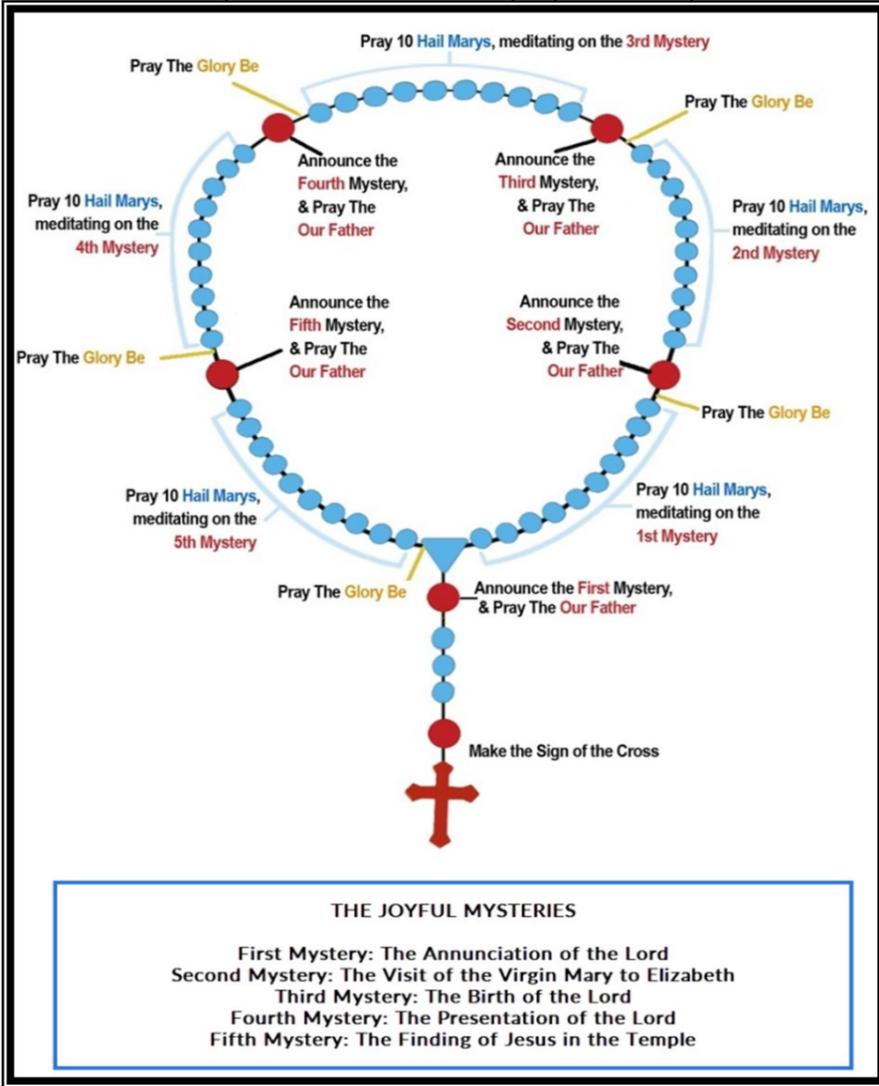


Pope Francis invited us to pray the Rosary



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

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.

Reportable Conduct

STOPIline 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.



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

5th Sunday of Lent — 29 March 2020 (YEAR A)

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**Please go to our Facebook page:
 "The Little Flower Church Kedron"**

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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.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
 Ph: 0448 356 599

Dear Parishioners,

My warmest wishes to each of you. To state the obvious, these are difficult and uncertain times we are all facing, some more than others, depending on our age and state of health or the economic impact this pandemic is having on us and our families. What is unfolding day by day was unthinkable even a few short weeks ago. But as difficult and challenging the current situation may be, what is heartening and already evident, is the good will and generosity of people trying to help mitigate this situation for others, even in small ways. None of us are in a position to somehow bring this pandemic and its effects to a swift end, but it seems, we are in a position to make our small difference that can make a difference for others.

This is what I would like to encourage us all to do at this time - to ask ourselves, "What can I do or do differently that will make even a small difference for the better for someone else?" One of the dangers we all face, me included, is to begin feeling overwhelmed by what is happening and then increasingly helpless in the face of it all. This is not good - not good for our own health and state of mind, nor good for those around us. But that we are helpless is also not true. As Christians, we actually believe that with and through the grace of God, we can each make a difference. In today's Gospel, we see the friends of Martha and Mary and perhaps even Jesus' disciples, display a certain helplessness before the reality of the death of Lazarus. It is certainly easy to feel overwhelmed by the reality or threat of death. But it is precisely in this situation that Jesus stands before the tomb of his friend, orders that it be opened, and summons the dead man out of his prison. At this moment, we are all being confronted by such a situation - one that is taking on many forms - whether it be the pain and anxiety of losing employment, of losing contact with friends and colleagues, of losing social and sporting activities, and so on.

