

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

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 August 2024 (YEAR B)

Around the world there are women's shelters run by the St Vincent de Paul Society called 'Manna House'. It's an inspired name for such an important work. Women and their children, in the midst of fear, and having suffered terrible abuse, are welcomed into a safe-haven where they can be loved and looked after. It's a temporary respite where broken families can piece their lives back together and be revived for the journey ahead.

What happens at 'Manna Houses' for women at risk happens for each of us when we come to the Eucharist. We receive manna from heaven. It's our stop on the journey of faith so that we can go out spiritually revived to be the face of Christ in the world. Sometimes we need this 'manna come down from heaven' when we are spiritually most at-risk.

I love the fact that as Catholics we believe that Christ is present in ordinary gifts of bread and wine blessed and offered at the Eucharist. We don't just believe that Christ is present in sunrises, sunsets and in natural beauty, we also believe that God comes to us in a special and unique way in the simple, ordinary things of life. And it is in what we do with these gifts of bread and wine that Christ is really present. The earliest Christians called the Eucharist 'the breaking of the bread'. It is the broken bread and the poured cup given into our hands to which we say 'Amen' and so affirm our belief that Christ is present here.

We often need to be reassured of Christ's presence when we are in the desert periods of our own life. We can feel we are wandering around in the wilderness looking for some sign of God's life. For all of us who are broken in mind, body or spirit, or who are pouring ourselves out in love for other people, communion is precisely the time Jesus meets us where we are. Is it any wonder that the Eucharist means so much to us? May we never feel as though we are not good enough to be here, for Jesus has invited us to his table where we are loved and cared for.

As important as the Eucharist is, however, it is not 'ours', in the sense that we can selfishly hold on to the gifts we receive here. We are given Christ in Word and Sacrament, so we can become Christ.

In a sense Jesus says the same thing in today's Gospel when he talks about how the Father draws people to faith.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is only an intellectual exercise. As important as good thinking and the power of strong arguments might be, the truth of faith is best demonstrated on an emotional and intuitive level when others see the power of God's saving love active in the way we live our lives. This is what really captures people's attention, and draws them to ask what gives our lives this quality, direction, purpose and meaning.

So may this respite from the journey of faith dispel our fears, revive us for the task ahead and enable us to live as though the only Bible others will read will be our lives, and the only Sacraments that will captivate them and draw them to Christ will be our justice and joy.

Leonard SJ

"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 12th August

NO Mass

Funeral Mass 11.00am
(for the late Leonard Dittmar)

Tuesday 13th August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 14th August

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 15th August

Mass 8.00am

Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 16th August

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am
Funeral Mass 11.00am
(for the late Kay Thompson)

Saturday 17th August

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 18th August

[20th Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

SFO 9.30am

First Holy Communion Workshops

1.00pm and 2.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

The Samaritan Community



If you have any spare time and would like to be part of a wonderful community please join the Samaritans every Tuesday 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:**

Kay Thompson, Rosa Parrella, Michael Killihe, Leonard Dittmar, Betty R'Emond, Rina Venier, Br Denis Sullivan cfc, Susan Connors, Cecil Ross, Glendon Kent, Peter Nguyen, Therese Nguyen (Fr Joseph's mother and brother), Giovanni Tanda,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

James Bell, Fred Hudson, Helen Pulford, Jean Butler, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Leonardo and Maria Caruso, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Loveday Harding, Laurence Sherrington, Gerrit Janssen, Richard Mc Neven, Joan McNeven, Rita Rajanayagam, Sony Lyng Sheilah Nanda, Bridget and Edmond Jones, Anthony O'Brien

Laudato Si

Season of Creation runs September 1st to October 4th. It is worldwide and ecumenical. See: <https://seasonofcreation.org/2024/06/06/the-season-of-creation-2024-celebration-guide-has-been-released/> There are many beautiful prayers in the lead-up to Season of Creation for example: "Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ. See the full prayer at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCil3Mxen3JQZ5Razz3/view> Locally, Queensland Churches Environmental Network launched their **Season of Creation app** last week. It is a series of scripture, reflections, poems and prayers meant for the Season of Creation but you can use it any time. Look up, "Season of Creation" in your app store.

