

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.

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.

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

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!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our:
Recently deceased

Joyce Butler, Zofia Janiszewski, Tom Hanlon

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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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

EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Monday 8.30am

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

Suspended
until
further
notice

Second Sunday of Easter 19 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: 995 2077 2279

Dear Parishioners,

We continue the journey together through these uncertain times. It is almost becoming a cliché to say that what is happening in the world is unprecedented, true as this may be. But let us not forget that two thousand years ago, what also was unprecedented was the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope and this gave to a world sorely in need of it. That hope is still very much needed today - perhaps more than ever, as all too many people find themselves wondering where things are going and how will the world, even their own personal world, will look like in the months and years ahead.

As believers in the Resurrection of Jesus, surely one of our tasks is to be bearers of this hope for others. Yes, we too will carry our own share of uncertainty and even anxiety. In this regard, we are no different to anyone else. But at the same time, we have been gifted with the assurance that God's Spirit can and will sustain us in our times of fear and doubt.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the focus has often been on the doubt of Thomas, and as a result, Thomas has sometimes been thought of as less than the other apostles. But we may also consider that perhaps Thomas was very much his own person, someone who did not blindly follow what others told him. Rather, he wanted to see the Risen Jesus for himself, and to that end, asked that the Lord show himself to him. Wonderfully, Jesus respected his desire and gave him what he asked for!

Today, can we take a lesson from Thomas and have the same level of desire to see the Risen Jesus in our world? How might we allow this to happen - for ourselves and for a world that sorely needs to see him too? Could it be by rediscovering within our hearts the reason for our hope in Jesus Christ, asking him to stir it up, and then finding simple, practical ways to pass on that hope to those around us? In these times, could we offer one another any better gift? *Fr Mario ofm*

PHONE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT - UPDATE

In this time when some in our parish will find themselves more isolated, we have set up a way for keeping in contact and helping them remain connected to our community. Since last weekend, several people have kindly volunteered to be phone callers - parishioners who will keep in touch with two or three people a week to have a chat and listen to them. If you are interested in offering this service, please contact Sandra in the office.

Also, we have already 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.

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

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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.

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A Reflection ...

The gospel story about doubting Thomas has to be one of the most misunderstood episodes in the New Testament.

If you're like me, for years we have been consoled by Thomas doubting that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas' doubts were in Jesus, we have been led to believe. But let's read the story very carefully. It's not Jesus Thomas doubts, it's the disciples. In fact when Jesus appears to them seven days later, Thomas has the opportunity to share in the experience of the Risen Lord and like the others he immediately confesses Easter faith.

There are three elements in this story that should give us great comfort. The first is that Thomas doubts the early Church, and not just in regard to a minor issue of discipline or procedure. He doubts the central Christian message: that God raised Jesus from the dead. Some of us, too, at various times in our lives, can have doubts about all sorts of things in our faith. There are very few Catholics who get through life without asking some serious questions of God, about Jesus, the Spirit and the Church. These questions are good in themselves. They are necessary for a mature, adult faith. What we need to ensure is that we sincerely want answers to the questions we ask and not just use them to justify our wandering away from our faith. Thomas is the patron saint of all of us who sometimes struggle to believe what everyone else in the church seems to accept. And he is also the patron saint of those of us who seek the courage and patience to wait for the answers.

The second consoling fact to this story concerns the earliest Church. Even though they were filled with the presence of the Risen Lord and though Thomas refuses to believe their witness, they remain faithful to him in his doubts. We know this because he is still with them a week later. They didn't expel him from the group or excommunicate him, they held on to him in the hope that he would experience the Lord for himself.

Sadly for us, today, there are some who argue that Catholics who struggle with their faith should 'shape up or ship out'. While every group has its boundaries and there are limits to what people can dissent from, we could take the earliest Church as our model and stay faithful to our doubters and help them come to see the transforming truth that has changed our lives.

