

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am
& 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am
Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 8.00am
Friday 8.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**
please call Fr Mario to arrange a
time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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4th Sunday of Easter, 25th April 2021 (YEAR B)



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

Reflection ...

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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From the Parish Pastoral Council ...

Dear Parishioners,

In what seems will be a strategy until our vaccination program is substantially developed, March brought yet another, albeit brief, lockdown. This meant that the Parish Pastoral Council had to meet via video conference on March 30. We were however blessed as a community to be able to celebrate Easter together.

Firstly, thank you to those who have provided feedback via the letterbox. We heard that the Parish would like more involvement for our children on Sundays, in addition to our current monthly Children's Mass. This is a fantastic suggestion, and we invite children or parents of children who would like to be more involved in any way, to get in touch with the Parish office. Please also get in touch with Carmel and Mav for more information regarding the Children's Liturgy and monthly Children's Mass.

We would also like to hear more from you generally and a PPC sub-committee has been formed to develop a survey which Parishioners would be invited to complete. We see this as a crucial strategy in helping us achieve our goals.

We are also hoping to soon secure some relevant speakers who could come to talk to the Parish about various issues. We will announce these in due course via the newsletter.

Our dedication to a youth ministry and our music ministry was again hailed as a point of difference for us. We hope to continue to develop these further and we will have further news soon.

We will seek to ensure that our after-mass tea, coffee or vino gatherings can continue. They are an important part of fellowship and one way of welcoming new Parishioners to the Little Flower. We will also look for ways to stay connected with the newest members of our Parish following receipt of their sacraments.

The Parish Hall is becoming sought after by various community groups, but we will always ensure that it remains available for Parish events. Get in touch with the Parish office for any hall enquiries.

Fr Mario has been spending time at St Anthony's and the staff and children have felt more connected with the Parish as a result. He will continue with this as much as possible.

Finally, we want to welcome to the PPC, Tom McRae and Sharyn McManus. Sharyn has previously been on the PPC so we thank her for generously taking up this role again. You will notice pictures of the PPC in the foyer with our goals for 2021.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 3, so please touch base if there is anything on your mind.

John De Angelis, Chairperson

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child or newborn infant and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we outline the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office (33576640) or Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next session will be on Saturday 1 May at 11.00am.

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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Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname, Envelope No. (if you have one)**

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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 26 April

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 27 April

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.00am

Confirmation Parent Information 4.00pm

Wednesday 28 April

Mass 9.00am

Delamore Mass 4.45pm

Confirmation Parent Information 7.30pm

Thursday 29 April

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Encounter Youth 6.00pm

Friday 30 April

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Padua Mass 10.50pm

Saturday 1 May

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 2 May

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am

Confirmation Enrolment Mass 4.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** at the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass resumes in February.

Our Children's Mass is on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

For more information, contact:

Children's Liturgy

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Children's Mass

Mav Green

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Christine Masters

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Please pray for our recently deceased:

Elizabeth Leonardo, Ann Berton, Gordon Jardine, Don John Moore, Craig Anthony, John Davis

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Ron D'Arx, Ann McManus, Annette Donchi, James Graham, Gail Purcell, Doreen Purcell, Catherine Purcell, Tim Purcell, KJ Varghese, Soli George, Shirley Coe

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2nd 2021

1st Reading: [Acts 9:26-31](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Jn 3:18-24](#)

Gospel: [Jn 15:1-8](#)

Different View

The Modern-Day Shepherd

Today's audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. In countries like Australia and the United States, the image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.



Join other youth this
SUNDAY 16 MAY
 AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
 3.30pm TO 5.00pm
 SCHOOL YEARS 4 TO 7

For further information contact:
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 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



Padua College Open Day

Learn about the Good Men of Padua College
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 Rector (Principal) Peter Elmore, on the many benefits of an
 education at Padua College.