TERM 3
ENCOUNTER KEDRON
'JESUS NO ORDINARY MAN'

WEEKS

Week 1 - Social
*Night Full of Games, fun, Friends and Worship.
Lets Catch up after the holidays!*

Week 2 - Jesus No Ordinary Man
Lets get to know Jesus a little bit better with our first talk of the term and see how incredible this man really is!

Week 3 - Jesus No Ordinary Teacher
Part 1 of 2 Lets get to know Jesus' teachings and understand why!

Week 4 - Scavenger Hunt Night
Almost half way through the term, lets see who can complete the Scavenger hunt first!

Week 5 - Jesus No Ordinary Teacher
Part 2 of 2 Lets dive a little deeper and see what else we can learn from our amazing teacher!

Week 6 - Jesus No Ordinary Relationship
What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus? the ups and downs, the highs and lows!

Week 7 - Family Night
Lets have dinner as a Encounter Family and Check in out how everyone is and build a closer bond with one another

WEEKS

Week 8 - Jesus and the Mass
Do you know why we have mass? whats the connection?

Week 9 - Jesus No Ordinary Crucifixion
How and why did Jesus make the ultimate sacrifice for us?

Week 10 - Social
Lets Celebrate the End of term together

FOLLOW US!

Instagram **EncounterKedron**
Facebook **Encounter Kedron**

Website:
<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/encounter-kedron/>

Join us at Youth Mass the Second Sunday of every Month!

Term 3 Youth Masses:
July 14th 9:30 am & August 11th 9:30am



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VIOLENCE AND
PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those facing homelessness and to people living on the margins of our communities. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.



18 August 2024



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Saint Clare of Assisi
(July 16, 1194 – August 11, 1253)



Saint Clare of Assisi's Story

One of the more sugary movies made about Francis of Assisi pictures Clare as a golden-haired beauty floating through sun-drenched fields, a sort of onewoman counterpart to the new Franciscan Order.

The beginning of her religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the

poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jewelled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

The Poor Ladies went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions.

When even the pope tried to persuade Clare to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano.

Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. Clare was always obedient to his will and to the great ideal of gospel life which he was making real. A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Clare had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenceless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled.

St Vincent de Paul Pantry

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who regularly donate food items to our pantry. We are in need of cereal and rice and would appreciate any donations of these items. The companions we assist in our local Kedron area are always humbled by your generosity.

Can you help? Vinnies have a family in need of a queen size bed base and mattress. If you can assist, please contact the parish office on 3267 4825 or ring Maria on 0411 871 859.

Kedron Catholic Parish

St Francis

Feast Dinner Dance

Saturday

October 5 at 6.30pm

at Kedron-Wavell Club

Tickets must be purchased by 9th September

FOOD. MUSIC and DANCING

DRINKS can be purchased at Bar

Adults 95pp

For tickets please contact the parish office on 3267 4825

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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.

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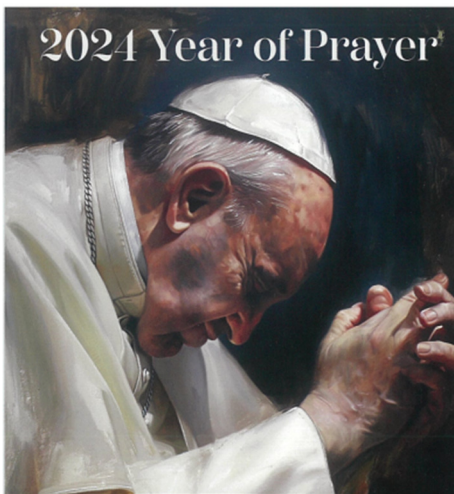
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If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, **all this amount goes towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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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