

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

Parish Office Address: 134 Somerset Road,
Kedron Qld 4031

Ph: (07)3267 4825

Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.kedroncatholicparish.org.au

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 3.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 12.00pm

PARISH TEAM

Fr Joseph Nguyen ofm

Parish Priest

Email: jnguyen@franciscans.org.au

Fr John Nguyen ofm

Assistant Priest

Email: jhpnguyen@franciscans.org.au

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Parish Manager

Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Mrs Maria Hopes

Sacramental Coordinator

sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH SCHOOL

St Anthony's School

Mr Martin Wilkie - Principal

Ph: 3357 6185

Email: pkedron@bne.catholic.edu.au

www.stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au

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

2nd Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2024 (YEAR B)

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

Reflection...

At the end of *The Laws of Our Fathers*, Scott Turow has one of his characters, Seth Weissman, preach at a memorial service. The text for that service is today's first reading and his words capture the challenge before us.

'I always return to the story of Abraham and Isaac ... the founder of the Western faiths ... He was a visionary, a prophet ... But despite this, Abraham's God decided to test him. He asked Abraham to make a sacrifice of his and Sarah's only child, Isaac, their miracle, who was born to them when Sarah was ninety years old and Abraham was one hundred. And ... Abraham complied.'

'He did not ask what was wrong with a God who would demand such a thing, or question whether He was worth worshipping. He did not, so far as the Bible tells us, even beg for Isaac's life, as he had done for the people of Sodom. Abraham simply walked his child up Mount Moriah. I imagine he even made the boy carry the wood for the fire ...'

'... I have regarded for some years now the story of Abraham and Isaac a strange story, a grim tale of how a father would sacrifice his son to his own faith ... What kind of a starting point is this for ... all the Western faiths? ... Why do we re-tell this story? Is it to remind us that every parent since has been better?'

'... One of the thousand morals of the story of Abraham and Isaac is that ... it is also a tale of survival and of mercy. In the end Abraham heard his God instruct him not to set his hand against his son ... Isaac survived ... He became a parent, blind to Jacob's defects, but one who, pointedly, attempted no sacrifices of his own ...'

'So let us think of Isaac ... the first son of the Western faiths - and think about the story that is told again and again. We hear it first as children, and repeat it throughout our lives. We tell it by way of apology. And warning. We tell it with some measure of hope. We tell it because we have all been the child, we have all been Isaac, and we know the part of the story that is never mentioned. For the Bible does not record Isaac's responses. We do not know if he, like Jesus, asked, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" We do not know if he begged the way most of us would, for his life. We know only this: that he obeyed ... That because he knew nothing else, he did as his father required. We know he allowed himself to be bound in rope. We know that he let his father lay him on the altar of pyramided firewood which together they had raised to God. We know he watched his father on the mountain-top raise the gleaming knife above his breastbone. We know ... he was a child, the son of a man with a Big Idea, who in his longing and confusion, even in his final instant, could only look to his father with that eternal if foundering hope for love.'

May this story and our Eucharist give us hope that no matter what altar of sacrifice we feel sometimes laid upon, God does not abandon us in our need, and never wants us to sacrifice ourselves, or anyone else. Lent is about mercy and survival because true obedience to God, even in its demands for a hard love, ALWAYS leads to life.

© Richard Leonard

"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 26th February
NO Mass**

SVdP Meeting 7.00 pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 27th February

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 28th February

Mass 9.00am
(*St Anthony's Yr 5*)
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm
JPCCC Group 7.00pm

Thursday 29th February

Mass 8.00am
**24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter** 6.00pm

Friday 1st March

Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(*Delamore*)
World Day of Prayer 10.30am

