

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.

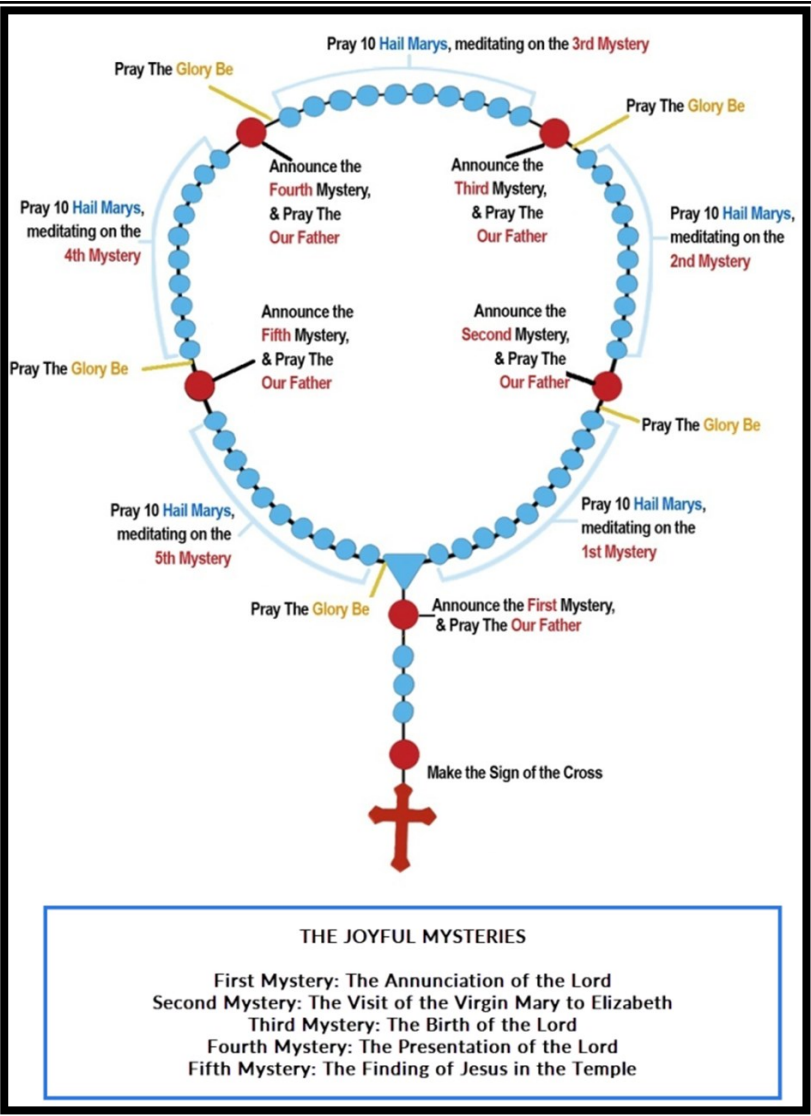
The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>.

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.



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.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
Ph: 0448 356 599

Suspended
until
further
notice

Passion (Palm) Sunday 5 April 2020 (YEAR A)

Palm Sunday morning Mass, April 5th live streamed at 8.30am.

Please go to our Facebook page: “The Little Flower Church Kedron”

ZOOM Meeting ID: 858 470 025

Dear Parishioners,

We are now over two weeks into the stronger COVID-19 restrictions and at our third weekend without the chance to gather for Eucharist. But although our church building is temporarily closed, our church community is not and never will be closed. Dear friends, let us keep reminding ourselves that our church is not a building; it is us. The Eucharist is not only a sacrament that we celebrate in a liturgical way; it is us united by and in the Spirit of Christ. Eucharist is also us trying to live as Christ’s body on earth, being his hands and hearts for others. The Eucharist that we celebrate within our churches when we gather in the flesh is indeed a privilege, but when this is not possible such as now, let us seek to find ways to express its meaning, much as Jesus did when he washed his disciples’ feet at the Last Supper – the place of the very first Eucharist.

For this reason, after speaking with several parishioners and a recent meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to extend three invitations to you all.

Firstly, as it becomes even more difficult to physically interact with others, can I invite you to please use whatever means possible to maintain and even increase contact with one another in our parish. Many of us are blessed with good family and social connections, but not everyone is quite so fortunate. And so, can I encourage us all to watch out for those who may already have become quite isolated, lonely or feeling forgotten? And if you feel you are one of these people, can I encourage you to consider picking up the phone and making your need known to someone you trust? **As a response to this need, I would like to invite parishioners who are willing to be part of a Phone Circle to contact me or the parish office.** We are aiming to form a group of parishioners who can offer the ministry of simple contact by making a few calls each week to those who may just need a chat or a gentle enquiry about their welfare. Once we have these people, I will invite you to let us know (with their consent) of any people in our area who would welcome a regular call.

