

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

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 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)

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7 July 2024 (YEAR B)

If ever we needed convincing just how fickle a home town crowd can be, all we have to do is recall what happened around the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Only two weeks before she died, London papers sold out with headlines which read, 'Diana, say No to Dodi', or 'Soap-opera queen flees England to be with Muslim lover', and 'Diana: a national disgrace'. We were told that Diana was mentally ill, spoilt and a scheming temptress.

The death of a 36-year-old mother of two is always an immense tragedy. But who could have predicted that we could change our minds, literally over one Paris night, and come to see that Diana was in fact the 'queen of hearts' and a modern icon. How could we have missed that two weeks earlier?

What happened to the memory of Diana is not far from what happened to the memory of Jesus in the earliest Church. In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offence that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away. Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member 'getting a big head' that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

When Diana died it was a bit late for the world to decide she did worthwhile things. It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus as well. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it's not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.

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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 8th July
NO Mass

Tuesday 9th July

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late *Giovanni Tanda*)

Parish Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 10th July

Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Padua House Mass 6.30pm

(Leo House)

Thursday 11th July

Mass 8.00am

Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 12th July

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 13th July

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 14th July

[15th Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

Sacramental Programme

First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above** who has made their Confirmation is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Rosemary Woods is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries and enrolment forms via email at:

sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2024

Enrolments Open from: June 17th - July 16th

A. Information Session

Monday 15th of July at 4pm or

Tuesday 16th of July at 7pm

at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony,

80 Turner Road, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, at which there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.

B. Enrolment Mass

All children with one parent are required to attend the following Mass

July 21st (Sunday) at 5.30pm

C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

August 18th (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Masses

August 24th (Saturday) 5:00pm

August 25th (Sunday) 9:30am, 5.30pm

August 31st (Saturday) 5.00pm

September 1st (Sunday) 9.30am

The Samaritan Community



Next Tuesday The Samaritans will return back on the 9th July. If you have any spare time and would like to be part of a wonderful community please join the Samaritans 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:

Dr Kathy O'Sullivan, Peter Kirk, Cristina Pizzica, Stephen Reed, Noel Fauth ofm, Cecily Turnbull, Paul Dobrec, Brother Jim Fitzgerald ofm, Liana Aitchison, Kelliher, Mervyn Werda, Suzanne Hickey, Stephen Best, Rhett Evans,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Bridget and Edmond Jones, Anthony O'Brien, Kathlee Mary (Kath) Hennessy, Mary Therakam, Rannie Nedtran, Clair Murphy, Anna Thomas, Pierre Nobin, AnneMarie Kofler, Veronica Rame Soegiarti, Jack (John Matthie) Hennessy, Peter Moran, Ross Caruso, Mary Vedove, Anne McManus

TERM 3

ENCOUNTER KEDRON

'JESUS NO ORDINARY MAN'

WEEKS

Week 1 - Social
Night Full of Games, fun, Friends and Worship. Lets Catch up after the holidays!

Week 2 - Jesus No Ordinary Man
Lets get to know Jesus a little bit better with our first talk of the term and see how incredible this man really is!

Week 3 - Jesus No Ordinary Teacher
Part 1 of 2 Lets get to know Jesus' teachings and understand why!

Week 4 - Scavenger Hunt Night
Almost half way through the term, lets see who can complete the Scavenger hunt first!

Week 5 - Jesus No Ordinary Teacher
Part 2 of 2 Lets dive a little deeper and see what else we can learn from our amazing teacher!

Week 6 - Jesus No Ordinary Relationship
What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus? the ups and downs, the highs and lows!

Week 7 - Family Night
Lets have dinner as a Encounter Family and Check in out how everyone is and build a closer bond with one another

WEEKS

Week 8 - Jesus and the Mass
Do you know why we have mass? whats the connection?

Week 9 - Jesus No Ordinary Crucifixion
How and why did Jesus make the ultimate sacrifice for us?

Week 10 - Social
Lets Celebrate the End of term together

FOLLOW US!

Instagram EncounterKedron
Facebook Encounter Kedron

Website:
<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/encounter-kedron/>

Join us at Youth Mass the Second Sunday of every Month!

Term 3 Youth Masses:
July 14th 9:30 am & August 11th 9:30am



Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. However, it is believed that Saint Thomas' skull rests in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos.

In art, Saint Thomas is commonly depicted as a young man holding a scroll, or as a young adult touching the resurrected Christ's wounds.

Saint Thomas was mentioned in several texts, including one document called *The Passing of Mary*, which claims then-apostle Thomas was the only one to witness the Assumption of Mary into heaven, while the other apostles were transported to Jerusalem to witness her death.

While the other apostles were with Mary, Thomas was left in India until after her first burial, when he was transported to her tomb and he saw her bodily assumption into heaven, when her girdle was left behind.

In versions of the story, the other apostles doubted Thomas' words until Mary's tomb was discovered to be empty with the exception of her girdle. Thomas and the girdle were often depicted in medieval and early Renaissance art.

Date Claimer
Padua College

2024
8th Annual
St Bonaventure Lecture

Monday 15 July
6:00pm for a 6:30pm Start
Padua College, Auditorium

Supper served afterwards
Booking details to come

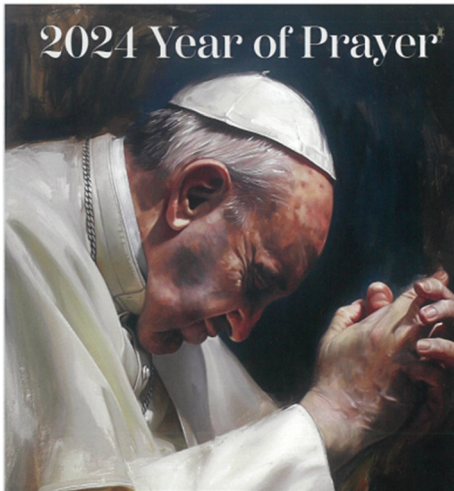
Laudato Si

Mark, whose name comes from a blacksmith's hammer, is the only gospel writer to call Jesus a carpenter. We know Middle Eastern buildings were and still are largely masonry ones with only openings involving timber lintels and posts and doors. It has been guessed that Joseph and Jesus were involved in carpentry needed in the town of Sepphoris very near Nazareth. When we consider *Laudato Si'*, that is "Praise be..." to all Creation as the words of St Francis' *Canticle of Creation*, we also know St Francis was instructed to "rebuild my church". At first taking a literal construction message from this divine appearance, St Francis eventually gets that it is metaphorical. We too are charged by *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum* with rebuilding our whole approach to our place in Creation (and the church) and 'getting' the message that we are co-creators and deeply involved in an integral ecology of humans, trees, animals, stones, air, water, fire. We have models of how to have an ecological approach from indigenous peoples everywhere but especially right here. July 7 starts NAIDOC week and will be celebrated by a mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 12 pm https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/06/26/naidoc-week-and-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-sunday/?mc_cid=3af69168ad&mc_eid=0f1b0c1574

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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.

+Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



WHS Incident Report.

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.



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.



Taekwondo in the PARISH HALL

Mondays 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm
All ages welcome - family discounts
Fair Play Vouchers and NDIS supported
Kate Eggar - 7th Dan Instructor
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