

# The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

## PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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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

## EUCHARISTIC 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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## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th September 2024 (YEAR B)

I read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed.

The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church. Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them.

And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace.

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th September  
**NO Mass**

Tuesday 10th September  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**  
**Samaritans 9.30am**

Wednesday 11th September  
**Mass 9.00am**  
**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

Thursday 12th September  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Perpetual Adoration**  
**Encounter 6.30pm**

Friday 13th September  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

Saturday 14th September  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

Sunday 15th September  
*[24th Sunday in Ordinary Time]*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**SFO 9.30am**  
**Mass 5.30pm**

### **The Samaritan Community**



If you have any spare time and would like to be part of a wonderful community please join the Samaritans every Tuesday 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.

**This term will end on the 10th September and will start again on Tuesday 1st October**

New volunteers always welcome.

### **Please pray for our recently deceased:**

Fr Nicholas Xavier ofm, Emma De Castro, Emma Hurst, Delma Kent, Brian Purcell, Maria Robles, Kay Thompson, Rosa Parrilla, Lilly Hubert, Michael Killihe, Leonard Dittmar, Betty R'Emond, Rina Venier

### **those whose**

### **Anniversaries occur about now:**

Maureen Hudson, Stanley Kelliher, Gerda Janssen, Leona Akers, Katherine Stark, Monica Carter, James Bell, Fred Hudson, Helen Punsford, Jean Butler, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Leonardo and Maria Caruso, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne, Loveday Harding, Laurence Sherrington, Gerrit Janssen,

## **Laudato Si**

In this Season of Creation, we are called to Hope and Act WITH God. In the first reading this Sunday, Isaiah urges his people to "be strong, fear not" because God is engaged in their history. We know fear and we long for hope. Isaiah sees hope in the work of God in Creation: "the lame shall leap like a stag...waters will burst forth in the wilderness". This prophetic call from our "old" testament still rings out hope. The Gospels and Letters of Paul, in particular Romans 8:22, also ring out about action motivated by belief in God's love of creation and not ignorant of the struggle: "Creation groans". As the theological introduction to the SOC says, "the times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. It says, "hope is trust that our actions make sense". Discernment of what is sense is difficult and complex but is guided from a recognition that we are a part of Creation and God is all - omnia per deum.  
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**A Catholic Mental Wellbeing** morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

## **VERSE FOR VINNIES**

It is Gregory North who is coming and he hails from a Blue Mountains town..

He's a legend in poetry circles, what he does will amaze and astoun'.

His chameleon characters dazzle, like his Snowy Man's hats so diverse; and his Clancy's portrayal's outrageous, and all these he'll present in true verse.

He'll give humour, and action and pathos, all delivered as only few do, while his diction is clear and distinctive, he will trigger rich memories for you.

And **the fifteen bucks fee** goes to Vinnies so you're helping those people in strife.

So please come, bring a friend, join the party and assist those who struggle with life.

**Sunday 29th September 1.30pm**

**67 Dawson Parade Grovely**

**Fee \$15 (only cash) includes afternoon tea**

**Use [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com) to book seats.**

## **Leave Your Legacy**

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

**Scam Warning:** there are currently a large number of scam messages being sent by text or email to parishioners which use the names of Brisbane Clergy or the church. Please be aware of these scams and do not respond to the texts. Do not purchase any gift cards or click on an email. Simply delete the messages. Father Joseph's name is being used in the scams, along with many of our Brisbane priests' names. Our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or gift cards. Please do not fall victim to this scam. If you are unsure please contact the office.

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE & FLOCKNOTE — SEPTEMBER SIGNUP

For the past 3 years, the archdiocese has been working with parishes to develop more efficient and contemporary ways to reach parishioners and visitors. We are excited to announce a new partnership between Flocknote and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 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. During September, the whole Archdiocese is promoting a September Signup to our Flocknote, but you don't need to wait until September. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code below and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office.



Go to <https://kedroncatholic.flocknote.com/register>  
Or scan the QR code here to register today!



### The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th) *What does the Exaltation of the Cross mean?*

The Exaltation of the Cross honours Christ's Cross, an instrument made sacred by the Lord's offering of Himself upon it for our salvation. It is

celebrated in both Catholicism and Orthodoxy on September 14. Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

#### Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

Kedron Catholic Parish

*St Francis*

*Feast*

*Dinner Dance*

**Saturday**

**October 5 at 6.30pm**

*at Kedron-Wavell Club*

*Tickets must be purchased by*  
*9th September*

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*DRINKS can be purchased at Bar*

*Adults 95pp*

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### Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

### 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.





## 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.*

## 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.

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Archbishop of Brisbane

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