

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
Ph: 0448 356 599

6th Sunday of Easter – 4 May 2024 (YEAR B)

Reflection...

The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about.

And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other.

It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise. It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything.

If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly.

We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble.

That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history.

We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them.

No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.

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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 6th May

(Labour Day)

NO Mass

SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 7th May

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Parish Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 8th May

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

Thursday 9th May

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 10th May

Mass 8.00am

St Anthony's 9.00am

(Mother's Day)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 11th May

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12th May

(Ascension of the Lord)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

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, **those whose**

Anniversaries occur about now:

Jack (John Matthie) Hennessy, 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,

Musical Performance

Last Saturday, we were fortunate enough to experience an exceptional musical performance by Geoverdi Musica at the parish hall, and it was an absolute success. We owe a



huge thank you to everyone who helped make this happen, but a special mention goes to the amazing Therese Murphy, who played a crucial role in organizing this event. I'm proud to say that we

raised an impressive \$1000.00, thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication. Let's keep up the good work and continue to create more exceptional events like this in the future!



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2024

Parishioners are advised that starting from this weekend (5 May) and for a four week period, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has requested a Count of Mass Attendance.

Attendance is to be recorded at Mass for each church on the weekends of

5th May

12th May

19th May

26th May

While Father is doing the homily at each Mass over the next four weeks, a head count will be taken of all attending at each respective Mass. This information will then be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The annual Mass Count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level, a summation of which will be shared with parishes later this year.

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.



St Catherine of Bologna (Poor Clare) 9th May

St. Catherine of Bologna was an Italian nun and artist born as Catherine de' Vigri on September 8, 1413 in Bologna, Italy.

She was the member of an aristocratic family and the daughter of a diplomat to the Marquis of Ferrara. Catherine re-

ceived a wonderful education in reading, writing, singing and drawing while being raised at the court of the Duke of Ferrara. Catherine excelled in painting, Latin and the viola.

When the daughter eventually married, she wanted Catherine to remain in her service, but Catherine, feeling a calling to the religious life, left the court.

In 1426, at 13-years-old, she entered the convent of Corpus Domini at Ferrara and became a Franciscan Tertiary.

During this time, her convent disagreed in whether to continue following the Augustinian rule or to instead adhere to the Franciscan rule. A Rule is a specific expression of the Christian life which calls the men or women of a particular religious order to a daily pattern of prayer, work and charity.

Catherine was determined to live a life of perfection, and was admired by her companions for her holiness.

In 1432, Catherine and other young women of Ferrara founded a monastery of the Order of Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

Laudato Si

“Our concern cannot be limited to the threat of extreme weather events, but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest” (LS204). Easter is about supreme love, healing and a “kingdom” of God. Social unrest, exclusion, domination, between individuals, institutions, states, religions was on the minds of the author(s) of Acts. Today’s reading records the basis of mission, “the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on the Gentiles”. Acts is a book about Christian beginnings and mission with stories that belong to “larger groups or worshipping communities that lived them” (Ivoni Richter Reiner 2012– *Acts of the Apostles: Looking Forward and Looking Back*). Today we have an evolving recognition that Easter speaks to hope and action for justice, peace and the integrity of all of creation and is yet to be lived in practice. Some of our technologies are used for war against people and the planet purposely or carelessly. Our faith communities, like the early ones can give expression to the hope and mission of the resurrection in lived love of each other and our earth. Teilhard de Chardin S.J. wrote of this in his “Mass on the World” : <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/05/18/teillard-chardin-mass-world-eucharist-245321>

ENCOUNTER KEDRON

Held every Thursday during the school term in the Little Flower Parish hall, full of fun, games, challenges, live music, friends, faith and input. We focus on helping the youth build their relationship with God and each other.

**THURSDAYS
6:30-8:30PM**



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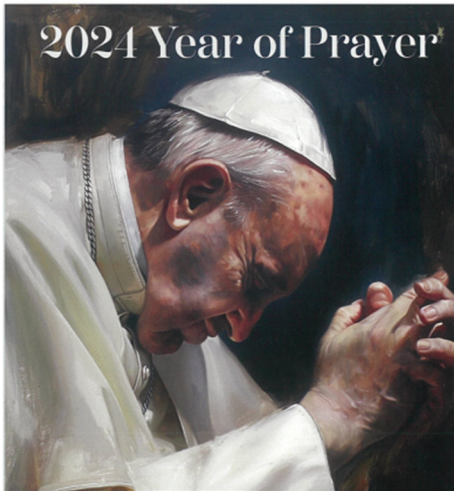
8:30AM SUNDAY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Cakes, cookies, brownies and more. Encounter Kedron is raising money for Youth Ministry.

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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