

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th October 2025 (YEAR C)

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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

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)

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

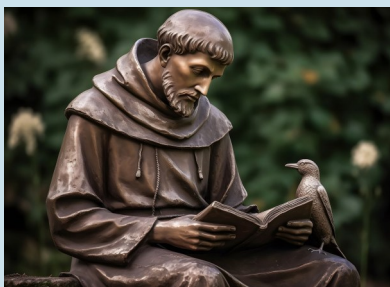
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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622



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 6th October
(Public Holiday)
NO Mass

Tuesday 7th October
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 8th October
Mt Alvernia 7.45am
(Blessing of the Animals)
Mass 9.00am
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 9th October
Mass 8.00am

Friday 10th October
Mass 8.00am
St Anthony's 8.45am
(Blessing of the Animals)

Saturday 11th October
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12th October
(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Keith Mann, Merle Beahan, Robin
Lynch,

John Roche, Joe Hanuman,
Jeffery Redshaw, Sandra Frangi-
osa, June McLeod,

**those whose
Anniversaries occur about
now:**

John McManus, Feriero
Claremont families, Leona Akers,
Peter Rossitto, Maureen Hudson,
Dora and Giovanni Di Bella, Nun-
io La Spina, Maria and Mariano
Grasso, Gerda Janssen

SAMARITANS, a parish based or-
ganisation with 51 years of history in
the parish,

Tuesday Mornings
(during School Term)
9.30-12 with morning tea

Card games, Scrabble, Rummykub,
Art class, and Bingo.

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formation



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

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Everyone Belongs

Join us on 12th October 2025 at 9.30am Mass

FOLLOWED BY A MULTICULTURAL LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL



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Multicultural Mass

October 12th, 2025 at 9.30am

This year will be our first Multicultural Mass and we are excited. This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor and appreciate the rich diversity within our Catholic faith while reaffirming the shared bonds that unite us as members of our Church.

After the Mass, we will gather for lunch in the hall. We warmly invite everyone from our diverse cultures to contribute a dish to share, enhancing our community celebration of this special day.

If you or your group would like to participate in the Multicultural Mass, please contact Fr Joseph or Sandra at the Parish Office. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their country's traditional costume. The Mass will include singing and readings in the native languages of our parishioners.

Join us in this celebration as we recognize and appreciate the unique richness and diversity of our Catholic faith!

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE MASS COUNT 2025

Parishioners are advised that starting from this weekend (5 October) 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 October

12th October

19th October

26th October

While Father is doing the homily at each Mass over the next four weeks, a head count will be taken of all attending 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.

Days Of Creation

Artist, Dianne Minnaar, has painted a series of seven timber panels inspired by the Season of Creation. The artworks are her visual interpretation of the Genesis 1 account and they offer a glimpse into the magnificence, wonder and order of God's creation.



For many years Dianne has sought tangible ways to celebrate God's creation in visual form. The process of painting this series has deepened her awareness of the fragility of the environment and the responsibility that we have to care for it and protect it.

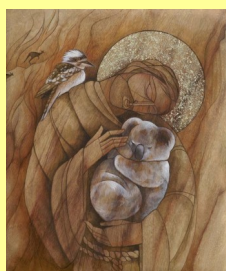
It is the artist's hope is that these artworks will invite you to enter that "thin space" where heaven and earth seem to meet - a place where we can hold onto the hope of a renewed world, even as we reflect on the one that we inhabit today.

Dianne works from her hilltop studio in Cedar Creek. Her award-winning artworks are included in numerous private and corporate collections worldwide.

www.sanctussacredimages.com

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St Francis Icons



Between September 2019 and March 2020, devastating bushfires swept across Australia, consuming more than 46 million acres in New South Wales and the Northern Territory. The destruction of habitat and the immeasurable loss of wildlife left the artist deeply grieved. Out of this sorrow arose a prayerful response — a series of icons depicting St Francis of Assisi in communion with Australia's native birds.

In these works, St Francis cradles a kookaburra, converses with an azure kingfisher, and kneels among king parrots. The birds, radiant in their resilience, become symbols of creation's enduring beauty. Through the saint's gestures of compassion and reverence, the icons hold space for lament and for hope — a vision of healing for the land and for all vulnerable creatures.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of
the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Francis



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all
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