

# 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 8.00am and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: For one hour after the 8am Mass

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 3rd 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)

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

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## 1st Sunday of Lent—26th February 2023 (YEAR A)

### *It is Written*

Our Lord had a great mystical experience at his baptism. What was His reaction going to be? Perhaps to set up a monastery like the Essenes who produced the Dead Sea Scrolls? Perhaps straight back to the workshop at Nazareth?

No. Listen to what happened. Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, into the wasteland on the margins of society. And there the Devil was waiting to put him to the test.

What was the test? As we know, three devilish possibilities were offered to Christ.

Jesus was offered three shortcuts:

First. When He was hungry, bread out of stones. That was the offer of miraculous powers for self-interest, using exceptional powers to satisfy His own cravings.

Secondly, when He needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. That was the offer that the ordinary rules of gravity would be suspended just for Him! He could even jump off the Temple roof and land safely!

Thirdly, when He wanted to change the world, absolute political power. That was the offer of dia-bolical power, which would continue the historical cycle of division and violence.

They were the Temptations of Christ.

And His answer? 'I will persevere in the *ordinary* way, believing that what was revealed in a special way at my baptism *is* true. I am precious and loved by my Heavenly Father.

I don't need special demonstrations of that. I just need to integrate that belief into everything I do, everything that happens to me.

Each of *us* at our baptism heard the same words as did Christ. In the depths of our hearts, at the core of our emerging personalities, we heard,

'You are my beloved son.' 'You are my beloved daughter.' 'In you I am well pleased.'

But, as with Christ, this will not insulate us from the difficulties and hardships of persevering and trying to live with those words guiding us on the journey.

Which means that you and I can expect, have experienced, Temptations. During Lent, we can keep an eye out for these situations.

One, we want the whole world to change to satisfy us (stones into bread), or

Two, we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, (jumping off the Temple roof), or

Three, we want to exercise power over others in a divisive way (dia-bolical power).

If you or I are tempted to sin in any respect, it will bear the marks of part, or all, of this three-fold pattern.

So, what is in this episode which makes it Gospel for us?

How can we try to persevere in following Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer?

Perhaps we need to be realistic. Habits die hard. There is not likely to be an overnight change of outlook or action. It may be the task of a lifetime.

But it cannot happen without some familiarity with the Scriptures. Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'.

The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to tackle some study of Scripture, to become familiar with the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ. And then we simply try to imitate Christ.

This is evidently the case with Pope Francis, seen in washing the feet of prisoners, kissing a disfigured man, inviting homeless men to his birthday breakfast. Each episode mirrors a Gospel passage: 'It is written'.

This gives authenticity to his mission to spread the Gospel. As Pope Francis says in *The Joy of the Gospel* (264) 'The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart.'

Not that Francis is consciously mimicking a script. He has absorbed the life of Christ so that he is quite naturally imaging the scripture.

Find what is written. Imitate what you find. That is how the devil is defeated.

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"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 27 February**

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

SVdP Meeting 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

Choir Practise 7.15pm

**Tuesday 28 February**

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

**Wednesday 1 March**

Mass (Anointing) 9.00am

Delamore 4.45pm

Padua Quintavalle House Mass 6.30pm

**Thursday 2 March**

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

**Friday 3 March**

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Mass Padua 11.50am

**Saturday 4 March**

Baptism 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Families of Mary Passover 6.00pm

**Sunday 5 March**

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Inurnment 10.45am

Stations of the Cross rehearsal 1.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Vincenzina Cavallaro, Margaret Collis( Sullivan), Raymond Ranario, Henry Milton, Giuseppe (Joe) Anello, Teresita Ranario, **and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:**

Leonardo Caruso, Jayloni family, John Currie, Bernabela Ferrer, Norine Mullins, Bernadette Okely,, Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Arch McKellar, Paul Hotchkis, Audrey Robson, Bernie Butler, Catherine O'Malley,

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**5 March 2023 — Yr A**

1st Reading - [Gen 12:1-4](#)

2nd Reading - [2 Tm 1:8-10](#)

Gospel - [Mt 17:1-9](#)



**Anointing Mass**

This Wednesday 1st March at 9.00am Mass everyone is invited to an Anointing Mass. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. It is a source of healing for the sick rather than the final act of the church for the dying.

The Sacrament enables the sick or the aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Do you know someone who would appreciate attending the anointing Mass? Perhaps you might invite them and assist them with transport. All are welcome



Little Flower Church

*Stations of the cross*

Once again the parish is doing a reenactment of the Stations on the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help reenact the stations. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

**First Rehearsal:**  
Time 5th of March 2023  
Where: Little Flower Church

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**First Sunday of Lent  
25 & 26 February**

Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.



