



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th October 2024 (YEAR B)

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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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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – FEAST DAY

Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally – not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer - lengthy and difficult - led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer.

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44), he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his guardian (local superior) to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord. Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. His poverty had a sister, humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the love of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



"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 7th October
NO Mass

Tuesday 8th October
NO Mass 8.00am
NO Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Funeral Mass –10.30am
(for the late Nancy Crismani)

Wednesday 9th October
Communion Service 9.00am
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 10th October
Mass 8.00am
Perpetual Adoration
Funeral Mass –10.30am
(for the late Falina Land)
Encounter 6.30pm

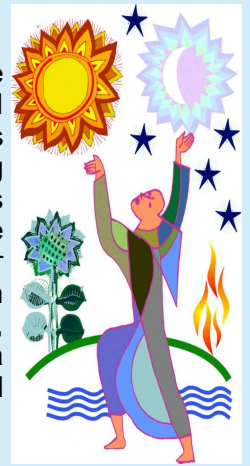
Friday 11th October
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 12th October
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13th October
(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00 and 11.45am
Inurnment 12.30pm
Mass 5.30pm

Franciscan Spirituality

Today the Franciscan Order flourishes throughout the world. The spirit of the Franciscan tradition is recognized as one of joy, gratitude, and care for the poor. The lives of the brothers and sisters witness to the transforming power of God's love in human lives and to the wondrous giftedness of creation. The focus on the love and the goodness of God manifested in all creation, and on our free response to God's grace is an important foundation for Franciscan self-understanding. This spirit is, perhaps, best exemplified in Francis's *Canticle of the Creatures*, a song for our times when reverence for creation is critical for a sustainable world and environment.



What do Franciscans offer today? By their professed lifestyle, holding lightly to the goods of the earth and walking gently and reverently through the world, we seek to remind the world that everything and every single human being is a gift from God. Thus we are all children and creatures of God and, thus, brothers and sisters to one another. Our minds are meant to be dazzled and pleased by the vision of God. Franciscans witness to the fact that life can be lived joyfully and serenely with very few possessions and that the possessions we do have are only gifts to which we have no ultimate claim. Thus we are offered the gift of peace and joy through understanding who we are before God, how we are related to one another, to the earth and to the entire created universe.

Franciscans have a word to say to the world today—and that word is the Word of God who came among us to be one of us, who lived, suffered and died to show us abundant unconditional love. In the face of this incredible truth, we can only stand amazed. And when we stand amazed before this truth we know who we are and how we are loved. This is worship in its true sense. And it is the only real reason for anyone to be a Franciscan or a Christian today.

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:**

Nancy Crismani, Falina Land, Patricia Crowe, Patricia RyanTerry Thomas, Innes Ciotti, Veronica Dack, Charissa Gonzales, Jude Gamunu, Rita Pembroke, Fr Nicholas Lucas ofm, Marie Minton, Emma De Castro, Emma Hurst, Delma Kent,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

John McManus, Michelle Elizabeth Quinn, Peter Rossitto, Maria Caruso, Diana Saffigna, Fiona Saffigna, Lois Wijetunge, Maureen Hudson, Stanley Kelliher, Gerda Janssen, Leona Akers, Katherine Stark, Monica Carter, James Bell, Fred Hudson, Helen Pulsford

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's Story

"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls.



Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church. Her parents, **Louis and Zélie**, were beatified in 2008 and canonized in 2015.

Reflection

Thérèse has much to teach our age of the image, the appearance, the "self." We have become a dangerously self-conscious people, painfully aware of the need to be fulfilled, yet knowing we are not. Thérèse, like so many saints, sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love. She is one of the great examples of the gospel paradox that we gain our life by losing it, and that the seed that falls to the ground must die in order to live.

Preoccupation with self separates modern men and women from God, from their fellow human beings, and ultimately from themselves. We must re-learn to forget ourselves, to contemplate a God who draws us out of ourselves, and to serve others as the ultimate expression of selfhood. These are the insights of Saint Thérèse, and they are more valid today than ever.

Saint Thérèse is the Patron Saint of: Florists—Missionaries—Pilots—Priests



Sausage Sizzle

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

The parish is running a Sausage Sizzle at the upcoming Election. Proceeds would go towards parish projects. If you are able to help for a couple of hours. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A4A62FA6FAC52-51556309-sausage> or contact Paul Masters on 0438 106 049

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

BAKE SALE

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH

Election Day
Cake Stall next to Parish Hall

Saturday 26th October 2024

Calling all bakers

Election Day Cake Stall next to Parish Hall

All baking must be packaged and labeled with ingredients when delivered.
Baking can be delivered:
Friday 25th between 9.00am - 12noon
or
Saturday morning between 7am and 8am to the cake stall near the parish hall.



Laudato Si

“St Francis is the example par excellence of an *integral ecology*” (LS 10). His feast day, last Friday, was the pinnacle point of the Season of Creation – “a season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home” (Pope Francis). St Francis considered it necessary to alternate times of work with some periods exclusively dedicated to prayer and contemplation. Exactly 800 years ago he went up Mt La Verna and received his stigmata, the challenging sign of this close intimacy of Jesus with Francis. Coming down from La Verna with a renewed capacity to recognize the mystery of both the cross and glory manifested in history, he comes down to renew his contract with the stigmatized of history, but he will also recognize the glory of the cosmos, writing his Canticle of Creation. Laudato Si’ – “praised be” (Brother Sun and Sister Moon) are its first words in Francis’ proto-Italian. https://ofm.org/uploads/Lettera_San_Francesco_2024_EN.pdf St Bonaventure said that “creation is the first “book” that God opens before our eyes” and that every creature becomes for us “a word of God” (Commentarius in Librum Ecclesiastes, 1,2). We need a profound change in the way we act within our ecological niche, to **hope and act with** Creation.

St Vincent de Paul Pantry

Thank you for your generous food donations to the Kedron St Vincent de Paul pantry. Our companions are always grateful for the support we provide. We are in desperate need of pasta sauce, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables. If you are able to donate one of these items we would be very appreciative. God bless.

FLOCKNOTE SIGNUP

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. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the QR code 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!

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.

Mass Count

We have been asked by the Archdiocese to do another Mass Attendance Count. This will now occur in the whole month of October at every mass.





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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Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL

Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm

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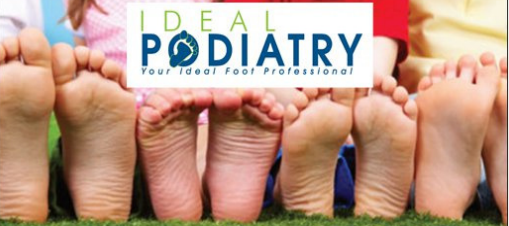
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