

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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Palm Sunday – 24th March 2024 (YEAR B)



Reflection...

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, we sing,

'And when I think that God his Son not sparing
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.'

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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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 25th March

NO Mass

SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 26th March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 27th March

Mass 9.00am

Baptism 10.30am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

JPCCC Group 7.00pm

Thursday 28th March

NO Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

(until 5.00pm)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Night Prayer 9.00pm

Friday 29th March

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Saturday 30th March

Easter Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 31st March

(Easter Sunday)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

NO 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.



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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



Piety Stall

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS.

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

ALL EASTER SERVICES

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

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.

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. **Ronita** from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

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

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community. It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion



What Is **Palm Sunday**?

Palm Sunday is a Christian celebration that marks the beginning of the Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem when

people laid down palms and branches before him as a sign of honor. In modern times, churches hold Palm Sunday services in which worshippers are given a palm branch or cross made from palm leaves. The celebration involves singing hymns, reading Scripture, and sometimes even a procession with the palms. Palm Sunday is a reminder of the selfless love Jesus showed by laying down his life for us, and it is a time to reflect on our own lives and how we can show that same love to those around us.

Palm Sunday is the day we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Palm Sunday is a moveable holiday that changes yearly based on Lent and the spring equinox. Many churches celebrate Palm Sunday by waving palm branches, singing traditional hymns, and making crosses out of palm fronds. But while this is a triumphal entry, it is Jesus' first step toward His death.

MASS INTENIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

MASS COLLECTIONS

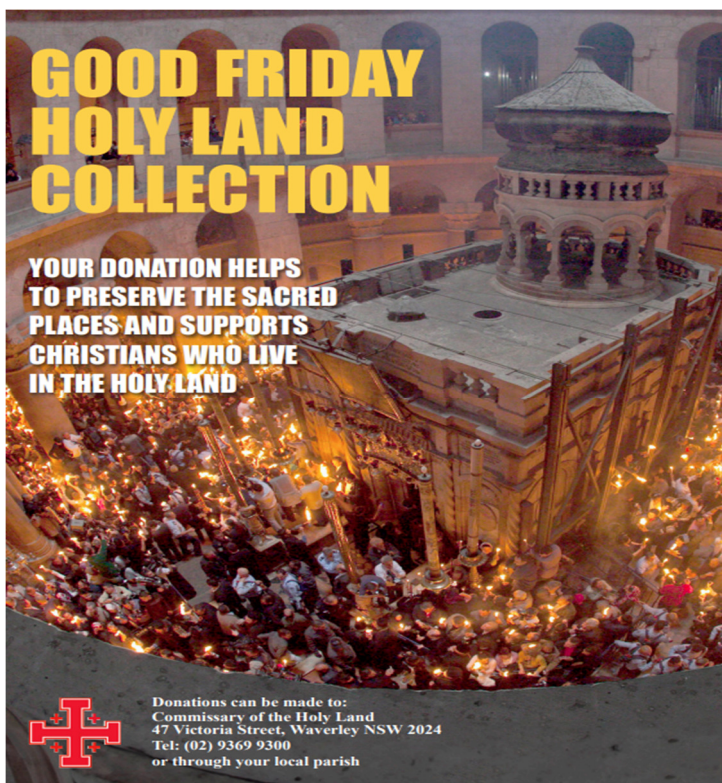
The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan Friars and their work. You can also use the "Tap & Go" at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit** (see below).

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use "Tap & Go," your **Envelopes**, **Direct Deposit**, or **Direct Debit**. A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786**
Account Number: **100003991**
Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname, Envelope No. (if you have one)** eg. J Blogs 579

If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, **all this amount goes towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

**YOUR DONATION HELPS
TO PRESERVE THE SACRED
PLACES AND SUPPORTS
CHRISTIANS WHO LIVE
IN THE HOLY LAND**



Donations can be made to:
Commissary of the Holy Land
47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024
Tel: (02) 9369 9300
or through your local parish



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!

Contact Info;
Email:
lythallm@bne.catholic.net.au
Phone: 0421504600

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

Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm

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