

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd September 2024 (YEAR B)

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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 3th 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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It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of *Boy's Own Annual*, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic moment. It's also a moment for us to remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, 'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 23rd September
NO Mass

Tuesday 24th September
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
NO Samaritans 9.30am
Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 25th September
Mass 9.00am
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 26th September
Mass 8.00am
Perpetual Adoration
NO Encounter 6.30pm

Friday 27th September
Mass 8.00am
Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 28th September
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 29th September
[26th Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Mass 7.30am, 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.

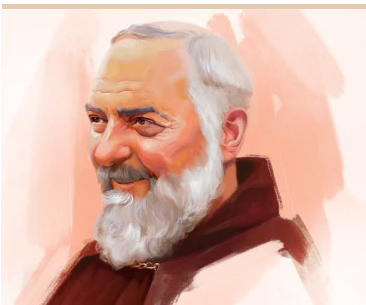
Please pray for our recently deceased:

Innes Ciotti, Veronica Dack, Charissa Gonzales, Jude Gamunu, Rita Pembroke, Fr Nicholas Lucas ofm, Marie Minton, Emma De Castro, Emma Hurst, Delma Kent, Brian Purcell, Maria Robles, Kay Thompson, Rosa Parrella, Lilly Hubert, Michael Killiher,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Peter Rossitto, Maria Caruso, Diana Saffigna, Fiona Saffigna, Lois Wijetunge, Maureen Hudson, Stanley Kelliher, Gerda Janssen, Leona Akers, Katherine Stark, Monica Carter, James Bell, Fred Hudson, Helen Pulsford, Jean Butler, Walter Erceg, Edna Lonergan, Leonardo and Maria Caruso, Maureen Hennessy



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina's Story(September 23)

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999

The Grail invites you to hear Janet Galos speak on **'Christian Spirituality and Ecology'** at 2.00pm, Sunday 22 September 2024 at the Parish Hall, Little Flower Church, 66 Turner Road, Kedron. Janet brings together elements of the Christian tradition that shape a vibrant 21st century spirituality in tune with modern cultural and scientific understandings. She campaigns for ecological conversion and eco-justice locally and has presented to regional national and international groups. Enjoy afternoon tea with new and old friends. Contact Judy Brown 0407 580 174 or Ann Aboud 0400 344 921 for more information.

Thank you and Help needed

As you are aware, we are very fortunate to have some wonderful people here in our parish. One of those people is Santhosh, who has been a great help every Sunday at the 5:30 pm Mass, assisting Fr. Joseph and Fr. John in setting up the church for Mass and then closing. Santosh has informed us that he will no longer be able to help as he needs to focus on his studies. We would like to express our gratitude to Santosh for his assistance. That being said, we are now looking for someone to help Fr. Joseph and Fr. John with the Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Joseph or contact the office.

Delamore Book Sale

Where: Delamore Main Entrance Verandahs

115 Turner Road, Kedron
When: Friday 4– Sunday 6th October 10.00am to 2.00pm
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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 QR code and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office.



scan the QR code here to register today!

Vinnies thank you!

Your local Vincentians would like to thank the parish and school communities for the loyal and practical support you so readily offer for the work we do – from food drives, fundraising events, hampers, pantry donations of all kinds, donations to winter/Xmas appeals and also our annual Advent Giving Tree.

Because of your generosity we have completed over 300 visits so far this year and been able to help many families with food, education and other essential living costs as well as the gift of time to listen and to encourage. With current rising costs, we have seen about a 50% increase in calls compared to prior years, so we truly appreciate the support each of you have offered. None of us can do it alone. Thank you!

PS And if you have a few hours to spare once a fortnight and would like to be involved, please let us know!



Saint Vincent de Paul's Story (September 27)

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**.

**You are invited to the celebration of the
Vigil Feast of
The Transitus of St Francis with the
Franciscan Family**



**Ceremony commences at 6.30 pm
on Thursday 3rd October 2024**

**At St Therese and St Anthony Church
"The Little Flower"**

80 Turner Road, Kedron

**If you have any questions,
please contact the**

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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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