

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)

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 February 2024 (YEAR B)6

Reflection...

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 12th February

NO Mass

Padua Mass 6.30pm

(Angelo House)

SVdP Meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 13th February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Padua Yr 11 1.30pm

(Motivation Day)

Wednesday 14th February

(Ash Wednesday)

Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Mass 6.00pm

Thursday 15th February

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 16th February

Mass 8.00am

Divine Will Prayer 8.30am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Saturday 17th February

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 18th February

(1st Sunday of Lent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

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:**

Frank Deighton, Leo McCourt, Mrs Beard,
Sheila de Silva, Taylor Smith, Sr Jo Scanlan
mfic,

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,

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.



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



Ash Wednesday Masses - 14th February 2024 at 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.



Project Compassion Sunday
10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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**.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 2nd anniversary

The second week of February marks the 2nd anniversary of the commencement of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese. The original intention of having seven churches with 24 hour adoration, one for each day of the week, has now grown to eleven churches including one at the Gold Coast.

To give thanksgiving to God for this blessing, a celebration will be held with proceedings as follows:

Where: Little Flower Church Kedron, 80 Turner Road, Kedron

When: Saturday 10th February, 2024

Time: 8.30am – 9am Adoration and consecration of Brisbane Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration to the Holy Family

9am – 10am Holy Mass

10am – 12 noon A talk on the merits of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Hall, followed by morning tea. Bring a plate. Bring a friend

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.

Laudato Si

Preparing for Lent we can undergo an "ecological examen" - honestly contemplating how we participate in the despoiling of God's gift of mother earth: - Where did I hear and see Creation's song? Where did I hear and see Creation's cry? Where do I hear and see Creation's call? Notice where God could be called you to act in Creation. It could be in your garden or that of your parish or community. It could be in making decisions in a genuinely communitarian way, having the courage of ecological conversion. And we can hope with Paul for a better future for Mother Earth despite the pain of the birth. We strive with Creation in great concert as co-creators called at baptism. Plan for hearing Creation's call this year: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/laudato-si-encounter-monthly-prayer-guide-january-2024/> The Pope's message for Lent 2024 is, "Through the desert God leads us to freedom" he calls us to rethink our lifestyles in "the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon" <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/quaresima-2024-messaggio-di-papa-francesco.html>

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

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 has the power to heal

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus' time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone; but go and _____ yourself to the _____, then make an offering at the _____ as Moses _____, then all will know you are _____.



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Jesus showed God's power by healing the leper. Draw a picture from one of the following stories where God's power is shown by what Jesus did.



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