

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

Ph: 0448 356 599

1st Sunday of Lent - 18 February 2024 (YEAR B)

Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday after Mass at 8.30am

Reflection...

Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? These deserts are the geographical bookends of the greatest story ever told. In today's Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted. In Mark we are never told what Satan's temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew fill in those details. On the cross, however, Mark tells us that the crowd tempts Jesus to work a miracle, come down from the cross and save himself. In the first desert Jesus is ministered to by the angels and emerges to proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In the later desert Jesus is ministered to by his women disciples and is put to death as a consequence for the way he lived out the Kingdom he proclaimed.

It's clear from all the Gospels that the desert and the temptations stayed with Jesus throughout his life. What a comfort this is to us. Many of us do not need to go out and find a physical desert to know its claim on our lives. Temptations do not know geographical limitations. Indeed, the greater the number of options, the more temptations we have to take a destructive path.

When we look at how the desert is used in the Bible, mythology, art, literature and the cinema two competing images emerge. The first is that the desert can be a place of loss and ruin where some great heroes have gone and not returned. In another equally venerable tradition journeys to the desert, while filled with a mixture of pleasure and pain, are abundant with revelation, transformation and recreation.

These two descriptions do not have to be contradictory. As we find in Jesus' example, we do not have to give in to the temptation that the desert is only about loss, but we need to find a path there to negotiate a way out of it so that we can emerge recreated, the richer for the experience.

It's important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them.

Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they con us into believing that the destructive behaviour is 'not that bad', will be 'just this once', or 'for the last time'. As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed. Contrary to what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there.

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 19th February

NO Mass

Funeral 10.00am

(Sheila de Silva)

St Anthony's Board Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral 11.00am

(Anthony Colavitti)

Wednesday 21st February

Mass 9.00am

(St Anthony's Yr 5)

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 22nd February

NO Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 23rd February

Communion Service 8.00am

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Padua 11.00am

Saturday 24th February

Memorial Mass 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 25 February

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in our air-conditioned Parish Hall for a morning filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful conversations. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, make friends, and participate in exciting activities and games. Help us create a warm and welcoming environment by volunteering in the kitchen to make delicious sandwiches, tea, and coffee. Your contribution, whether it's once a week, fortnight, or monthly, will go a long way in making our Tuesday mornings a huge success. So why wait? Come and be a part of our community and experience the joy of giving back.

Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

New volunteers always welcome.

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Anthony Colavitti, Mary Ivers, Frank Deighton, Leo McCourt, Mrs Beard, Sheila de Zilva, Taylor Smith, Sr Jo Scanlan mfc,

and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Paul Hotchkis, Sister Patricia Sullivan, RSM and Margaret Colos, Bernie Butler, Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green, Bill Ryan,



St Joseph's Cathedral
Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton



**Ordination to the Priesthood
of Rev Peter Doherty**

10.00am

Thursday, 22nd February 2024

Many of you will remember Peter Doherty who lived locally here in Kedron and was an active member of our parish prior to entering Holy Spirit Seminary for his home diocese, Rockhampton, in 2019. Peter usually attended the Saturday evening Mass. He was involved in many ministries, including money collector, church cleaner, hospitality, reader, extraordinary minister of communion, RCIA and the Pastoral Council. Peter still feels a strong sense of connection to and deep affection for our Parish.

Bishop Michael McCarthy has announced that he will ordain Peter to the priesthood, 10:00am 22nd February at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton. The event will be 'live-streamed' via the Diocese of Rockhampton's YouTube site:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bM6N8A939AM>

Please keep Peter in your prayers.

Enrolments For 2025 Close 28 February 2024

If you have a daughter or son who will be commencing Prep in 2025, please click on the link to complete an online enrolment [Enrolments \(stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au\)](https://stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au) or contact enrolments if you have any queries.



Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may be considering a 2025 Prep enrolment at St. Anthony's.

The Leadership Team will be conducting interviews for all applicants-including siblings. The interviews will at the start in Week 6, from Monday, 26th February.

