

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

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

(Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th November 2025 (YEAR C)

SAD NEWS

Dear parishioners,

I write to you today with the sad news of the passing of Father Benignus Clowes who died around 7:30pm on Sunday 9th of November in the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

Fr Ben spent many years at Kedron Friary and was well known and will be remembered by many of the staff and former students of Padua College

where he was a popular teacher and then also as Rector. Many members of our Parish Community such as Peter and Michael Stark, Chris Freeney, Mick Brosnan....were taught by Fr Ben.

Our Parish Samaritan Group members would certainly remember Fr Ben not only as a great joke teller but also as a very kind, humble Friar and very much a true gentleman. I'm sure you will all agree with me that anyone of you who had met Fr Ben along life's journey, the warmth, kindness, compassion and gentleness which came from him truly made him so special. As a Franciscan Friar who had the privilege to live, for a number of years, in the same Community with Fr Ben, I know that the teachings of our founder St Francis were always alive in Fr Ben's way of life and by his example, he made it so real and clear for us on how to be a true Friar and a good follower of St Francis.

As a Franciscan Friar and Priest, Fr Ben had served God and his people so well and faithfully. He also showed us how to be a simple, gentle person with a joyful heart which would lead each of us to have a happy life. Thank you, Fr Ben, for being such a peace maker and a great gift to us all. May you now rest in peace, as we again say thank you and goodbye to you, our much-loved Friar, who will indeed be missed.

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM



PS: Please notice that Fr Ben's funeral will be held on **Thursday 20th November at 12 noon at Little Flower Church**, Kedron. Following the ceremony, Fr Ben's body will be taken to Nudgee Cemetery for burial. Thank you.

"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 17th November
NO Mass

Tuesday 18th November
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 19th November
Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 20th November
Mass 8.00am
Funeral 12.00noon

(for the late Fr Ben Clowes OFM)
Mt Alvernia Graduation Mass 3.00pm

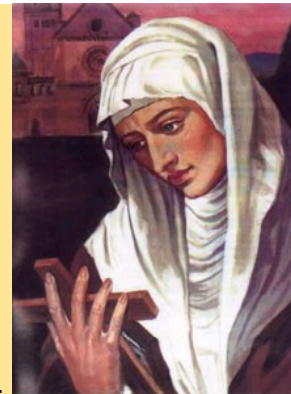
Friday 21st November
Mass 8.00am
Baptism 5.00pm

Saturday 22nd November
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 23rd November
(Christ the King)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

St. Agnes of Assisi (November 19)

Abbess and miracle worker, the younger sister of St. Clare of Assisi. Born in Assisi, Agnes was the youngest daughter of Count Favorino Scifi and Countess Hortulana (now Blessed). On March 18, 1212, Clare renounced her inheritance and family and founded the Poor Clares, the Franciscan cloistered Order. Agnes joined her sixteen days later at the Benedictine cloister of St. Angelo in Panso, where they received their initial training. Her father, Count Favorino, sent armed men to carry Agnes away. She was badly beaten but was not taken back to her father because of the miraculous efforts of Clare. Agnes was accepted by St. Francis and placed in St. Damian's. She and Clare were soon joined by other noblewomen of Assisi, and there Agnes achieved perfection as a religious at a young age. She was eventually named abbess, and in 1219, was sent by St. Francis to direct the Poor Clares at Monticelli, near Florence. Agnes wrote a letter to Clare, and this surviving document clearly demonstrates her love of poverty and her loyalty to Clare's ideals. Agnes also established Poor Clares in Mantua, Padua, and Venice. In 1253, she was summoned to Clare's deathbed and assisted at her funeral. Agnes followed quickly as Clare had predicted, dying three months later, on November 16 of the same year. Her mother, Hortulana, and a younger sister, Beatrice, had already died, and Agnes was buried near them in the Church of St. Clare of Assisi.



**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Fr Benignus Clowes ofm, Caryl Liyanage, Beverley McCarthy, Gabriele Pasqualini, Marie Thompson, Nolasco Villanueva, Fr Huong Nguyen, Buu Loc Nguyen, Alexander Goldthorpe, Marie Thompson, Lindsay, Concettina Rolff, **those whose Anniversaries occur about now:** Ron O'Malley, Elisabeth Backstrom, Belen Vargas, Killiher, Maureen Hudson, Michale Killiher, Elena Nedtran, Josie Grasso(nee Musumeci), Bill Cox, Philip Carnes, and Claremont and Souls of Purgatory, Annie Ranger, Akers, John McManus, Feriero Claremont families, Leona Akers, Peter Rossitto, Maureen Hudson

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation 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.
A fun packed morning!

