

# 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 3th 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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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th September 2024 (YEAR B)



### Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi, September 17<sup>th</sup> This year will be the 800th anniversary of the Stigmata of St Francis.

The Greek word *stigma* means “a scar left by a hot iron: brand,” according to *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Eleventh Edition). *Stigmata*—the plural form of the same Greek word—can also mean “bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ.” This provides a basic background for understanding the mysterious phenomenon of the stigmata in Christian history.

I begin my reflections on the mystery of **the stigmata** by confessing that the first person I think of as having such bodily marks, apart from Jesus, is St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. As the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis is certainly a primary shaper of Franciscan spirituality. St. Francis, therefore, is a preeminent focal point in helping us contemplate the meaning of the wounds of Christ and of his own wounds and thus to come to a Franciscan understanding of suffering.

### The Crucified Christ Appears to Francis

On two separate, dramatic occasions, Francis had a vision of Jesus, wounded in hands, feet and side, suffering on a cross. If we look carefully at the two visions we will see them as closely interrelated. Both visions are described in St. Bonaventure's *Life of St. Francis*. It's helpful to remember that Bonaventure, as a Franciscan theologian and spiritual writer, often described God as a God of overflowing goodness and love.

The first vision happened to Francis shortly after his conversion from a rather worldly life. After that experience, Bonaventure tells us: “One day, while Francis was praying in a secluded spot and became totally absorbed in God through his extreme fervor, Jesus Christ appeared to him fastened to the cross. Francis' *soul melted* at the sight, and the memory of Christ's passion was so impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart that from that hour, whenever Christ's crucifixion came to mind, he could scarcely contain his tears and sighs.”

Bonaventure points out that from that time on Francis began “rendering humble service to lepers with human concern and devoted kindness....He visited their houses frequently, and generously distributed alms to them and with great compassion kissed their hands and their mouths.”

### Francis' Vision on Mount La Verna

About two years before his death, St. Francis had a second vision of Christ fastened to the cross. Here is how St. Bonaventure sets the scene in his *Life of St. Francis*: “On a certain morning about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross [September 14], while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven. And when in swift flight the Seraph had reached a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the figure of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross. Two of the wings were lifted above his head, two were extended for flight and two covered his whole body.

“When Francis saw this, he was overwhelmed and his whole body was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. He rejoiced because of the gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of the Seraph, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross *pierced his soul with a sword* of compassionate sorrow.”

This is a good place to say a word about the Seraph. Seraphs are those angels closest to God, burning with love as they bow before the Most High God, shouting “Holy, holy, holy!” (see Isaiah 6:2-3.) Their fiery wings, as depicted here, suggest the flaming intensity of God's love that Christ communicated to Francis, which in turn, set Francis' heart afire. The word *seraphic* is often used to describe Francis' passionate style of relating to God and is often applied to the whole Franciscan Order, which is sometimes called the Seraphic Order.

“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 16th September**  
NO Mass

**Tuesday 17th September**  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
NO Samaritans 9.30am

**Wednesday 18th September**  
Mass 9.00am  
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

**Thursday 19th September**  
Mass 8.00am  
Perpetual Adoration  
NO Encounter 6.30pm

**Friday 20th September**  
Mass 8.00am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am

**Saturday 21st September**  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 22nd September**  
*[25th Sunday in Ordinary Time]*  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am, 11.45am 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.

**This term will end on the 10th September and will start again on Tuesday 1st October**

New volunteers always welcome.

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Rita Pembroke, Fr Nicholas Lucas ofm, Emma De Castro, Emma Hurst, Delma Kent, Brian Purcell, Maria Robles, Kay Thompson, Rosa Parrilla, Lilly Hubert, Michael Killihe, Leonard Dittmar, Betty R'Emond, Rina Venier

**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Maureen Hudson, Stanley Kelliher, Gerda Janssen, Leona Akers, Katherine Stark, Monica Carter, James Bell, Fred Hudson, Helen Pulsford, Jean Butler, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Leonardo and Maria Caruso, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Loveday Harding, Laurence Sherrington, Gerrit Janssen,

**The Meaning of the Stigmata**

As suggested earlier, St. Francis is an important key for us in unlocking the meaning of Christ's Stigmata. September is a good month to contemplate the meaning of the Stigmata for any of us who consider ourselves followers of St. Francis. As many of us know, Franciscans celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi each year on September 17, which is an estimated date of his receiving the wounds of Christ at Mount La Verna in 1224, two years before his death.

When St. Francis saw in his vision of the Crucified Christ the incredible outpouring of God's love upon him, he was inspired to respond with the same kind of overflowing love. We too contemplate that vision and try to respond in the same spirit.

**Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and adore you.**

**Like Francis, we are amazed that you held nothing back from us in pouring yourself out**

**for us so totally through your holy wounds on the cross. We ask you to breathe forth your Holy Spirit into us and set our hearts on fire, so that, with the Spirit's help, we might respond more fully to you.**

**Amen**

**Laudato Si**

In this Season of Creation, we are called to Hope and Act WITH God. In the first reading this Sunday, Isaiah urges his people to "be strong, fear not" because God is engaged in their history. We know fear and we long for hope. Isaiah sees hope in the work of God in Creation: "the lame shall leap like a stag...waters will burst forth in the wilderness". This prophetic call from our "old" testament still rings out hope. The Gospels and Letters of Paul, in particular Romans 8:22, also ring out about action motivated by belief in God's love of creation and not ignorant of the struggle: "Creation groans". As the theological introduction to the SOC says, "the times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. It says, "hope is trust that our actions make sense". Discernment of what is sense is difficult and complex but is guided from a recognition that we are a part of Creation and God is all - omnia per deum. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YIM\\_2FAhqpLcnbX86Xn31\\_xKQTs5GoHwT160jERHKeA/edit#heading=h.mkan6rhvf3qu](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YIM_2FAhqpLcnbX86Xn31_xKQTs5GoHwT160jERHKeA/edit#heading=h.mkan6rhvf3qu)

**A Catholic Mental Wellbeing** morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

**Thank you and Help needed**

As you are aware, we are very fortunate to have some wonderful people here in our parish. One of those people is Santhosh, who has been a great help every Sunday at the 5:30 pm Mass, assisting Fr. Joseph and Fr. John in setting up the church for Mass and then closing. Santosh has informed us that he will no longer be able to help as he needs to focus on his studies. We would like to express our gratitude to Santosh for his assistance. That being said, we are now looking for someone to help Fr. Joseph and Fr. John with the Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Joseph or contact the office.



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### BRISBANE SOUTH

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Saturday, 5 October 2024  
Mt Carmel Parish Church  
312 Cavendish Rd, Coorparoo  
Registrations close: 30/9/24



### BRISBANE NORTH

9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Saturday, 26 October 2024  
All Saints Parish Church  
4 Faheys Rd East, Albany Creek  
Registrations close: 21/10/24

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\$15.00 per person  
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When 4-6th October  
10.00am to 2.00pm  
Gold coin donation— bulk discounts



The Grail invites you to hear Janet Galos speak on **'Christian Spirituality and Ecology'** at 2.00pm, Sunday 22 September 2024 at the Parish Hall, Little Flower Church, 66 Turner Road, Kedron. Janet brings together elements of the Christian tradition that shape a vibrant 21st century spirituality in tune with modern cultural and scientific understandings. She campaigns for ecological conversion and eco-justice locally and has presented to regional national and international groups. Enjoy afternoon tea with new and old friends. Contact Judy Brown 0407 580 174 or Ann About 0400 344 921 for more information.

## Vinnies thank you!

Your local Vincentians would like to thank the parish and school communities for the loyal and practical support you so readily offer for the work we do – from food drives, fundraising events, hampers, pantry donations of all kinds, donations to winter/Xmas appeals and also our annual Advent Giving Tree. Because of your generosity we have completed over 300 visits so far this year and been able to help many families with food, education and other essential living costs as well as the gift of time to listen and to encourage. With current rising costs, we have seen about a 50% increase in calls compared to prior years, so we truly appreciate the support each of you have offered. None of us can do it alone. Thank you!  
PS And if you have a few hours to spare once a fortnight and would like to be involved, please let us know!

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having you as part  
of our flock

Keep in touch with us  
via email



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## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE & FLOCKNOTE — SEPTEMBER SIGNUP

For the past 3 years, the archdiocese has been working with parishes to develop more efficient and contemporary ways to reach parishioners and visitors. We are excited to announce a new partnership between Flocknote and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. During September, the whole Archdiocese is promoting a September Signup to our Flocknote, but you don't need to wait until September. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code below and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office.



scan the QR code here to register today!

If our numbers don't increase we will have to cancel the dinner dance.

Kedron Catholic Parish

# St Francis Feast Dinner Dance

Saturday  
October 5 at 6.30pm  
at Kedron-Wavell Club

Tickets must be purchased by  
16th September

**FOOD. MUSIC and DANCING**  
DRINKS can be purchased at Bar

Adults 95pp

For tickets please contact the parish office  
on 3267 4825





## 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.*

## 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.

Scan here for more



+Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

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