

ROSTERS March 28-29	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
 <p><b>Please arrange a replacement by contacting each other directly</b></p>	ALTAR SERVERS	Heidi Day	Sofia Poy	Christine Bartholdt Melechizadek D'Cruz
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COUNTERS		Parish Office		

**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](http://safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html)

Then go to top right-hand corner, scroll down using the far-right arrow, to Safeguarding Essential Presentation (level 1). At the conclusion, please print off and sign the PDF version called Certificate of Completion, and return it to the parish office, either in person, or to the secured box at the church entrance.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



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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

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am  
 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.30pm

**SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco  
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**4th Sunday of Lent — 22nd March 2020 (YEAR A)**

A reflection written by Franciscan Father Richard Hendrick OFM.

*Yes there is fear.  
 Yes there is isolation.  
 Yes there is panic buying.  
 Yes there is sickness.  
 Yes there is even death.  
 But,  
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
 You can hear the birds again.  
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
 But blue and grey and clear.  
 They say that in the streets of Assisi  
 People are singing to each other  
 across the empty squares,  
 keeping their windows open  
 so that those who are alone  
 may hear the sounds of family around them.  
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
 Today a young woman I know  
 is busy spreading fliers with her number  
 through the neighbourhood  
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
 are preparing to welcome  
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary  
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting  
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way  
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality  
 To how big we really are.  
 To how little control we really have.  
 To what really matters.  
 To Love.  
 So we pray and we remember that  
 Yes there is fear.  
 But there does not have to be hate.  
 Yes there is isolation.  
 But there does not have to be loneliness.  
 Yes there is panic buying.  
 But there does not have to be meanness.  
 Yes there is sickness.  
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul  
 Yes there is even death.  
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
 Today, breathe.  
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic  
 The birds are singing again  
 The sky is clearing,  
 Spring is coming,  
 And we are always encompassed by Love.  
 Open the windows of your soul  
 And though you may not be able  
 to touch across the empty square,  
 Sing.*

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This is an opportunity for you to join the Parish Planned Giving Program. By joining you become part of a strong team of parishioners who are committed to keeping your parish growing today and into the future.

There are two ways to contribute to the Planned Giving Program:

**Direct Debit** - can be set up by filling in an authority form available online or at the back of the churches. It can be either debited from your bank account or from your credit card. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

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For more information on how you can become part of the program please fill in and a staff member will contact you.

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**Reportable Conduct**

STOpline is an external service provided by the Archdiocese of Brisbane to receive confidential information about 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy.

Reportable conduct includes suspected abuse, misconduct, mismanagement and policy breaches.

The Whistleblower policy applies to the Archdiocese, Brisbane Catholic Education and Centacare Brisbane.

Information can be shared anonymously.

I have never been able to reconcile the long faces some of us put on in Lent with the prayers of the Church that describe this as 'a joyful season'. The following story takes seriously that laughter is an essential element of our Lenten observance.

Once upon a time in a nice little forest, there lived an orphaned bunny and an orphaned snake. By surprising coincidence, both were blind from birth.

One day, the bunny was hopping through the forest while the snake was slithering along the same path. The bunny tripped over the snake and fell down. 'Oh, my,' said the bunny, 'I'm terribly sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. I've been blind since birth, so, I can't see where I'm going. In fact, I'm also an orphan, so I don't even know what I am.' 'It's quite okay,' replied the snake, 'my story is much the same as yours. I've been blind since birth and never knew my mother. Tell you what, I could slither over you, and figure out what you are.'

'Oh, that would be wonderful,' replied the bunny. So the snake slithered all over the bunny, and said, 'Well, you're covered with soft fur; you have really long ears; your nose twitches; and you have a soft cottony tail. I'd say that you must be a bunny.'

'Oh, thank you! Thank you,' cried the bunny in obvious excitement. The bunny then suggested to the snake, 'Maybe I could feel you with my paw, and help you in the same way you've helped me.' So the bunny felt the snake all over, and remarked, 'Well, you're scaly and smooth, you have a forked tongue, you're impossible to pin down and you have no backbone at all. I'd say you must be either a contractor, a consultant or possibly someone in senior management.'

On reflection the Gospel of the man born blind is a joyful one too. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law. They cannot recognise Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

This Gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we need to keep saying this, but too readily we hear otherwise intelligent and good Christians, for example, telling us that some illnesses have been 'sent' by God as punishment for sins or they wonder what their families have 'done' to deserve disabled children. It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humour and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works or what he can or cannot do. May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.

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Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.**



This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.



On an upcoming visit to Bali in June my 2 siblings and I hope to visit an orphanage with some 'goodies' from Australia. After scouring the internet we have chosen to visit **The Bali Orphanage**; an orphanage founded in 1958 by the Franciscan Sisters and still run by them today. Apart from this orphanage, in Kuta, they also run 3 other orphanages in

more remote parts of Indonesia that don't see many tourists. Any surplus donations they receive they share with these orphanages. You can read about all the wonderful work they do by Googling 'The Bali Orphanage'.

If you would like to help please drop of your donations at Church. We are seeking donations of shoes/sandals, clothes- (summer only), pens, pencils, colouring-in books and pencils, exercise books, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toys, story books etc. for both boys and girls.