In the face of all this and more, Jesus is standing with us and we are invited to actively stand with him and to discover what word, what action, what gesture, we can offer that will make a difference to the other, especially in the face of greater isolation. And so, over the next weeks and months, I sincerely hope that we can remain meaningfully connected with one another - through whatever means is possible under the circumstances - and especially through prayer and practical support. Some of us will be more vulnerable than others, and it is to these that we must show a special care.

Friends, I do welcome your suggestions and advice as to how we can maintain our connection as a faith community and reach out to those most severely impacted at this time. A week ago, I clumsily created a WhatsApp group of parishioners whose numbers I had with the aim of finding a way to communicate after Sunday Eucharist was unexpectedly suspended. I apologize for any unintended effects this had and please exit the group if you wish. But I would still welcome ways to remain in contact and share information and needs within our community. For this reason, I have begun some discussion with our Parish Pastoral Council and other groups and individuals, looking for ideas and strategies. Please do contribute to this so that when life does return to some normality, we as a parish may emerge a stronger, more cohesive community of faith and life.

Again, I wish each of you and your families, God's special protection and care at this time. Let us remain united in prayer and love which know no distance. *Fr Mario ofm*

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First Reading Ez 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live. The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies. People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 or Jn 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life. The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

1. The Parish office will remain open during normal business hours: Monday - Thursday 8.00am-3.00pm and Friday 8.00am-12.00noon.
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 Livestream Mass and you can view it on this Facebook page.

Or check out our webpage <https://www.kedroncatholicparish.org.au/> where the parish newsletter/bulletin will be posted under NEWS every week.
3. If you need help in setting up or viewing Facebook, please call Sandra and she will be happy to assist you. (We have already had a few of our elder parishioners come in for this).
4. The newsletter will also be available each Sunday outside the parish church – please come around, read notice boards and collect a newsletter at the front door.

PLANNED GIVING

Our Parish will continue to function during this crisis and, as you know, the bills will still come in for the parish and for the friars. While Fr Mario and the other friars will continue to celebrate Mass in the friary, our public masses in the church are indefinitely suspended, and so, normal weekly mass collections will not be possible. This will soon create financial difficulties. Our parish has been incredibly supported by its very generous parishioners over the years and this is a time where your prayerful and financial support is most needed. Here is how you can continue to help in the current environment:

A Reminder: 1st Collection supports the Friars

2nd Collection supports the upkeep of the Parish

- (i) If you use Planned Giving envelopes, you can drop them off at the Parish Office where there will be separate boxes for the 1st and 2nd Collections.
- (ii) Post or hand-deliver a cheque to the Parish Office and include a note indicating your envelope number and details of the amounts you would like allocated to the 1st and 2nd Collections.
- (iii) 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 this is not the case, please email the office with your preferred allocation.

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- (iv) If you use Direct Debit, we would appreciate you continuing this practice and perhaps review your contribution if appropriate. This amount goes to the parish. You may also wish to contribute to the Friars and you can do so by any of the methods listed above using cash, cheque or Direct Deposit. Just 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.



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

+ John Bathersby DD, Mario Rizzardo, Geoff Forde, William McCormack, **Anniversaries** Annette Donchi, Leonardo Caruso,

Next Weeks Readings: Passion (Palm) Sunday 5th April 2020 Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

A very big hello!

The **SAMARITANS** are thinking of each and every one of our Samaritans Community. We are missing you *individually* as well as missing all the socialising of our Tuesday Morning Activities.

Pray that this Covid19 passes as quickly as possible, and that all of us keep well for the duration of the virus. It has really disrupted our Tuesday mornings. We miss you all. Love always. Jill, President, on 0438 612 177.

To our Catholic Leader friends Please find below a message from our Editor regarding The Catholic Leader's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

In these unprecedented times, The Catholic Leader has decided to share our news for free. With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website, catholicleader.com.au

This digital newspaper will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

We will also have up-to-date daily news published on our website and shared to our social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We will strive to maintain our reputation as a truthful, Catholic news service for leaders locally, across the province and beyond.

Thank you for helping us to share the Good News and we pray that all Catholics who feel disconnected will find hope, purpose, and renewed faith from our content. Sincerely, Matt Emerick, Managing editor of The Catholic Leader

Envelopes are still available at the Parish Office. Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten Season themed "Go Further Together".



Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl, living with a disability. She lives in a village in northern Malawi in a region plagued by food insecurity and poverty. For most of her life, her parents have struggled to put meals on the table. Tawonga often had to miss school because she was too sick from hunger. The family also faced discrimination in their community due to her disability. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed. Her family now grows enough food to provide three meals a day, ending the struggle of malnutrition, and helping her thrive at school Please donate to Project Compassion 2020



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