

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

## PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

## EUCHARISTIC 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

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco  
Ph: 0448 356 599

## 2nd Sunday of Easter – 7th April 2024 (YEAR B)

### Reflection...

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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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 8th April**

**NO Mass**  
**SVdP 7.00pm**  
**Choir Practice 7.15pm**

**Tuesday 9th April**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**  
**Funeral 11.00am**  
*(for the late Paul Corkeron)*

**Wednesday 10th April**

**Mass 9.00am**  
**Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 11th April**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**24hr Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 12th April**

**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

**Saturday 13th April**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 14th April**

*(3rd Sunday of Easter)*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am**  
**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:**

Paul Corkeron, Nuzia Spina, Jeronimo Gonzalez, 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:**

Alf Gow, 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.**



**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST-STEPHEN**  
**150 Years**

**Date claimer**

**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

**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.





## The Annunciation of the Lord (Observed on Monday, April 8, 2024)

On 8th April we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Solemnities in the Catholic Church are celebrations that are of the greatest importance.

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the savior. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what he promised the world. She also discovered that she would play a special role in God's plan for salvation. Jesus would be formed in her womb, and she would care for him.

Mary agreed to God's plan because she wanted her will to be God's will. And she was willing to accept the joy and pain that came along with it to bring Christ to a world that waited for him. On this day, we do not only celebrate the announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus, but also her willing acceptance of the news.

Marking this important event on March 25 is a tradition that has existed since the seventh century after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. It occurs exactly nine months before December 25, the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Because this is a Solemnity, when this feast falls during the Lenten season, our Lenten penance obligations are lifted. It is right to celebrate with a special food or dinner.

Additionally, this feast forecasts Christmas and serves as an illustration of how the liturgical year is an endless circle of days. You can celebrate this circle by serving a cake, coffee ring, wreath-shaped cookies, or other foods served in a ring mold for this feast day.

Another way to celebrate is by eating waffles, which are a traditional food for this day. This is because Annunciation is the only feast of Mary that Sweden still celebrates since the Lutheran faith because the state religion in 1593. As a result, throughout most of Europe, waffles are a traditional feast day food. And in Sweden, waffles are served for any of the three meals and are topped with lingonberries or cloudberry.

The story of the Annunciation has also produced three important liturgical texts: the Ave Maria, the Angelus, and the Magnificat. The angel's greeting to Mary is translated as "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," and this is the opening of the Ave Maria and a part of Rosary prayers. The Angelus is made up of three Ave Maria's, along with additional material. This is said three times a day in the Roman Catholic Church. And the Magnificat (in Luke 1:46-55) is the poem that Mary says to respond to the Annunciation and celebrates God's power.

The Magnificat demonstrates that Mary became the herald of salvation. Some theologians suggest that the story of the Annunciation emphasizes the status of women because God enlists the help of a woman to create the savior of the world. As the herald of salvation, she becomes a spokesperson for justice and marginalized people who also became both the focus of Jesus and Christians in the Church.

## 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.

## 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.

## Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



## Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass.

If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

## Laudato Si

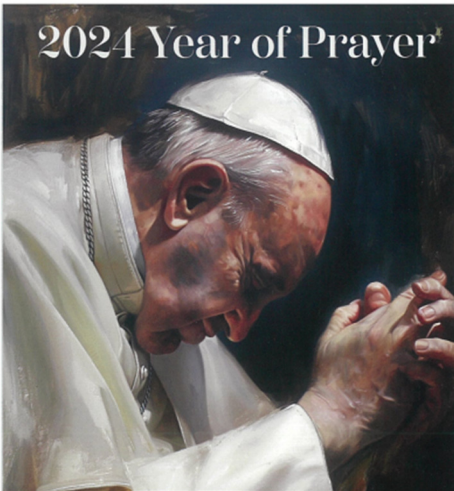
"Lord Jesus, through your incarnation you shared the tears of creation that "groans and suffers the pains of childbirth" (Romans 8: 22) You made human fragility your own in climatic injustice, in our fears, and in our worries. When anguish tries to prevail over the oppressed peoples and over us, we ask You to bring Your loving presence to our hearts, in order to rediscover the purpose of our presence in the world." This is from the Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book for April 2024 <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/lsms-monthly-prayer-guide-april-2024/>. The resurrection of Jesus is the central core and key mystery of our faith, our most meaningful human story. And God's gift of life and love in the resurrected Jesus, shows God is Mission the mission is Mercy. John 20:19-23 has Jesus saying, "Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me so I send you...he breathed on them giving them the Holy Spirit." Theologian Stephen Bevans SVD says, "there has never been a moment when God has not been present to and in creation...through the presence of the Holy Spirit. She is God's complete presence, palpable, able to be experienced, and yet elusive, like the wind". (*The Mission has a Church: Responding to God's Call in Today's World* 2009)

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# 2024 Year of Prayer



"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."


Pope Francis

# Prayer

You speak, Lord God, even in silence and we listen with ears of the heart. We listen and our eyes are opened to see all things as they are. We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened to speak of our joy and our sorrow, to sing your praise and seek your help. This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to earth, heart speaking to heart. Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew, lead us deep into the heart of Jesus who is our prayer for ever and ever.

Amen.

+Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane



## 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**  
All ages welcome – family discounts  
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