Secondly, **I would like to invite any parishioners who may be interested to form smallish online groups.** The purpose of these may be, for example, to pray together in a way of their choosing, or to share reflections about the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings, or to discuss some issue of interest (particularly related to faith or spirituality), or simply to check in on how they are dealing with the current situation, and so on. My reason for suggesting this is that the present situation can actually be an opportunity for us to experiment, to try something new, to not only maintain connection with one another, but to enhance it. One way is to use a computer program such as Zoom to meet one another over the internet. If you do not know what this is or how to use it, but you have computer and internet access, I and the parish office will happily assist you.

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Thirdly, dear parishioners, *I will continue to offer a live-streamed Mass on our parish Facebook Page each Sunday at 8.30am.* This will also be uploaded if you wish to participate in it later. I will also aim to transmit it via Zoom to allow those who want, to interact with me and other parishioners. The Zoom Meeting ID's will be included in each Newsletter of the upcoming Sunday. Once I get organised, I will also do this for two weekday masses each Monday and Wednesday, probably at 9.00am. For the upcoming Holy Week ceremonies, details will be on our website, Facebook Page and emailed to you directly in the next newsletter, but my aim is to have live-streamed liturgies for Good Friday at 3.00pm, the Easter Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm, and for Easter Sunday at 8.30am.

Finally, can I simply say that if any parishioner would like to speak with me about anything, then please, please feel welcome to call or email me. I am most happy to arrange a time that is convenient and suitable for both of us to speak. I have always been available for this, and in such a time as this, I want you to know that I do want to be here for you. Like each of you, I have my own limitations and needs too, but together, and with faith in the providence and care of God, we can grow through this time.

May God in his goodness, bless and protect each and everyone of you and your families.

Fr Mario ofm

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 on, see the following list:

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



You will be able to collect your Palms at the parish office from Monday morning. They will be outside the front of the Parish House.

PARISH COMMUNICATION

- Currently the Catholic Leader is free to view online—www.catholicleader.com.au
- 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.
- The newsletter will also be available each Sunday out side the parish church – please come around, read notice boards and collect a news letter at the front door.

If you know of someone who is not already on our mailing list to receive digital updates please invite them to contact our parish office (3357 6640 or kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) with their email address or encourage them to follow us on Facebook.

From Vinnies:

A big thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who are delivering food and other staples to the parish office. At the moment our pantry stocks are low and our bread run arrangements have been necessarily suspended. In ordinary circumstances, we get wonderful support from the schools (food drives etc) and from the parish weekend masses to help maintain pantry staples but in today's environment that level of support is unable to be maintained in the short term. We thank each and every one of you and, with your support, we hope to be able to continue the work to assist those who need a hand.

A big HELLO and truckloads of LOVE to the Samaritan Community! From the Samaritans Committee

Trust you have all now received your letter and we are awaiting your replies.
We want to tell you about TWO HUGE AND BEAUTIFUL BED RUGS that Samaritans have on hand to **raffle** once we return to our Tuesday Morning Activities.
BOTH rugs are beautifully colourful and BOTH have unique stories about their history.
One rug is HAND CROCHETED and will cover a double bed or make a spectacular display on your couch as well as keep you warm.
The second one is an ANTIQUE PATCHWORK QUILTED rug, single bed size or again it will provide a spectacular display on your couch and keep you warm.
So yes we all have **something great to look forward to** on the resumption of the Tuesday Morning Activities.
Post through your letters. Tell us your latest news just like you usually do as you arrive at the hall. This is just another week closer to getting together again!
The Samaritan Community

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*

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Acc Name: **Kedron Parish**
BSB: **064 786**
Acc Number: **006641100**
Bank: CBA Reference: **1st initial & Surname & Envelope No.**
e.g J Blogs 579

- 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.

St Vincent de Paul Bread Run

Due to Coronavirus concerns the bread run has been suspended.
Mum's Bakehouse on Gympie Road and Tilly's Bakery on Stafford Road have supplied their excess bread and other goodies to the bread run each Sunday and Wednesday for the last 20 years.
This bread is delivered to people in need.
So drop in to Mums Bakehouse and Tillys and buy a pie, salad roll and a coffee and say thank you for their support of the bread run.
Don't forget the social distance rule.

Scriptural Context

Passion narratives

Towards the end of the 19th Century, the German scholar, Martin Kähler, described the gospels as 'passion narratives with lengthy introductions'. Over time, this description was more commonly applied to the gospel of Mark, but it is quite true of all four gospels. The passion elements are the climax of each gospel narrative and were probably written first to establish the unique interpretation of each of the gospel communities. The remainder of the gospel was written to 'set the scene' for the culmination of the message in the passion. Reading the four accounts of the passion reveal the unique styles and themes of the different gospel writers.

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten Season themed **"Go Further Together"**.



Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylda say that their relationship has been transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe
YOU CAN STILL BRING YOUR PROJECT COMPSSIONS DONATIONS TO THE PARISH OFFICE.