With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Laudato Si

The Stockholm Environmental Institute in conjunction with the Dicastery for Integral Human Development launched an LS Guide. The 14 Feb 2023 booklet distils the science and explains how individuals and communities can take action. In 11 pages, the booklet canvasses the science and action responses around: Understanding we are in ecosystems (LS 91); The Climate Breakdown (LS 23); Cherishing all creatures (LS 42); Water (LS 30); Air (LS 22); Food (LS 129); Consumption (LS 230); Our shared future (LS 49); Call for transforming outmoded patterns of behaviours (LS 202) and call for Action.

See: <https://www.sei.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/our-common-home-sei-vatican-20221128.pdf>

# ENCOUNTER

## SEASON 1

JOIN US FOR  
GOOD  
TIMES

**2ND OF MARCH**  
your role  
**9TH OF MARCH**  
in this together  
**16TH OF MARCH**  
look up

**23RD OF MARCH**  
beauty of creation  
**30TH OF MARCH**  
EOS Finale  
(SOCIAL)

### SEASON 1

2023 - 4 Seasons HD

friends + good times + free food. This season is about diving into why we live out the faith, and how the church is maybe more relevant than you think!

**PARISH HALL . 6:30PM - 8:30PM . THURSDAYS**

## Food Item Donation

We truly appreciate all items that you donate to assist local people doing it tough. Last year, your Kedron Little Flower conference made many visits, most requiring food assistance. Any items that you generally buy for your own household will be useful and appreciated but, in response to questions about the items we commonly run low on, see the following list:

Breakfast cereals	Pasta sauces	Tinned vegetables and beans
Long-life or Powdered milk	Pasta	Tinned salmon, tuna etc.
Spreads e.g. jam, vegemite	Noodles	Soup
Tea	Rice	Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
Coffee – smaller bottles	Toilet paper and Toiletries of all sorts	Meal in a tin options e.g. stews

.... and any clean plastic shopping bags cluttering up your car or kitchen we can also put to good use!

## Did you Know???

Many of us are aware of the Tau Cross and its significance to Franciscans. Did you know that St Francis adopted the Tau Cross as his own. St Francis loved the symbol so much that he used it as his signature in the later years of his life.



The Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet – like the omega of the Greek alphabet. The earliest reference of the Tau is from the prophet Ezekiel 9:4 – “Go through the city of Jerusalem and put a Tau on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.” In 1215, Pope Innocent III opened the fourth Lateran Council by saying: “We are called to reform our lives, to stand in the presence of God as righteous people. God will know us by the sign of the Tau marked on our foreheads.

Francis was present for part of the Fourth Lateran Council, and perhaps his devotion to Tau came from the call of Pope Innocent. But more personally, it came from his involvement with the lepers in areas around his home in Assisi. The Antonians were a community of men that existed in Francis’ time, whose chief ministry was the care of lepers. On their habit they wore the Tau Cross, representing their fidelity to the passion of Christ and their devotion to serve the least of his brethren. Francis worked with the Antonians in caring for lepers and this was probably his first introduction to the Tau. In Francis’ mind and heart devotion to the Tau was devotion to the cross and to the person of Jesus. It was a symbol of conversion and redemption; and so it remains today for birth vowed and secular Franciscan throughout the world.

The habit of Franciscans are full of deep and rich symbolism manifesting their particular charism. Consisting of a simple brown hooded robe, and a corded rope cincture worn around the waist. The rope symbolises being girded with Christ and is tied in the three characteristic Franciscan knots that signify the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Each knot has five coils which represent the five wounds of Christ.

Many Catholics carry their own symbols each having a special meaning: rosary beads, holy medals or holy cards. All have an important symbolism to their owners, helping them come closer to God. What symbols do you hold dear and carry with you?

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Ecumenical Service for 2023 will be held on **Friday 3rd March, 2023 at the CKCC Uniting Church** which is located on the **Cnr of Rode Road and Gympie Highway Chermanside**. It will commence at **10.30am** and will be followed by Morning Tea. **TAIWAN** is the focus of our prayers this year. This is an opportunity to join in prayer with other Christian denominations in our region. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669.

### The Samaritan Community

**Tuesday Morning Activities at 9.30am** in the Parish Hall is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Welcome on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

### Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday after Mass at 8.30am

A HUGE “Thank You” to everyone who responded so generously to my appeal for unwanted cards and envelopes. Your kindness is very much appreciated.  
Love & Blessings, Marion



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# Something for the Kids...



1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

In the desert, Jesus faced some tough choices but was able to make the right ones. What are some of the tough choices that we face in our day to day lives?



How did Jesus respond to temptation?

<p>Hey Jesus! If you're so hungry, why don't you turn these stones here into bread?</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus! I bet that if you jump off the temple, God will send some angels to catch you!</p>	
<p>Hey Jesus! See all those kingsdoms? They're yours! And all you have to do is bow down and worship ME! Too easy!</p>	

Join up the fruit to complete the text maze:  
"Lead us not into temptation."

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Police Check and Blue Cards 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.

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