Please call me, Marion, with any questions you may have. Tel: 0435 85 0522



## PARISH DIARY

**Monday 23 March**  
Mass 8.00am

**Eucharistic Adoration 8.30am**  
**Choir Practice 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 24 March**  
Mass 8.00am

**Wednesday 25 March**  
Mass 9.00am

**SVdP Bread Run 4.00pm**  
**RCIA meeting 7.00pm**

**Thursday 26 March**  
Mass 8.00am

**Friday 27 March**  
Mass 8.00am

**Stations of the Cross 8.30am**

**Saturday 28 March**  
Election Day

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 29 March**  
Mass 7.30am

Mass 9.30am  
**SVdP Bread Run 3.00pm**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of:*

**Recently deceased**

+ John Bathersby DD, Mario Rizzardo,  
Geoff Forde, William McCormack,  
Nic Di Tullio, Margaret Macgroarty,

**Anniversaries**

Annette Donchi, Leonardo Caruso, Carol Miller, Gerald Christ John Currie, Antonio Febo, Audrey Robson

**Holy Anointing Mass date**

**Friday 1st May**

All Holy Anointing Masses are at 8.00am  
Please come and join us.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**22 March 2020 Year A**

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

**Next Weeks Readings:**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**29 March 2020 Year A**

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is monitoring the development of Coronavirus closely, and has plans in place to support the safety, health and wellbeing of our parish communities, as well as the many people we engage with through Church agencies. The Archbishop has also issued a set of protocols relevant to masses and other liturgies which are to remain in effect until further notice, namely:

- ◆ Refraining from distributing communion from the chalice
- ◆ The removal of Holy Water from fonts in churches (but it is available privately. Please ask Parish Office)
- ◆ At the Sign of Peace, saying 'peace be with you' and smiling or waving, rather than shaking hands
- ◆ All ministers of Holy Communion are required to wash their hands before and after distributing Communion

The Archdiocese of Brisbane provides the latest updates and advice from the Queensland Government on the Coronavirus at [archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz)

As you would have heard at last weekend Masses, **Samaritans** are taking a break from our Tuesday Morning Activities as a result of the Corona Virus. We all seem to fall into that age category that requires extra care to be taken.

**With sad hearts** the decision was made as we know how much enjoyment you receive from meeting and chatting with your friends each week.

However, we plan to resume the Activities AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. But, at this stage, we are looking at returning after the school holidays. We will monitor the evolving situation and certainly let you know quickly.

☐ WATCH THIS SPACE ☐

We have just POSTPONED the celebration of **St Patrick's Day so keep that Irish Joke safe and we will still have fun when we return.**

\*☐ **St Patrick's Day will be a WIZ BANG DAY for sure.** \*☐

As you are aware we had started a Lent Collection of items to assist Aspley Care, items such as toothpaste and brush, shampoo and conditioner and other personal items AS WELL AS small containers of Coffee. Fr Mario has agreed to let us put our collection box in the foyer of the church for donations

Contact Jill on 0438 612 177. We will still be available for phone chatting!!!!

**Look for the goodness in Others in these trying times.**

Sr Joan Chittister 's Spirituality Practice for the Day, To Practice this Thought.

*Christian Meditation usually held each Friday at Delamore is temporarily suspended. Recommencement date will be advised via this newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.*



### 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

If you have any memorabilia e.g. photos, uniforms, report cards, certificates, school books, trophies, medals, ribbons please begin to bring them into the School Office. All items will be carefully registered and stored so that they can be returned after our 'Back to St Anthony's' weekend. Alternatively, we can scan documents and return them to you immediately. We will celebrate this wonderful occasion in June: 'Back to St Anthony's Weekend' – Sunday 14th June 2020 – Parish Mass at 9.30am followed by a celebration of all things St Anthony's on our school site.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten Season themed "Go Further Together".



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to earn a livelihood and without knowledge of government schemes that could help her. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. Through their strategic guidance and support, Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020**

For over 30 years Parishioners have been Catechists at Kedron State Primary School in Leckie Rd. We need more volunteers for this Ministry to continue spreading God's word in the community. If you are just curious or need more information-

Please ring Ros Bannerman on 0423728605 or e-mail [bannerclan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bannerclan@optusnet.com.au)

**APRIL OPEN DAY POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**KEDRON'S BEST KEPT SECRET OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020 FROM 10.00AM TO 12.00PM**

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### Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

Our Children's Mass is held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

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### SFO

The Secular Franciscan Order meets every Third Sunday after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall at the Kedron Parish.

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0409 894 553. Make an appointment or simply find out more.

### 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.



**Morning Tea** after 7.30am Mass and 9.30am relies on volunteers.

Please consider helping to keep this fellowship alive and well.

Please contact the parish office.

**Please bring something to share.**

### Piety Stall

We have a large range of cards, religious icons, rosary beads and medals. We have a great range of gift ideas for new babies, Baptism, birthdays and other special occasions. The lovely people at the Piety stall will be happy to help.

Are you missing important news about our parish? We have a newsletter email list of parishioners. If you aren't in the loop and would like to be the first to know - send Sandra an email asking to be added to the 'list'.



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