

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)

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

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SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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5th Sunday of Lent -17th March 2024 (YEAR B)

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 19th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Church

Reflection...

If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.

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Thank you from Fr Peter Doherty

It was a true joy to return to Kedron to say Mass last weekend.

I want to sincerely thank everyone in the Parish for your warm welcome and kind hospitality.

Thank you too for the many assurances of prayers and generous expressions of support all of which were humbly and gratefully received.

Thank you too for the Parish gift of a portable 'sick-call' kit, which will be most helpful as I begin ministry. I will think of you all in Kedron when I use it.

It was a joy to reconnect with so many familiar and friendly faces who I had come to know over many years. It was a joy too to meet with new parishioners who have added to the vibrancy of parish life.

Thanks to Donna Byrne for making possible the 'wine & cheese' night after Mass on Saturday. I was reminded of similar gatherings after Saturday evening Mass which I used to really enjoy. Thanks to Rob Byrne and Santhosh as sacristans, whose behind-the-scenes work and altar service made everything run smoothly.

Thank you to the Franciscan Friars, Fr Joseph Nguyen OFM, Fr Stephen Bliss OFM and Fr John Nguyen OFM who concelebrated Mass with me, and provided me with support and friendship over the weekend.

I look forward to connecting with you again in the future; let's continue to remember each other in prayer.

"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 18th March

NO Mass

Memorial Mass 4.00pm

(Fr John Boyd-Boland and Bob Out)

Tuesday 19th March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Encounter Practice 3.00pm

Lent Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Wednesday 20th March

Mass 9.00am

(St Anthony's Yr 5)

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Wedding Rehearsal 6.30pm

Thursday 21st March

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Funeral 10.00 am

(For the late Eileen Coles)

Friday 22nd March

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross 8.30am

Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Funeral 10.00am

(for the late Claudette Perrett)

Saturday 23rd March

Wedding 2.00pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 24th March

(Palm Sunday)

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. Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

New volunteers always welcome.

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Bishop Austen Crapp ofm, Claudette Perrett, Geoffrey Pisani, Allan O'Neill, Anthony Colavitti, Mary Ivers, Frank Deighton, Leo McCourt,
and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

James Clooney Stark, John Currie, Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Paul Hotchkis,

Confirmation 2024

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program.

Enrolments

Enrolments are now open until 30th April

(all forms must be in before Parents Information nights)

Parent Information Night

Monday 29th April at 4.00pm or

Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm

(please choose only one to attend)

Enrolment Mass

Sunday 5th May at 5.30pm

Compulsory Workshop

Sunday 2nd June (1.00-3.00pm)

Confirmation Ceremony

Friday 7th June at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

(please choose only one to attend)

**If you require any further information please contact
Rosemary Woods, Sacramental Coordinator at:
sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au**

**We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part
of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.**

What is Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

What happens during the sacrament of confirmation?

The Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the renewal of baptismal promises and the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Spirit, and calling the candidates to use these gifts to become involved in the life and mission of the community. Usually the bishop presides over this sacrament.

What are the symbolic actions of Confirmation?

The bishop places his hands on the head of the candidates and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Laying on the Hands

This ritualises the connection to Baptism and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our vocation to follow the way of Jesus.

Anointing with oil

The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognises that they are **sealed** with the Holy Spirit. The bishop anoints the candidate's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.

The Sign of Peace

At the end of the rite, the bishop puts his hand on the side of the candidate's face and says 'Peace be with you' and the candidate replies with 'And with your spirit', symbolising the candidate's place within the Church community.

Parents are the first teachers of faith to their children and therefore are required to take part in the parish preparation to enable them to understand the meaning of the sacrament and the commitment they will make to support their child's growth in faith and life.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000
A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE
ALL WELCOME
CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

**ALL EASTER
SERVICES**
Volunteers are
needed for
various
ministries.
Please put your
name down on
the list in the
Sacristy

PARISH SPIRIT OF CONNECTIVITY AND COMMITTEE

Join us in building a stronger community spirit at our parish! Our committee has been working hard to create a sense of connection among parishioners through various social events over the next 9 months. We had a productive meeting on Thursday evening, March 7th, with many ideas and suggestions being discussed. We have selected three exciting ideas for consideration, support, and feedback from our parishioners. These events are

High Tea for ladies,
Men's Breakfast, and
Parish Dinner Dance.

The events are planned to be held around significant dates such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and the Feast of St Francis in May, September, and October, respectively. We need your help to make these events highly successful and enjoyable.