The final element in this extraordinary story which can help us in our Easter faith concerns the significance of the time between the first and second appearances of Jesus. We're told it was seven days and the parallel to the story of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of John's Gospel. And even though the earliest disciples experience the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, they are still locked in their fears one week later. The creation of the early Church, the movement of its earliest leaders from timidity to boldness took time and having a doubter in their midst ends up a great blessing for them all, for Christ is present at every step of the Church's creation and re-creation as well.

This story was written for people like us who do not have access to the historical Jesus. The birth of the Church is an ongoing act of God's creation in every generation. It takes time, and people will be at different stages at different moments. Our fidelity to one another on the long journey of faith is only surpassed by our Crucified God who does not give up on us, no matter how many questions we ask or how much we doubt.

May this Eucharist give us confidence enough to hold on to each other in good times and bad so that we can all continue to experience his presence and have life in his name.

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Some new Initiatives ...

Thursday night, we had our second Pastoral Council Meeting via Zoom. From it, I would like to offer these initiatives and information of interest:

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: <https://www.facebook.com/uqcatholicchaplaincy/live/>
2. Fr Mario is available (as always) for anyone who feels the need for support or simply to share their experience, perhaps due to the current situation. This can be done over the phone at any convenient time, or if preferred, at the parish office. Please don't hesitate to call as needed.
3. We welcome anyone to send us any intention they would like our Parish and the Friars to pray for. We can light a candle in the church for the intention and upload it to our Facebook Page.
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 working to set up a Little Flower Care & Concern Group. Our aim is to have volunteers who are willing to cook the occasional meal which we can freeze and deliver to people who are in immediate need. Some of our elderly who may not have family readily available may also need some assistance with some emergency grocery shopping. If you would like to volunteer to assist with either of these, please contact the Parish Office or Fr Mario directly.
6. Our Parish Meditation Group is going online - please see the notice on the next page.

Thank you all, stay tuned for more news and details ... Fr Mario ofm

MASS COLLECTIONS PLEASE ...

Our Parish continues to function during this crisis and, as for all of us, both the parish and the friars have their expenses. Fr Mario and the other friars continue to celebrate Mass and perform their parish ministry, but with the suspension of public masses, our weekly Mass Collections have reduced significantly. ***Can we please ask those of you who are in a position to do so, to continue to make a weekly offering to both collections.***

A Reminder:

1st Collection only supports the Friars and their work.

2nd Collection includes all envelopes and all Direct Debit offerings. This all goes to the upkeep of the Parish

(i) You can drop **Planned Giving Envelopes or Cash** at the Parish Office when convenient. There are separate boxes for the 1st and 2nd Collections.

(ii) You can post or hand-deliver a cheque to the Parish Office and include a note, indicating your envelope number and details of the amounts you want allocated to each collection.

(iii) You can **Deposit directly** into the Parish account (details below) using 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 No.

e.g J Blogs 579

(iv) 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.**

(v) **If you wish to contribute to the Friars**, you can use any of the methods listed above using cash, cheque or Direct Deposit. Please make a note that it is for the 1st Collection.

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

ANZAC DAY PRAYER SERVICE

This year we cannot have our usual ANZAC DAY Mass but we are live-streaming a Prayer Service from outside the church.

Date: Saturday, April 25th at 8.30 am

Watch live on our Parish Facebook Page:

The Little Flower Church Kedron at:
<https://www.facebook.com/122441344516988/live/>

PARISH COMMUNICATION

1. 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.

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 interested newcomers, are welcome to join the next session. To do so, please download the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting. Details are:

Meeting Time: Friday, April 24th at 9.00 am
ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988

Our **Digital Easter Celebrations** were a **highlight** for Samaritans. Also the digital Easter Greetings with families. So much happened and we didn't even have to go outside. The peace and quiet kept us calm. Samaritans, all of us, are praying for all of you. Praying you are all keeping *Virus free*.

Trusting that someone will phone and spend time chatting with you. And that the groceries are delivered as needed. That the grandchildren contact you so you can treasure their little voices. Or maybe the families drive by so everybody can wave and smile. And blow kisses across the garden as they deliver some flowers for you.

EASTER LOVE ABOUNDS ALL AROUND. Make sure you catch it and hold it in your heart all week.