

# 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

3rd Sunday of Lent - 3rd March 2024 (YEAR B)

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

### Reflection...

In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.'

The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.'

Be serious!

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down before them.'

Get real!

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.'

Be humble!

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...'

Be quiet!

'Honour your father and your mother ...'

Respect age!

'You shall not kill.'

Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!

'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mean what you say!

'You shall not steal.'

Do not steal, or all the world will die!

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'

Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ...'

Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.

God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.

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"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 4th March**

**NO Mass**

**Reconciliation 3.15pm**  
**Padua Presentation 6.30pm**

**Tuesday 5th March**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Pastoral Finance Council Meeting**  
**5.30pm**

**Wednesday 6th March**

**Anointing Mass 9.00am**

*(St Anthony's Yr 5)*

**Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Pastoral Council Meeting 6.30pm**  
**Padua House Mass 6.30pm**

**Thursday 7th March**

**Mass 8.00am**

**24hr Perpetual Adoration**  
**Encounter 6.00pm**

**Friday 8th March**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Stations of the Cross 8.30am**

**Divine Will Prayer 8.30am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**  
*(Delamore)*

**World Day of Prayer 10.30am**

**Saturday 9th March**

**Baptismal Information 11.00am**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 10 March**

*(4th Sunday of Lent)*

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Baptisms 11.00am & 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. 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,  
**and those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

John Currie, Sarina Caruso, Eileen  
Stevens, Jack Lindau, Paul Hotch-  
kis, Sister Patricia Sullivan, RSM  
and Margaret Colos, ,



**Communion for the Cup**

We are pleased to announce that starting Palm Sunday, 'Communion from the Cup' will be reinstated across the Parish, making the Precious Blood available at all weekend and weekday Masses. It is up to each individual to decide whether to receive from the cup or not. We strongly urge Communion Ministers to contact the Parish Office if they have any concerns about consuming what remains after communion. We will be offering two cups at each Mass, with only a small amount of wine put out. Our preference is that the cup runs out by the end of communion, so that no Precious Blood is left. It is important to remember that Jesus Christ is 'whole and entire' under both the form of bread and under the form of wine. We can choose to consume the Host, or the Host and Precious Blood. Regardless of our choice, we will still receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord.



**Third Sunday of Lent  
2 & 3 March**



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion


Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites you to the annual  
**CHRISM MASS**  
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm  
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**Laudato Si**

The famous writing about 80 – 90 CE from John 2 13:25 of Jesus expressing righteous anger at the traders in the temple occurs in a special time and place. It was a time of distress and exclusion and actually written after the destruction of the temple when rabbinic orthodoxy was the reigning power and at stake was internal unanimity. So writes Biblical Scholar and minister Ruth Habermann. The Liturgy and Life Study Bible says of the cleansing of the temple story that, "it was used to indicate Jesus' role as the replacement of the temple after his resurrection. It also indicates the role of his disciples in building the new temple, the people of God." Laudato Si' and Laudato Deum come to us in a time of great distress for the cry of the poor, the cry of the earth, the cry of war. And like in John we are encouraged to build up, to embrace each other and engage with change. John was deeply a person of his political time but with the eyes of faith and Christ's empowering love. They are ours too as we look upon our broken relationships with each other and the earth. . .



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

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**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*


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**Sacramental Coordinator:**



Kedron Parish has been fortunate to have outstanding Sacramental Coordinators in the past, and for the last 5 years, Maria Hopes has been an exceptional addition to our team. However, due to her increased workload, Maria had to step down. We deeply appreciate her compassionate nature and kindhearted spirit that made her an absolute pleasure to work with.

Now, we are excited to welcome Rosemary Woods, our new Sacramental Coordinator. With her extensive knowledge and experience, we are confident that Rosemary is the perfect fit for our parish. We are grateful to have her on board, and we are looking forward to working with her to continue delivering exceptional services to our community.




**Musical Performance**

Our parish is fortunate to have booked a musical performance in the parish hall on Sat the 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 1.30 pm. The orchestral group, Geoverdi Musica, has been performing at numerous venues for over 25 years. A wide variety of musical genres are covered and audiences have never been disappointed. It will be followed by afternoon tea. Tickets are \$10, available at the door but prior bookings are advisable. Please contact Therese Murphy on 0407141365.

**Synodality:**

Last Sunday, a wonderful session was held in our parish hall led by parishioner Dr Jenny Close on Synodality. It was a fascinating insight into a topic of great relevance within our contemporary church and prompted much discussion and sharing amongst attendees. It was a wonderful community faith-filled event. Thank you to all who contributed. Please keep an eye out for future parish reflection days.



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# Holy Week 2024

**HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28**

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9.00pm Night Prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29**

10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord with Communion

**HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30**

NO Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
6.00pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31**

Mass at 7.30am and 9.30am  
NO Mass at 5.30pm

**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.

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