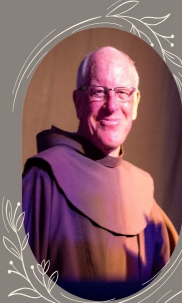
If you would like to volunteer and work with us to make these events happen, please let Chris Freney or Santhosh Therakam or the parish office know. It's a great opportunity for you to have fun, meet new people, and create unforgettable experiences with your fellow parishioners! We will meet again on Thursday evening, March 21st, 2024, at the parish house to start planning these events. So, mark your calendars and share your interest with us. Together, let's build a stronger and more vibrant parish community!



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!

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The Padua College community invites you to join them in remembering the first anniversary of the passing of

Fr John Boyd-Boland & Bob Out

MONDAY 18 MARCH
4PM
LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH,
KEDRON

light refreshments to follow in La Foresta
Please RSVP to mwinney@padua.qld.edu.au by Monday 11 March



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Evangelisation Brisbane

Youth and Young Adults from across the Archdiocese are invited to "RecoRally" on Friday 22nd March from 6 - 8:30pm at Padua College, Kedron. This will be a night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, powerful prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Registration is free and more information is available at tinyurl.com/reco rally24

If you are a priest who is able to assist us with reconciliation for this event, please contact Nattasha Mierendorf at mierendorf@bne.catholic.net.au or via Evangelisation Brisbane on 07 3324 3440.

Piety Stall

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS.

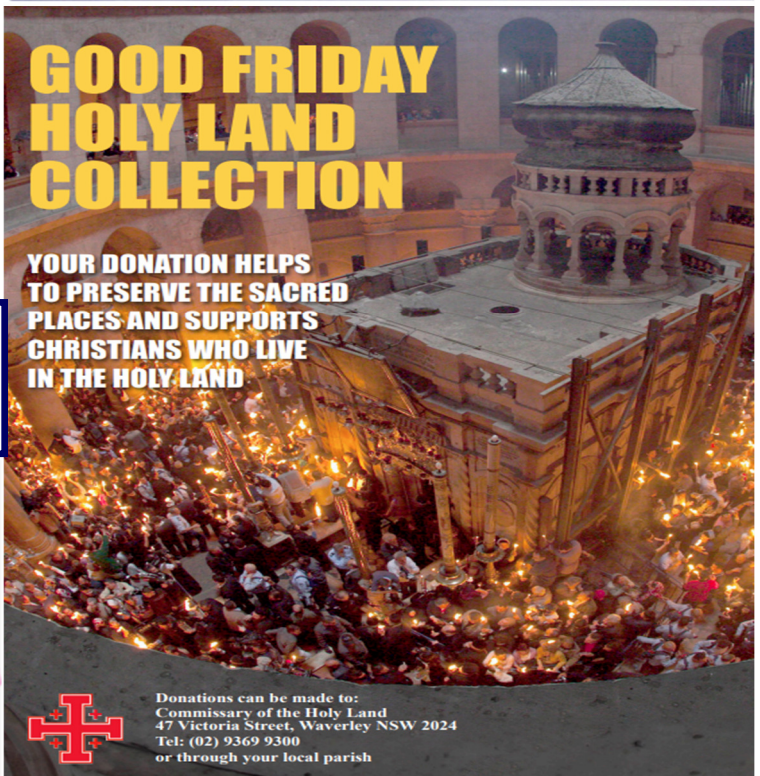
The books are a six - minute reflection on the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew.

Musical Performance

Our parish is fortunate to have booked a musical performance in the parish hall on Sat the 27th 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.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

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or through your local parish

Laudato Si

John writes of wheat, "If a grain falls on the ground and dies it yields a rich harvest...for eternal life". Theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson says that after the view of the earth from space we stand in wonder at the intricate workings of this world and on the other hand, we lament in distress at how our human predation is rapidly spoiling this natural world (*Quest for the Living God – Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God* 2007). The Nicene Creed gives a cue with "the Lord and Giver of Life". Early 2nd C North African theologian Tertullian says the Father can be likened to the Sun, Christ is like a sunbeam and the Spirit like the spot of warmth and light where the sun arrives and has affects like water reaching plants. Johnson says that the world opened by Big Bang cosmology and evolutionary biology and the vulnerability of life on Earth needing protection is leading ecological theology to glimpse the Spirit's presence with new contours...we are able to sing praise and thanks in the name of the whole cosmic community because we are stardust.

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.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.



Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL

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