

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

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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5th Sunday of Easter – 28th April 2024 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK

Monday 29th April

NO Mass

Parent Information 4.00pm
(Confirmation)

Tuesday 30th April

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Padua—6.00pm

(Mother and Son)

Wednesday 1st May

Anointing Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Parent Information 7.00pm

(Confirmation)

Thursday 2nd May

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 3rd May

Mass 8.00am

Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30am

Funeral 10.00am

(for the late Rhett Evans)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 4th May

Baptism 12.00noon

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 5th May

(6th Sunday of Easter)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

(Confirmation Enrolment Mass)

The Samaritan Community

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:

Rhett Evans, Barry Searle, Paul Corkeron, Nuzia Spina, Jeronimo Gonzalez, Eileen, Coles, Fanny der Angola, Bishop Austen Crapp ofm,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Peter Moran, Ross Caruso, Mary Vedove, Anne McManus, Ron D'Arx, Therese Rasey, Luz Vargas, Helen Koh, Valma Ihle, Joe Hennessy, Mary Backstrom, Gina Darke, Ludovico Vargas, Robyn Woolley

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.



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested to learn about the Catholic faith?
Baptised Catholic but not received Confirmation or Holy Communion?
Baptised, but have had little or no formal religious education and would like to learn more about your faith?
Baptised in another Christian church and would like to explore becoming a Catholic?

Kedron Parish offers a group-based program called the RCIA that helps people learn about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God.
If you, or anyone you know would like to find out more, please ask them to contact the parish office on 3267 4825 or by email on kedron@bne.catholic.net.au.

THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST-STEPHEN

150 Years



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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










Saints Philip and James' Story May 3

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one

of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus's reply in John's Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his "hour" has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike.

Reflection

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

Laudato Si

John has Jesus using another earthy analogy this week for how, him the Christ, is with us, "I am the vine, and my father is the vine grower....remain in me as I remain in you". Pope Francis gave a homily on this passage from John 15:1-8, specifically the resurrection mystery contained in "remain" and the conjunction implied: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco-en/cotidie/2020/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20200513_come-italci-e-lavite.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2020/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20200513_come-italci-e-lavite.html)

He asks, "what is the vine asking of the branches? It is to have fruit". Fruit of the Christ life is a nexus of contemplation and action in a mystery like that of the flux of the sap of life in a vine or tree. Twelve years ago Barbara Reid, O.P. gave a Pentecost lecture entitled, "Ministering as a Contemplative Presence in a Chaotic World": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8yZM3Va1mQ>

We know only too well how war, random violence, economic pressure, personal pain, technological challenges and climate and weather crises weigh on us still. Peace building by truth and reconciliation are still our challenge. See the appeal to the world of the truth telling of the first Australian winner of the Venice Golden Lion award, Archie Moore's *Kith and Kin*.

<https://creative.gov.au/news/media-releases/archie-moores-kith-and-kin-wins-golden-lion-at-venice-biennale/>

Piety Store

The Piety Store has generously donated \$1500.00 to the Franciscan Missions in Aitipe, Papua New Guinea. The donation was made possible by the kind-hearted people in the parish. As the Pope is planning a visit to PNG this year, I have requested that our donation be directed towards assisting the people of Aitipe in PNG.

HEALING MASS

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd May, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Joson Antony, PP at All Saints Parish, Albany Creek be the celebrant.

The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

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.

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

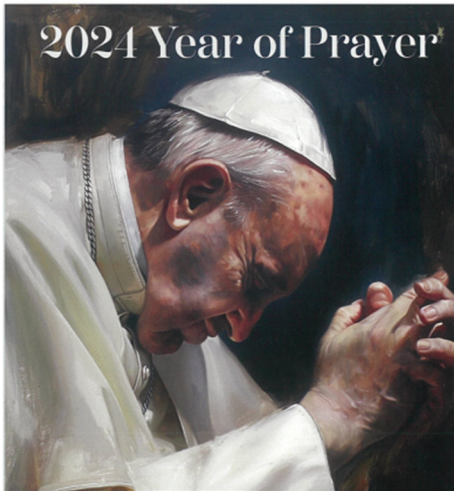
Our next baptismal Information will be

Saturday 4th May at 11.00am

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door .

Name: _____ Email: _____

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
Fair Play Vouchers and NDIS supported
Kate Eggar - 7th Dan Instructor
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