USA have acted based on the teaching in Laudato Si’ – that “everything is connected” (by love and God is love). The Archdiocese of Chicago’s Cardinal Blaise Cupich announced that it has shifted its nearly 400 parishes and schools and offices electricity purchase to 100% renewables: <https://www.archchicago.org/news-release/-/article/2023/12/17/archdiocese-of-chicago-announces-its-shift-to-100-renewable-energy> The Archdiocese of San Diego is the first US diocese to divest from climate-harming companies and not without pushback (and approval) from within and outside the church. See the San Diego Times article: <https://timesofsandiego.com/life/2023/12/20/love-your-neighbor-san-diego-diocese-divests-boasts-full-time-climate-chief/>. Five years after Laudato Si’ in 2020 the Interdicasterial (Interdepartmental) Working Group of the Holy See on Integral Ecology in *Journeying towards care for our common Home* spells out the integral ecology teaching behind “everything is connected” - “the statement can be traced back to St Irenaeus, St Francis of Assisi, St Hildegard of Bingen and St Bonaventure...there is only one bond connecting everything, and that is love...the total gift that Christ makes of his own life and the communion that derives from it.” <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2020/presentato-in-sala-stampa-il-documento-in-cammino-per-la-cura-de.html> (footnote 3 on page 9).

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.



## Sacramental Coordinator

Our Parish is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane staffed by the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit Province. We aim to be a prayerful, caring community in the spirit of St Francis, so that we may come to know more intensely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed person to coordinate the sacramental program where children and families can encounter Christ, be transformed by Him, and realise their call to discipleship. This is a casual position (approximately 10 hours a week) with flexible hours.

## Main Purpose

The Sacramental Program Coordinator assists the parish priest in the organisation and delivery of the parish sacramental program and other liturgical ministries. The Coordinator will prepare and deliver information sessions, learning resources and liturgy materials for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation.

## Duties

Co-ordinate sacramental enrolment:

Liaise with the Parish Team & APRE at St Anthony's School.

Enlist the practical help of volunteers

Prepare all enrolment material.

Advertise in school, parish, web newsletters – as well as at all local state schools; and promote sacramental program on Facebook and parish web-site.

Send enrolment information to all Catholic families in Yr 3, Yr 4 & Yr 5.

Liaise with parents and attend to day-to-day sacramental queries. Issues of a pastoral nature are to be discussed, as appropriate, with the Parish Priest or school staff.

Order sacramental materials i.e. booklets, stationery, medals, certificates etc.

Prepare and print certificates and celebration booklets for each sacrament.

Prepare sacramental celebrations/Masses in liaison with the Parish Priest, office manager and volunteers.

Prepare PowerPoint slideshows for sacramental celebrations

Maintain Sacrament data base on PACS

Prepare, organise and deliver materials for Parent Preparation Sessions

Prepare, organise and deliver materials for Family Workshops

Prepare, organise and deliver materials for Confirmation and First Eucharist retreats

Coordinate volunteers to assist in the celebration of the Sacraments and organise celebration afterwards

Attend training where relevant.

Attend at all sacrament celebrations, including weekend Masses if applicable.

## The successful applicant should be able to demonstrate

- An understanding of parish life, liturgy, and the sacraments.
- An understanding of and commitment to the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church.
- Knowledge and experience in a Catholic context including integrating children and families into the broader church community.
- A demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others in a team environment.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities and experience in group facilitation and delivery of learning materials.
- Highly developed organizational skills and interpersonal communication skills.
- Computer skills – basic knowledge and experience in the Microsoft Office and management of email communication lists and platforms.
- Must have a Qld suitability card for child related employment (Blue Card) or willing to obtain.  
Must have Police check or willing to obtain.

To apply for this role please submit your cover letter and resume via the Apply For This Job button. Applicants must attach a cover letter to be considered.

For more information about the position or a copy of the position description please email Mrs Sandra Di Francesco (Parish Manager) at [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organization is fully committed to child safety and has zero tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*



**Back To School - Busyness** returns to our roads and daily lives this week with the resumption of school. In welcoming all families back for term 1 it

is an opportune moment to remind all parents and parishioners to be conscious of the young students whenever you enter or leave St Anthony's, Padua College and Mt Alvernia – "thank you".

## Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our next baptismal information will be  
Saturday 3rd February at 11.00am**

## Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

## Secular Franciscan Order

**"Ordinary Catholics following Christ's gospels in the footsteps of St Francis."**

**For more information: Jim Kearney 0410-881622**



## 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.

## CAN YOU SERVE?

Serving on the altar is a unique and engaging way of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. The parish is seeking young people who have already made their First Communion who would like to be a part of the Altar Servers' Team. All that is involved is a commitment to be part of this beautiful ministry and a brief training session. Altar servers are then put on a roster (generally once a month). Parents, if you think your son or daughter would benefit from participating in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office

**WHS Incident Report.** Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.



## SVdP- Thank you for generosity

The Little Flower Vinnies conference would like to whole heartedly thank the Kedron parish and community for their generous support of the conference this year, particularly with the Giving Tree and hamper delivery this Christmas.

New members always welcome.

# Something for the Kids...



If you had to tell someone the good news about Jesus, what would you say?

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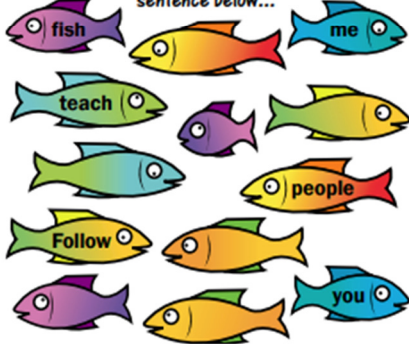


## Answering Jesus' Call

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God. Write or draw some of the ways that we can bring people to God in our everyday lives.



Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



\_\_\_\_\_ and I will \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

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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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