Chance to make new friends - All welcome - transport offered.
Cost \$7.00 per visit

Come and enjoy a fun based morning in air-conditioned comfort in the Parish Hall (next to church)

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR MINISTRIES

As you know, it takes many people to keep a parish vibrant and life-giving. It needs the involvement of as many of us as possible, sharing our gifts and time with one another, for the good of one another, as well as our own nourishment. Over the years, we have been so blessed by the generosity of many parishioners who have done this, often in unseen ways. To all of you, my sincere thanks!

But we also recognise that over time, some of our volunteers need to reduce their activity while still remaining as praying participants of our parish. For this reason, while encouraging our current volunteers to continue their service, we'd like to welcome new volunteers to come forward to make their contribution to our community, simply to the extent that they are able. We are happy to be flexible!

Where we can use the help is for Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Morning Tea after Mass, Data Projection, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Church Cleaning, Collection Counting, and our Tuesday Morning Samaritans Group.

A huge thank you to all who have already volunteered but if you think you could also assist or you just want to know more, please contact Sandra our Parish Manager at the office email—kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)
Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass.

If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally when we remember our dearly departed who are now with God. If you would like the names of deceased family members and friends added to the **"Book of Remembrance"** for the days in November please write their names in the book near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church, or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

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, cereal and coffee. If you are able to donate one of these items we would be very appreciative. God bless

Answer the Call to Mercy and Compassion

Do you have a heart for those on the margins? We are seeking one or two **kind, empathic women of deep faith** to serve as **Pastoral Visitors** to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre.

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If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you.

"I was in prison and you visited me..." — *Matthew 25:36*

For more information or to express interest, please contact:

Centacare Pastoral Ministries: Email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au; phone 3324 3193

"Waste Time with God"

6th December 2025 at
Church of the 12 Apostles, Jindalee



Everyone is invited to come and spend time with God, praising, worshipping and listening to Him. Help spread the word and invite family and friends to come "Waste" time with God before the Christmas activities start.

Enquiries: Len Airey, Mission Team Co-ordinator, CCR Brisbane: lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421 977 849 or Audrey Chan-Seow 0435 558 390



★ **Advent is coming!** St Vincent De Paul are preparing the Giving Tree for the Advent Season again this year and will be asking parishioners to support in any way they can - prayer, gifts, vouchers or education fund assistance. Our schools are also busy preparing hampers ready for delivery closer to Christmas - they are amazingly generous. To help with timing of hamper deliveries, early donations are very helpful but whatever or whenever you can contribute, be assured it will be gratefully received. Please keep all concerned in your prayers and keep an eye out for the Giving Tree.

Laudato Si

Malachi some four centuries BCE, issues dire environmental warnings linking human behaviours with a theological, prophetic perspective (Malachi 3:19-20). The Pauline and Lucan readings also call for hope with realism but warns perseverance and resilience will not come without criticism, even persecution.

COP 30 radically embraces dialogue linking human behaviour and culture and religious and ethical thought as it bears on industry, agriculture and political struggle <https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/religious-leaders-gathered-to-discuss-their-relationship-with-the-environment-and-climate-change>

As one example, the IEF (International Environment Forum) sees its role as contributing to public discourse "in light of Baha'i principles and teachings" <https://iefworld.org/aboutief.htm>

Catholic groups have taken heart in Pope Leo's support (<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/pont-messages/2025/documents/20251107-messaggio-cop30.html>). He quotes Pope John Paul II: "states must increasingly share responsibility, in complementary ways, for the promotion of a natural and social environment that is both peaceful and healthy".

The Laudato Si' Movement has a special Year of Hope project for committing to action: <https://raisinghope.earth/action/>

The President of Finland also encourages, "pessimists will never solve the climate crisis, optimists and realists will" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWHTLw71u2I&t=4s>. The city "Belém" means "Bethlehem" in Portuguese and that means "house of bread" in Hebrew — this is "our common home".

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 or scan the QR code here to register today!



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