## **PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS**

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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#### **WEEK DAY MASS TIMES**

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

HOLY HOUR

## **EUCHARIST ADORATION**

Monday 8.30am

until further notice

Suspended

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm Sunday 7.30am 9.30am

## **RECONCILIATION**

Please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

## **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Ph: 0448 356 599

3rd Sunday of Easter 26 April 2020 (YEAR A)

## **LIVE STREAMED MASS EACH SUNDAY AT 8.30AM**

Go to Parish Facebook page: The Little Flower Church Kedron

at: https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/

OR Connect via **ZOOM** using the Meeting ID: 989 7651 9136

Dear Parishioners,

Our journey together continues through this unfamiliar time of COVID-19. The news here in Australia is definitely getting better and this can only bring us hope that the relaxing of restrictions is getting closer. At the same time, we know that our journey will not lead us back to exactly where we were before we ever heard of coronavirus because our world has been changed permanently. For some of us, especially those who have lost loved ones during this time, or lost employment, study or other life possibilities, that change is particularly real and painful. We need to remind ourselves that some of us have not been as fortunate as others during this crisis.

This it seems, is the way of most journeys. Once embarked upon, we rarely remain totally unchanged. This is was also very true for the early disciples of Jesus. Having walked with Jesus along the dusty roads of Palestine, they would never be the same again. Having heard his teachings, witnessed his actions, been confronted by his death, these men and women were forever changed.

And today, as we listen to the story of the two disciples on their journey to Emmaus, we see this change happening again. They started out on the road feeling utterly heartbroken, despondent, confused and lost. But to their eventual surprise, after allowing Jesus to walk with them, to speak to them his story in the light of the Scriptures, and to finally Break the Bread with them, their minds and hearts were opened, and they realised who it was who walked with them along the road. They became changed disciples, ones with fresh hope and courage.

Friends, their story is our story too - Jesus is walking with us too in our current uncertain journey. He offers us the same promise of fresh hope and courage. And we look forward to again Breaking Bread with him and with one another in person.

Fr Mario ofm

## PHONE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT - UP AND RUNNING!

In this time when some in our parish will find themselves more isolated, we have set up a way to help them remain connected to our community. Several parishioners have kindly volunteered to be phone callers - those who keep in touch with two or three people a week to have a chat and listen to them. If you are interested in offer-

ing this service, please contact Sandra in the office.

Also, we have identified quite a number of people who would like to receive a call, but if you know anyone, or if you would like a call yourself, please let us know through the Parish Office. Before anyone is called, we will first obtain their permission to give their number to a caller.

THANK YOU to all who have already volunteered to be callers!



## A Reflection ...

With very good reason, the story of the road to Emmaus is thought to be the best parallel we have in the New Testament to our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This idea could be a little surprising for some who might think the Last Supper would hold more similarities. Luke, however, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognise who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming here pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience,

see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognise Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen.

One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead.

This is the best way to understand ourselves as 'traditional Catholics'. We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.



## **Recognising Jesus**

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

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## Please note ...

- 1. Fr Mario has been live-streaming and uploading Mass every Tues, Thurs and Fri at 1.15pm. This can be viewed on the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy Facebook Page found at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uqcatholicchaplaincy/live/">https://www.facebook.com/uqcatholicchaplaincy/live/</a>
- 2. Fr Mario is available (as always) for anyone who feels the need for support or to simply share their experience, in the current situation. This can be over the phone, or if preferred, at the parish office. Please don't hesitate to call as needed.
- 3. Please feel welcome to send us any intention you would like our Parish and the Friars to pray for.
- 4. We are looking at having a Q&A or FAQ online session about anything related to Catholic life, faith, spirituality etc just send your questions and we will find a way to respond. Any suggestions about this??
- 5. As well as our Phone Circle of Support, we are setting up a Little Flower Care and Concern Group. See below ...

# Little Flower Care and Concern

Dear Parishioners,

We would like your support in establishing a *Care and Concern Group* for our Parish Community. Can You Help? Please let us know if you are able to cook a meal, provide transport, do some grocery shopping, or mow the lawn of someone in our community who is in need of assistance due to age or illness.

Do You Need Help? Or Know Someone Who Does?

Please contact us if you, or someone you know of, is in need of practical assistance and has no way to obtain it.

Email: littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com

Jo Galvin 0423 053 043, Liz Feltrin 0408 555 693, Or contact us via Sandra in the Parish Office ph. 3357 6640

## MASS COLLECTIONS PLEASE...

Our Parish continues to function while public Masses are suspended. Fr Mario continues to celebrate Mass and perform his parish ministry, and Sandra remains working full-time in the Parish Office.

If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly offering to both Collections. This is how:

For the FIRST Collection which supports the Friars and their work, please try the new PARISH GIVING portal located on our Website or in the email containing this Newsletter.

Or you can continue bringing or posting offerings directly to the Parish Office or using Direct Deposit (see below).

For the SECOND Collection which <u>all</u> goes towards Parish expenses, please continue using your **Envelopes, Direct Debit, or Direct Deposit** (see below).

For **Direct Deposit** into the Parish account (details below), please use your first initial and surname and Envelope No. (if you have one) in the Reference field. It will be presumed that you wish your deposit to be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections. If not, please email the office your preferred allocation.

Account Name: Kedron Parish

BSB: **064 786** 

Account Number: 006 641 100

Bank: CBA Reference:

1st Initial & Surname & Envelope Number

e.g J Blogs 579

If you use **Direct Debit**, we would appreciate you continuing this practice and perhaps review your contribution if appropriate. **This amount all goes to the parish**.

