

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!

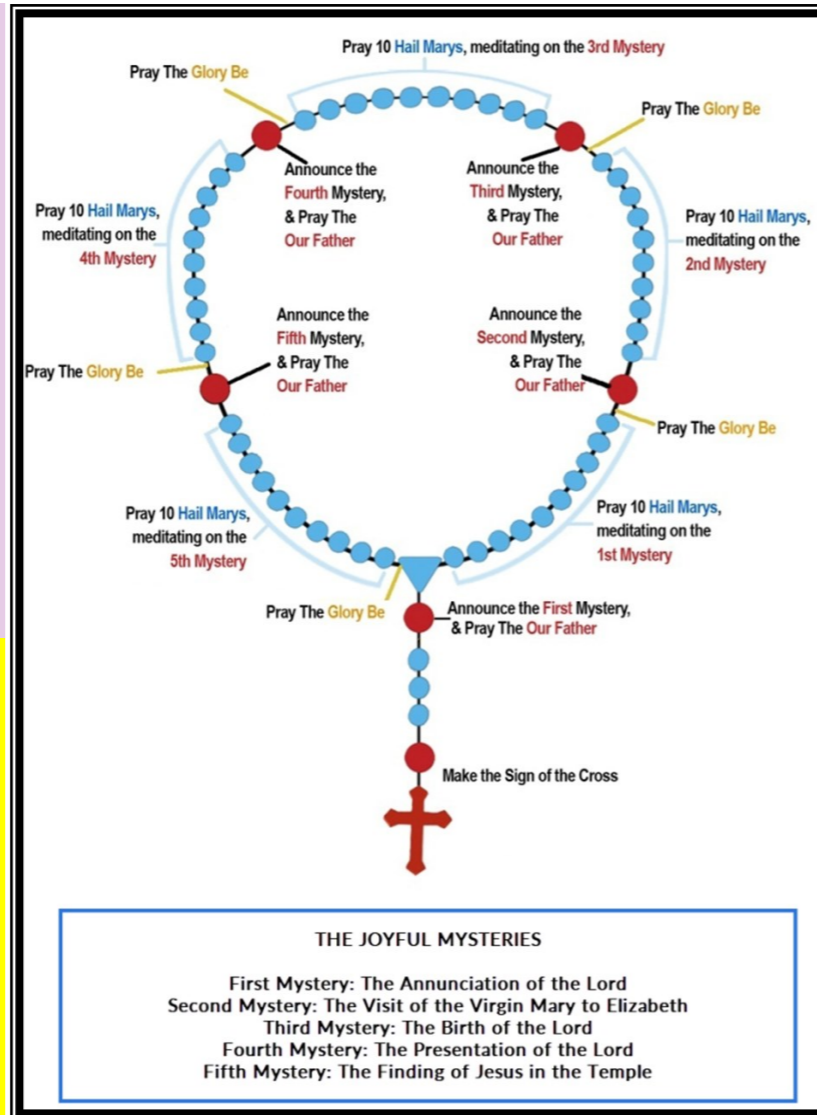
There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>.

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.



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- First Mystery: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Second Mystery: The Visit of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
- Third Mystery: The Birth of the Lord
- Fourth Mystery: The Presentation of the Lord
- Fifth Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple



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

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
Ph: 0448 356 599

Easter Sunday 12 April 2020 (YEAR A)

LIVE STREAMED MASSES THIS WEEKEND - Go to Parish Facebook page: The Little Flower Church Kedron OR via ZOOM

Good Friday Liturgy: 3.00pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 888 932 058
Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: 6.00pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 938 245 066
Easter Sunday Mass: 8.30am, Zoom Meeting ID: 331 261 511

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate this weekend, the heart of our Christian story - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. In an unexpected way, we are all participating in these events as never before - unable to gather in person, not in our churches, nor with our extended family and friends. This year, barriers and not being able to cross them, has taken on a whole new meaning. We may know the reason for this and understand it, but we still feel the frustration and sadness of it nonetheless. Can this give us a new perspective on Easter?

We well know that death is usually experienced as the ultimate insurmountable barrier, and yet, the Resurrection of Jesus assures us that even this barrier can be crossed. As we try to make sense of our COVID-19 limitations and suffering, can Jesus' own journey through the passion and death of Good Friday into the freedom and new life of Easter Sunday shed its light for us? His journey is the journey of every Christian believer. But if this is not to be just a nice idea or sentiment, we do need to consciously and prayerfully allow the link between our predicament and the experience of Jesus to become a personal one.

Dear friends, we are in this together. We are linked in a circle (perhaps ironically as the coronavirus is in the shape of a circle or crown). But we are also bound in a circle of friendship and mutual support with one another and with Jesus our brother. And just as the crown of thorns he wore on Good Friday became a crown of victory at Easter, so may the current corona we are struggling with, also be transformed for us. On behalf of all our parish staff and the friars, I wish you and your families a blessed, happy and safe Easter.

Fr Mario ofm



PHONE CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

In this time when some in our parish will find themselves more isolated, we are setting 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, if you personally know of anyone whom you feel may benefit from a call, 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.

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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.

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A Reflection ...

A man was driving along the road when he saw the Easter Bunny hop into his lane. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but couldn't do so. The basket of eggs went everywhere. The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman saw the man and pulled over. 'What's wrong?' she asked. 'I accidentally killed the Easter Bunny', he explained. The woman knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, pulled out a spray can, walked over to the bunny, and sprayed the entire contents over the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up his eggs, waved at them and hopped on down the road. Not far away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around and waved again. He kept doing this for as far as they could see.

The man was astonished. 'What in heaven's name is in that can you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?' The woman showed the man the label. It said: 'Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave.'

For many of our children the bunny and its eggs are the most important thing about Easter. Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb, as our driver resuscitated the bunny in today's story. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it, understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

'Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see. O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed! Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down! Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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MASS COLLECTIONS

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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Acc Number: **006641100**

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 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.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

From Vinnies:

Thank you from Kedron Vinnies: The response from the parish and our schools to Vinnies call for support has been amazing. Your generosity in the last week or two is really assisting in re-stocking our pantry and allowing us to continue to assist those in need. We could not continue to operate without your support so thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Happy Easter To

The Samaritan Community and Kedron Parishioners
From The Samaritans Tuesday Morning Activities

2020

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

(by Archbishop Coleridge)

Almighty and all-merciful God,
Lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds
In whom there is no shadow of death,
Sae us in this time of crisis;
Grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
Watch over all medical people
As they tend the sick and work for a cure;
Stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
That hope may never die
And the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
May shone upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen
Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

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 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. If you click on the Facebook Icon at the top of the website homepage, it will 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 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 will also be available each Sunday outside the parish church – please come around, read notice boards and collect a newsletter at the front door.

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 com-

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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR KEDRON LITTLE FLOWER VINNIES CONFERENCE

