

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

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

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Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024 (YEAR B)

HAPPY EASTER

The garden at our Kedron Friary is surrounded by a lot of trees. I have noticed that the birds like gathering in these trees, especially at sunrise, so that I wake up every morning with the birds' singing which is so peaceful, beautiful and even sacred. The sounds of the birds at dawn remind me that it is the start of another new day. This awareness helps me to realise that life is good, beautiful and precious and invites me to embrace it and live it to the full no matter how long or short life's journey is.

As believers in our Risen Lord, united with millions of Catholics around the world, we come together this week as a Parish Family to celebrate the Paschal Sacred Tridium and Easter, the most important days in our Catholic faith and tradition. Let us be reminded and grateful of the new life and resurrection offered to us through the passion and death of our Lord. A few days ago, I visited one of our parishioners in the hospital as a request of his family. Being aware of his final moments, he shared with me: "... Father, I am always grateful that I have lived a good life. I know that my time has come and the Lord is waiting for me to return to Him. I don't have anything to regret, life is good". It is indeed comforting for me to listen to these words from a person who had enjoyed and embraced life to the full.

This year the entire Franciscan Family marks 800 years St Francis of Assisi received the Stigmata (1224-2024). In his life on earth, St Francis desired to be like Christ so he asked for the privilege to bear the holy wounds on his body so that like Christ, in a world grown cold, his heart might be filled with the burning love of God and humanity. Two years before his passing (1224), he was granted the sacred wounds as an honour and gift from God to a simple man who had embraced life, even death to the full.

Not long ago, we celebrated Christmas – Jesus' incarnation. Now, we celebrate the Paschal Sacred Tridium and Easter. Birth, suffering and death are essential realities for each one of us. More importantly, new life and resurrection in Christ are the key figures which we share as believers. Our Lord's life and public ministry were short but he embraced them with love and compassion, with service and sacrifice which touched many lives. May we too, embrace our lives to the full. Thank you for your faithful witness and ongoing support, it is such a privilege and great joy for Fr John and myself to be in the parish with you all. Wishing you a blessed Easter. May the joy and peace of our Risen Lord come down upon you and remain with you always.

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM



HAPPY EASTER

"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 1st April
NO Mass

Tuesday 2nd April
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 3rd April
Anointing Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4:45pm
Fund Raising meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 4th April
Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Funeral 10.30am
(for the late Nunzia Spina)

Friday 5th April
Mass 8.00am
Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30am
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Funeral 10.30am
(for the late Jeronimo Gonzalez)

Saturday 6th April
Baptismal Information 11.00am
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 7th April
(2nd Sunday of Easter)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community

The Samaritan will be back on the 16th April.

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am at 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:

Eileen, Coles, Fanny der Angola, Bishop Austen Crapp ofm, Claudette Perrett, Geoffrey Pisani, Allan O'Neill, Anthony Colavitti, and those whose

Anniversaries occur about now: Gerard Janssen, Tim Purcell, Gian Piero Garizio, Kerry Phillips, Helmut Kofler, James Clooney Stark, John Currie, Sarina Caruso,



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 chose 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.



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FRIDAY MAY 17
Return of the Message Stick & Commemoration of 150th Anniversary
12:30pm Mass
Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving
6pm

SATURDAY MAY 18
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
11:30am Mass
Pentecost Vigil Mass
"Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"
6pm Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19
Pentecost Sunday
Celebrating 150 Years
10:30am Mass



Caritas AUSTRALIA

Easter Sunday 31 March

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Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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.

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Reflection...

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

Richard Leonard SJ

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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, *Geo-verdi 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.

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next baptismal information will be

Saturday 6th April at 11.00am



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.

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

All are welcome

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.



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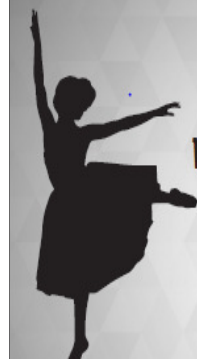
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