If you have any enquiries or wish to join Direct Debit Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office for the required forms. Thank you!

#### **NEW PARISH GIVING PORTAL**

The Archdiocese has established a way to make parish offerings easier. Dear Parishioners, can you please use this portal for our First Collection which has significantly reduced since Sunday Mass has been suspended. Please look at the next page for a Step by Step Guide on how to use it. Thank you for your help. Fr. Mario

# LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish Meditation Group which usually meets every Friday at Delamore is going online.

Current members of the group, as well as any newcomers, are welcome to join each session. To do so, please download the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting. Details are:

Meeting Time: Every Friday morning, at 9.00 am ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988

## PARISH COMMUNICATION

- Currently the Catholic Leader is free to view online—www.catholicleader.com.au
- 2. Please visit our parish Facebook Page The Little Flower Church Kedron for the most up to date news. Each Sunday at 8.30am, we will Live-stream and upload Mass that you can view on this Facebook page. Just click on this link:

https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/

#### Or visit our Parish Webpage:

https://www.kedroncatholicparish.org.au/ where the parish newsletter/bulletin will be posted under NEWS every week. If you click on the Facebook Icon at the top of the website homepage, it will also take you directly to our Facebook Page. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to view it.

If you know someone who is not on our mailing list who wants to receive digital updates, please invite them to contact our parish office (3357 6640 or email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) to give us their contact details.

3. The newsletter is also available at the front of the parish church. A long bench has also been placed there if you wish to spend time in personal prayer.

The sun is out, autumn is spectacular and we all want to be able to enjoy it.

The Tuesday Morning Activities are rearing to go.

The **Samaritans** are rearing to go.

We are missing all our friends.

We are missing all that chattering and socialising that makes Samaritans so welcoming and special.

We are missing all those lovely sandwiches that our catering crew do so well.

We are missing Fr Ben's jokes.

We are missing all those prizes that we are hopeful of winning.
We are missing the challenges of playing Scrabble and Cards and Cribbage.

We are missing the Artists and the Craft people as they produce their creations and chat in happy contentment.

We are especially missing our wonderful Craft Stall Coordinator who disperses loads of wisdom and love to everyone as part of the service. We are missing the welcome and smiles of our Reception people as they listen to your latest news.

We are missing also the voice of the bingo callers as they announce your winning numbers (well sometimes anyway).

We are missing the After Mass Cuppa time.

And we miss our little music session during arrival time.

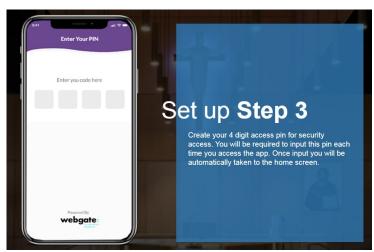
SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO - whoopee!

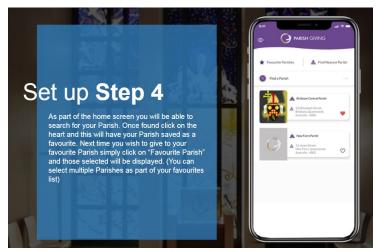
Please pray for our recently deceased: Joyce Butler,
Zofia Janiszewski, Tom Hanlon, and those whose
Anniversaries occur now: Peter Moran
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

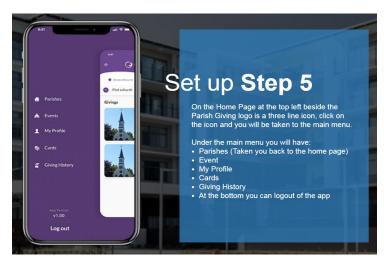
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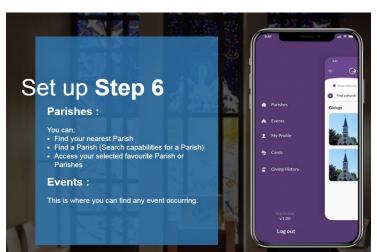


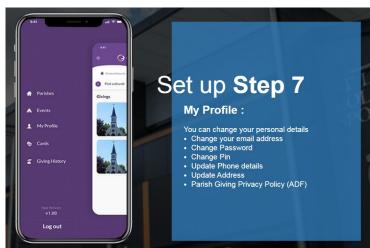


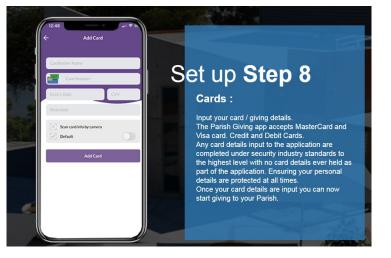












## **Food Item Donations**



We truly appreciate all items that you donate to assist local people doing it tough. Last year, your Kedron Little Flower conference made more than 350 home 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	Coffee – smaller bottles	Tinned baked beans, spaghetti
Long-life or Powdered milk	Pasta	Tinned salmon, tuna etc.	Toilet paper and Toilet- ries of all sorts	Rice
Spreads e.g. jam, vegemite	Noodles	Soup	Meal in a tin options e.g. stews	Tea

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

## 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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### **Leave Your Legacy**

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift Catholic Bequest Program

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.





Taekwondo ...in the Parish Hall Monday classes at 4:30, 5:45 and 7pm All ages welcome – family discounts

Kate Eggar, 7th Dan Instructor

0408 982 248



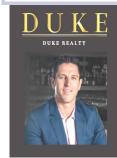


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