

# 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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## 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th January 2024 (YEAR B)

## Reflection...

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run-of-the-mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make-up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'.

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 29th January  
**NO Mass**

Tuesday 30th January  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**  
**Samaritans 9.30am**

Wednesday 31st January  
**Mass 9.00am**  
**Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

Thursday 1st February  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

Friday 2nd February  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation**  
9.00am  
(Delamore)

Saturday 3rd February  
**Baptismal Information**  
11.00am  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

Sunday 4th February  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**& 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Taylor Smith, Sr Jo Scanlan  
mfic,  
**and those whose  
Anniversaries  
occur about now:**

Bernie Butler, Ronald O'Malley,  
Daniel Green, Bill Ryan,

### **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**

Kathleen McLaughlin, President of the Walmart Foundation, the philanthropic side of the world's biggest corporation and someone who is passionate about Laudato Si' saying it is a blueprint for "The power of corporations to effect change for good and from within" and "we are all within God's Creation": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pscmr-Yd0Xc&t=952s> At the World Economic Forum (WEF) talks 2024 in Davos, Switzerland, the richest corporations in the world gather to talk and make deals. It is possibly the polar opposite of the church Pope Francis sees as a "field hospital" but important to listen to and listening is a theme of this Sunday's readings. Ian Bremmer of the Eurasia Group talking about global risks at Davos said of companies and governments "you need to understand their business models". It is interesting to get the view from corporations of the power of faith groups, "Faith actors, from traditional religious institutions to interfaith organizations to faith-motivated investors, are tackling common challenges through partnerships with businesses, government and other stakeholders, exploring original approaches to working of mutual benefit and avoiding "faith washing" <https://www.weforum.org/publications/faith-in-action-religion-and-spirituality-in-the-polycrisis/>



**You are invited to attend the *WORLD DAY of PRAYER Service* which is to be held in our Parish this year. This is an Ecumenical Service and provides us with an opportunity to worship with Christians from other denominations. Each year the International Organising Committee selects a country to be the focus of all Prayer Services around the world and this year our focus country is **PALESTINE**. Details of the Service are : Venue: **Little Flower Church Kedron**; Date: **Friday 1st March commencing at 10.30am**. The Prayer Service will be followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend as are all family members & friends. Further information contact: Mary Anne Lucas 0412 323 669 or Marie Jones 0407 756 662.**

### **Health and Wellbeing Coordinator (part-time)**

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters has partnered with EFCL to provide support services, and we are seeking to appoint a Health and Wellbeing Coordinator to coordinate health and wellbeing care and support services to members of this religious institute who are based in Kedron. Your working hours will be 22.8 hour per wee, flexible across the week.

To enquire further about this role and to obtain a copy of the Position Description please contact Anthony Spata at Reach HR on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055) or [anthony@reachhr.com.au](mailto:anthony@reachhr.com.au)

Applications should include a Cover Letter and Resume. Your Cover Letter must include how your skills, knowledge, experience and personal attributes align with the **Key Requirements** of the role (**Applications close 31 January 2024**).

### 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.*

### 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**



### 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

### 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.

### Anointing Mass Dates

On the first Wednesday of the month at 9.00am Mass everyone is invited to an Anointing Mass. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. It is a source of healing for the sick rather than the final act of the church for the dying. The Sacrament enables the sick or the aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Do you know someone who would appreciate attending the anointing Mass? Perhaps you might invite them and assist them with transport.

Dates for this coming year.

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>7th February</b> | <b>6th March</b>     | <b>3rd April</b>   |
| <b>1st May</b>      | <b>5th June</b>      | <b>3rd July</b>    |
| <b>7th August</b>   | <b>4th September</b> | <b>2nd October</b> |
| <b>6th November</b> | <b>4th December</b>  |                    |

All are welcome

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

# Something for the Kids...

## Jesus teaches with authority

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus showed that he is the one to be listened to. What are some things people would have heard Jesus say?



Jesus taught with great authority and people listened to him. We too are more likely to listen to someone who really believes in what they say. Draw a picture of someone who you listen to.

Help spread the good news by connecting all the faces 😊. Only use straight lines - including diagonal lines - but do not pass through crossed boxes ❌. Complete the sentence below by adding each letter that your line passes through.

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