Sunday 16th May 2021*

10.00am – 1.00pm

THIS EVENT WILL BE MODIFIED TO MEET ANY CURRNT COVID-19 SAFE RESTRICTIONS

Registration is essential via our website:

<https://padua.qld.edu.au/enrolment-information/open-day/>



DESSERT & DISCUSSION GROUP

Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis, calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a plea to reject wars. It focuses on contemporary social and economic problems, and proposes a world of fraternity in which all countries can be part of a "larger human family."

We aim to better understand the key insights and reflections from Fratelli Tutti, apply them to daily life.

Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310 for more information and meeting details.

The Samaritans are very excited to have the **Tuesday Morning Activities up and running so enthusiastically again.**

Come and join us. It is a Morning of friendship and fun. So put it on your weekly calendar, Tuesday 9.15am. Come and get to know us.

Our AGM will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday 11th May in the parish hall.

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177.

PIETY STORE Co-ordinator

How would you like to co-ordinate the running of the Piety Store? After doing so for 5 years I would like to step aside to give someone else the opportunity.

If you would like to chat about the position to help you decide, please feel free to give me a call. I can give you an overview and run through the procedures.

Remember the position is not limited to ladies only, so gentlemen – think about it! Please contact Lydia Kirby on 0418 918 728.



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ENCOUNTER KEDRON



Join us for **Encounter Kedron**
 for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 16th May, 6.30-8.30pm.

Come together for music & song, inspiring talks, meeting friends, and fun!

Join us also for the Sunday 5.30pm Mass beforehand led by the Encounter Kedron music team

Confirmation 2021

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred

and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program.

If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

Enrolments

Enrolments are open until April 28th

Parent Information Night

Tuesday 27th April at 4.00pm or
Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm
(please chose only one to attend)

Enrolment Mass

Sunday 2nd May at 4.00pm

Compulsory Workshop

Sunday 23rd May (1.00-3.00pm)

Confirmation Ceremony

Friday 28th May at 5.00pm and 7.00pm
(please choose only one to attend)

Something for the Kids...

Jesus is the good shepherd

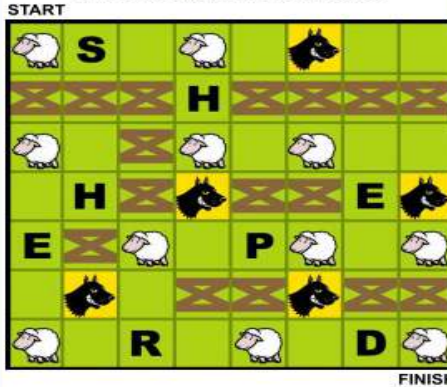
4th Sunday of Easter, Year B



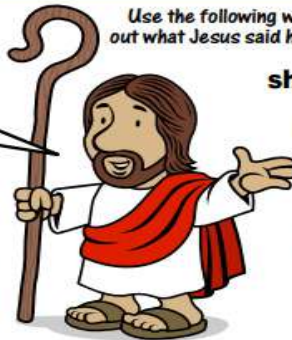
As followers of Jesus we are never alone; Jesus is always there to help us and take care of us. What are some of the ways that the Good Shepherd takes care of his sheep?



Help gather all the sheep by connecting them together using only straight lines - including diagonal lines. But do not pass through fences or wolves. Complete the word below by adding each letter as your connecting line passes through it.



I am the _____.
I know my own _____ and they _____ me, just as the _____ knows me and I know the Father.
I lay down my _____ for my sheep.



Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

- shepherd
- Father
- life
- good
- sheep
- know

Police Check and BlueCard's and other associated forms have been simplified!

There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>. In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed.

If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry **PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

All volunteers, whether directly or indirectly involved with children and vulnerable adults, are required to view a 25 minute video presentation, as part of our compliance with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy. It can be viewed at: safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html

Go to the [Safeguarding Training Tab](#) at the top of the page. Click. Scroll down the page past "Safeguarding Essentials Preparation (Level 1) to "Safeguarding Induction". Click on the arrow to play the video. On conclusion. Please print off and sign the PDF version of the "Certificate of Completion", and email (or return original to the Parish Office). For convenience, certificates may be placed into an addressed envelope marked "SAFEGUARDING" and placed in the collection plate at any mass.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



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