

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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 February 2024 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark gives us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening every day. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.

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PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK

Monday 5th February
NO Mass

Tuesday 6th February
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 7th February
Anointing Mass 9.00am
Padua Yr 5 Belonging 1.00pm
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 8th February
Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 9th February
Mass 8.00am
Divine Will Prayer 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
St Anthony's Opening Mass
9.30am

Saturday 10th February
Adoration Mass 9.00am
Baptism 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 11th February
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Frank Deighton, Leo McCourt,
Sheila de Zilva, Taylor Smith, Sr
Jo Scanlan mfc,
and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Sister Patricia Sullivan, RSM and
Margaret Colos, Bernie Butler,
Ronald O'Malley, Daniel Green,
Bill Ryan,

The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities at 9.30am in
our air conditioned Parish Hall.
Join us for a morning of activities,
games, laughter and sharing which every-
one 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

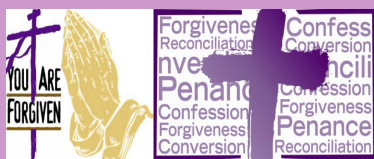
School Year 5 and above.

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 on 3267 4825 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

This past week Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) held its "First Laudato Si' Global Encounter" celebrating 9 years since the creation of this lay ecclesial movement: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxCmP_DbhKU it comes on the occasion of the handing over from the founding Executive Director Tomas Insua to the new Director Susana Refega. It was an occasion to retrace the origin story of the movement from the initial meeting of Tomas from Argentina, then at Harvard, Patrick Carolan from the Franciscan Action Network based in Connecticut, Fran Ludwig from Boston and Jacqui Remond from Australia. Susana has a science background, is married with three children and is from Portugal. She is interviewed with fluent English, Spanish and Portuguese (and subtitles!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAgFUTsanQo> Born on Oct 4th she says St Francis has always inspired her. Questioned on the balance indicated by the conjunction "contemplation" Susana says, "Prayer without action is somehow too little, but action without prayer can be too exhausting". She commits to listening and learning, prayer and action in 2024: See the LSM calendar: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/laudato-si-encounter-monthly-prayer-guide-january-2024/> Follow LSM on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/laudatosimovement/>

PRAYER

God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is
a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent
and may we take courage to share it, especially with
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice
to renew the face of the Earth,
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

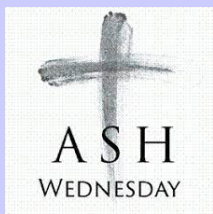


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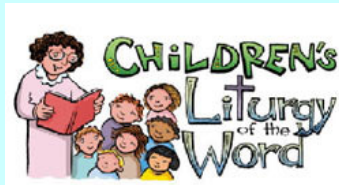
End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity



Ash Wednesday Masses 14th February 2024 9.00am and 6.00pm

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Through which we attain redemption.

Everyone is welcome to receive ashes as we begin our Lenten Journey.



Welcome to a year full of exciting opportunities for you and your family from the Children Ministry Team. The team is excited to be starting another term of Children's Liturgy of the Word, and we would like to invite you to join us.

Our volunteers will be exploring the faith with your child, helping them to connect with and understand the Gospel reading presented each Sunday. Through interactive multimedia, hands-on activities, and prayer, your child will have a unique and engaging experience that will strengthen their faith and build

lasting memories.

All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend, and we guarantee that they will have a great time while learning more about their faith. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9.30am Mass on the first, second and third Sunday of every month, and your child will rejoin the congregation before the offertory. On the fourth Sunday of every month we have a Children's mass where your child will be able to take part in the Mass with either reading, singing or bringing up the gifts.

We hope to see you and your child at Children's Liturgy of the Word this term. It is an opportunity not to be missed, and we are looking forward to sharing it with you.



*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.*

"Divine Will Prayer Group meets twice a month on the first Friday and the last Friday. Start time is after the 8 am mass at Little Flower Church (St Clare room). We study the writings of Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta and pray together. We would love you to join us. For more information phone Sue on 0419731780."

Piety Store

You can purchase your Lenten Books from the piety store.

Little Black Books. \$5.00

Pieta Lenten Programme Books \$9.00.



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.

7th February	6th March	3rd April
1st May	5th June	3rd July
7th August	4th September	2nd October
6th November	4th December	

All are welcome

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.



Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass.

If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

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...

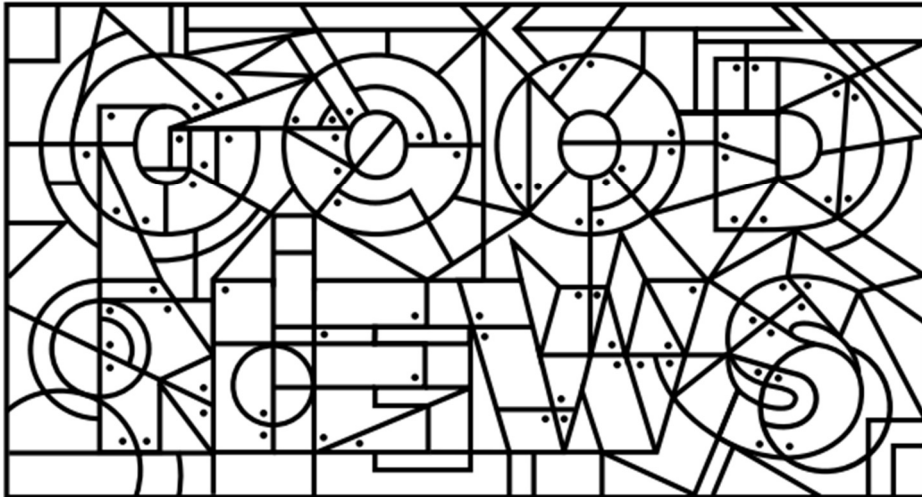


Draw Jesus healing Simon's sick mother-in-law



Jesus went away to be alone and pray. Where are some places that you pray?

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



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