Saturday 2nd March

Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 3rd March

(*3rd Sunday of Lent*)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am
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 Silva,
Taylor Smith, Sr Jo Scanlan mfc,

and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

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

Laudato Si

Laudato Si' Movement invites Christians to pray this across the Lent season: 1. where did I hear and see Creation's song? Thank God who created all things, for the gift of Creation and ask for light so you can hear God's message of love and justice through the beauty of Creation 2. Where did I hear and see Creation's cry? Review your day and how you have failed to fully care for Creation. Think about some of your ecological sins: the small actions in your daily life such as waste, pollution of all kinds, consumerism and carbon footprint 3. Seek forgiveness and reconciliation with the Creator and the gift of Creation, so that you may recognize yourself as a humble creature created by God to live in harmony with the whole cosmos. Notice where God in Creation may be calling you to act for love and justice. See the whole 2024 LSM Lent Calendar at: <https://laudatosilent.org/> Can my next big purchases be electric rather than fossil fuelled (e.g., hot water system, stove, car etc.)?



**Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February**



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you." Please donate to Project Compassion



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 \(stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au\)](http://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



HOW YOU FIGHT FOR ME
HOW YOU'LL ALWAYS BE
THE AIR THAT I BREATHE
IN EVERYTHING GOD YOU'RE ALL
THAT I NEED

NEVADA
4


KILLERS

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.

WHAT POPE FRANCIS IS SAYING ABOUT



SYNODALITY

25 February 2024; 2-4pm Sunday
Parish Hall, Little Flower 80 Turner Road, Kedron

A talk by Dr. Jenny Close

An overview of the notion of Synodality & hopes to spark a conversation with the participants to generate practical ideas to live it out in our parish.

A project of Grail Australia and Heads to Hearts
RSVP Judy Brown 0407 580 174

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.

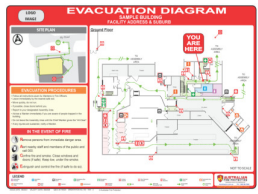
- Cereal - Rice - Tinned fruit
- Vegetables - fish - meat
- Soup - Noodles

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
Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm
All ages welcome - family discounts
Fair Play Vouchers and NDIS supported
Kate Eggar - 7th Dan Instructor
0408 982 248

John Cowdroy-Ling Ph: 3862 9223
 BA HealthScience (Pod)
 Robinson Road Marketplace
 Level 1, 605 Robinson Road Aspley QLD 4034
www.idealpodiatry.com.au

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



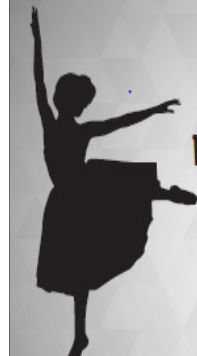
Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.



We Love Dance!

For fun, for friends, for life...

26 Glentanna Street, Kedron
 Phone: 07 3733 0900
info@promenadedance.com.au
www.promenadedance.com.au



Sam Patterson

DIRECTOR OF DUKE REALTY
 A: 204 Riding Road, Balmoral QLD 4171
 P: 0401 240 042

www.dukerealty.com.au

STOP line Service Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online Disclosure: www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com
 STOP line is an external service that receives confidential information about 'reportable conduct' under the Whistle blower Policy. Reportable conduct includes suspected abuse, misconduct and policy breaches within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Brisbane Catholic Education and Centacare Brisbane. Information can be shared anonymously

Drew's Mowing Services
 ABN: 75 276 365 865

Mowing
Edging
Blowing
Hedging
Weed Spraying

m: 0424 950 360

Cuts on Clifford
Barbara Goddard

132 Clifford Street,
 Stafford Heights
Phone 3359 5199

Adds and Alts Electrical
 Cont Lic 87487
 Dale
0488 744 488
addsandaltselectrical@gmail.com
Your Trusted Electrician

Funeral Services with dignity and compassion.
For how ever you choose to say goodbye...

Holy Cross FUNERALS
Phone: 07 3293 0555
info@holycrossfunerals.com
www.holycrossfunerals.com
 An Outreach of the Catholic Church Celebrating Life...