


ROSTERS December 18-19	MINISTRY	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am
 <p>Please arrange a replacement by contacting each other directly</p>	ALTAR SERVERS	Heidi Day	Andrew Rossaro	Milena Palleschi Edward Green
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	HOSPITALITY		Third Sunday	Third Sunday
	READERS	Trish Carroll Glenda Honan Joe De Pasquale	Liz Feltrin Mark Feltrin Jillian Rosenstengel	Rosa D'Arx Colin Dash Denise Sherrington
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CLEANERS	Parish Cleaners			
COUNTERS	Vicki Scanlan, Kathy Brosnan, Paul Woodward			

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.



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Baptism of the Lord—12 January 2020 (YEAR A)

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. One argument they sometimes offer is that it would be better to defer baptism until their child reaches adulthood and then he or she has the opportunity to choose it. As appealing as this argument might seem on the surface, the problem is that the reasoning behind it is so inconsistently applied.

Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognise that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral and physical needs, it strikes me as inconsistent to relegate this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a 'must be decided on later' category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. Adults can come and go from the practice of their faith as they feel drawn. Sadly for us, they can even choose against belief. To grow up, however, with no religious foundation or no basis on which to make spiritual choices seems to limit freedom rather than promote it. In our culture baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan because it was 'the proper thing to do'.

This can seem all quaintly odd to us today because we seem to accept that our only convention is to flout convention. The done thing today is to undo what we've done before.

We hold very strongly, however, to the idea that God always does the 'proper thing'. It's called 'appropriateness' in theology. We believe, for example, that God decided it was proper to become incarnate when he did, how he did and where he did. Over the centuries there's been endless debate about what would've happened if the Word had come to us as a woman, in another era, on another continent. While these are interesting enough matters on which to speculate, they are not what God thought proper – or what, in fact, happened.

In line with the right action of God, Jesus does the proper thing in being baptised by John's baptism of repentance, even though he had nothing of which to repent. Jesus is not baptised, however, simply because it was expected of him, just a fulfilment of his duty. Jesus' experience of baptism starts with John's baptism as an admission of guilt and then reveals that baptism is primarily about the Father's love. To this day our baptismal ritual holds these two realities in a healthy tension. When we are baptised in Christ, we acknowledge both Original Sin and Original Grace. God's love comes alive in us even though we are aware of how far from that love we stray.

The Baptism of Jesus and every baptism done in his name ever since, is the moment when we hold together the greatness of God's love, that calls each of us by name to be his son or daughter, with the reality of our human frailty. What more appropriate way of welcoming anyone into the world than having a community of frail, human believers initiate its members by reminding them that Original Sin does not have the last word. For those of us baptised in Christ, the Father's love always and everywhere has the final, appropriate, say on every matter. May this Eucharist make us worthy of the love lavished on us in baptism and give us the courage to keep doing the appropriate things for the coming generations.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis
STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

- From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:
- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
 - The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
 - Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
 - Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
 - Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, Catholic-Care and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities,

including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

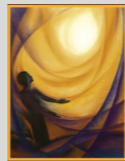
Relics of St. Therese Pilgrimage 2020 Kedron Parish	
Tuesday 11 February 2020	
Arrive Kedron 5pm	5.30pm Welcome Ceremony 6pm Veneration of Relics 7.30pm Mass 8.30pm All night vigil – Veneration of Relics
Wednesday 12 February 2020	
Depart Kedron 12pm	9am Mass 10am Prayer with St. Anthony school 11.30am Farewell liturgy 12pm Depart

Lenten Program for 2020 - 'Be Opened, A journey to new life', is ready for early ordering! There are some new features in the latest Lenten Pro-gram including an extra week - it now covers six weeks of Lent and Easter Sunday! There is also an app for those unable to join a group. This can be used on various devices and will be available from January 2020 through Apple App Store and Google Play Store. If you would like to start a Lenten Prayer group please contact the Parish office.

The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped 1st and 2nd February

"The Little King's Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. is time you are unable to help finically you may be able to give of your time or talent's, if so please contact the Movement.



Australia Day BBQ

The Parish will be celebrating Australia Day on 26 January after 9.30am mass . We would like to recognise the many cultures in our community and ask that people bring a small plate of food to share that reflects your culture. As is tradition, the Parish will offer a sausage sizzle and organise a game of cricket. This year you can also enjoy a quiet (or maybe not!) game of bocce. Delamore are challenging the Parish to a game or two so please come and register on the day to get involved. We look forward to seeing you all there.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation requires commitment from you and your family to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. We will be starting Reconciliation next year. This is for children who are in Year 5 and above. If you require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at: sacramental.kedron@bnc.catholic.net.au We are excited for you and your child and look forward to being part of this process of preparation for the celebration of this sacrament.

Reconciliation 2020 (4 week program)

Enrolment Forms: **29th January - 19th February**

Program starts:

Monday 24th February (2 weeks of Preparation)

Parent Night: **Tuesday 25th February** 7.00pm

Reconciliation Evening: **Tuesday 17th March** 5.30pm - 7.30pm



You are my own dear Son

The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

Draw Jesus being baptised in the river by John the Baptist.



Find Out

When were you baptised?

Where were you baptised?

Who are your Godparents?

Candle

Water

Dove

White Gown

Symbolises the Holy Spirit

Symbolises life, cleansing and growth

Symbolises purity and freedom from sin

Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light

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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Holy Anointing Mass date

Friday 6th March

All Holy Anointing Masses are at 8.00am

Please come and join us.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

is held on Friday between 9.00 - 10.00am in the Delamore "chat room". *All welcome.*

SFO

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

Inquiries to contact the parish office.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Recently deceased

Mary Galea
 Gino Carmosino
 Maria Musumeci

Anniversaries

Antonio Febo
 Audrey Robson
 Charles Falzon
 Winifred Taylor
 Catherine O'Malley

The Baptism of the Lord - 12 January 2020 Year A

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Next Weeks Readings:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2020 Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34