AGE:

Prep: Children eligible to commence prep are those who will turn four by the 30th June in the preceding year.

**Children Born 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 are eligible for
Prep 2025**


Vinnies thank you: Over Advent and Christmas, parishioners provided amazing support to Vinnies through the Giving Tree and the Christmas appeal. We thank you all for your generosity and pass on the grateful thanks from the many people we were able to assist in the local area. In recent months, we have also assisted local families with school costs due to the generous support of the Samaritans and many parishioners who donated funds to this cause. The relief for families to be able to send children to school with the resources they need cannot be overstated. So again, we thank you.

In coming weeks, you may also see media ads by Vinnies seeking funds to assist with education costs. This promotion is a Queensland-wide appeal, separate from our locally-run request for support - this is an inadvertent overlap. We apologise for the apparent "double dip", but be assured that, if you do choose to make a donation, all funds will be used wisely for those in need.

CCR Bardon Healing Mass – 1 March, 2024

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



ENCOUNTER KEDRON

Bringing together high school students to grow in their faith journey and spread the word of God.

Every Thursday Night during the School Term.

6:30pm – 8:30pm
Little Flower Parish Hall

Stations of the cross

Once again the Parish will be doing the stations of the cross for Good Friday. We would love for student volunteers to help enact the stations. If you would like to volunteer please contact us!

First Rehearsal:
Date: March 3rd
2024
Where: Little Flower Church

Contact Info:
Email:
 lythallm@bne.catholic.net.au
Phone: 0421504600

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.**



**First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village. Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations. Please donate to Project Compassion.

Laudato Si

Archdiocese of Brisbane Laudato Si' Action Plan 2024-2026 Launch will take place in the Hanly Room at the Cathedral on March 6 from 11:00 am – 12:00. Tickets are free but necessary for admission. Book at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaudatoSi'ActionPlanlaunch>

The GOALS are: 1. Response to the Cry of the Earth 2. Response to the Cry of the Poor 3. Ecological Economics 4. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles 5. Ecological Education 6. Ecological Spirituality 7. Community Resilience and Empowerment. The Archdiocese of Brisbane through cultural change which places integral ecology at the heart of decisions relating to finance, procurement and resource management that reflect our growing theological and educational Laudato Si' action. PRIORITIES are: Sustainable Transportation Strategy, Procurement Strategy, Ethical Investment Policy and Energy Transition Strategy. The OUTCOMES are strategies that set a multi-year transformation agenda for the Archdiocese that positively shifts the dial on climate action; Annual action plans at all levels of the Archdiocese. KEY SUCCESS INDICATORS: transparency and accountability, communities that are aware and living in the spirit of integral ecology.

St Vinnie's Food Request

Thank you once again to those contributing regularly to the St Vincent de Paul pantry. We are currently in very short supply of some key items, and would appreciate donations of the following food items if you are in a position to help.

- Cereal - Rice - Tinned fruit
- Vegetables - fish - meat
- Soup - Noodles

The beneficiaries of your kindness are forever grateful.

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: _____

EMAIL SCAM WARNING - Please be aware of email scams that are circulating and falsely using our priests and parish's name to ask for donations. We want to remind you that our priests and staff will never personally ask for donations through email. Scammers often try to deceive you by pretending to be someone you know and trust, but their requests are not genuine and can be harmful. If you receive an email that is not in our Parish Newsletter (paper or electronic), please be cautious as it may be a scam. We urge you to verify the authenticity of the email by contacting the parish a 32674825 or email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au



EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN At our Church, the safety of our community is of utmost importance to us. Therefore, we kindly ask that you take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the Emergency Evacuation Plans located at all Church doors. In the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation, it is crucial that we all remain calm and promptly proceed to the nearest exit.

By doing so, we can ensure everyone's safety. Please make it a priority to assemble at the designated meeting point as outlined in the plan. This will enable authorities to account for each and every one of us, and help us get back to our normal routines as quickly as possible. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

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.



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.



Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL
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