

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	8.00am
Tuesday	8.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	8.00am
Friday	8.00am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm <u>OR</u> please call Fr Mario to arrange a time to meet individually.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Ph: 0448 356 599 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th July 2020 (YEAR A)

NEW SUNDAY EVENING MASS at 5.30pm (FOR TRIAL PERIOD)

And Increased Mass Attendance

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your help by replying to the short survey I sent out last week about starting an extra weekend mass. We had a good response as surveys go. Of the responses, just over 80% said that they would definitely or maybe attend this Mass during the current COVID restrictions and just over 70% said they would definitely or maybe use this Mass after attendance limits end.

Also, we have just received news that we can now increase Mass attendance based on our floor area, allowing 4 sq m per person. So from this weekend, we will increase attendance and also begin a 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass. This Mass will be on a trial basis, meaning that if the attendance shows that it is not really needed, we will review it.

Now for some practicalities ...

Just as for the other weekend masses, please try to use TryBooking for the Sunday 5.30pm Mass as it allows us to record your contact details beforehand and saves time entering the church. However, since it is unlikely that the attendance limit will be reached for this Mass, you are welcome to come without having to book beforehand. However, on arrival, please remember that you MUST still record your name and contact details on the provided sheets.

I hope that this extra Mass will make it much easier for all those who wish to participate in Mass on a weekend to do so. I continue to be happy to receive any suggestions or assistance as we work together to support one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peace and good, Fr Mario Debattista ofm

A Reflection ...

A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?' To which the child replies, 'How should I know? I'm only six.'

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.

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Mass 5.30pm

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion	PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK
Any baptised Catholic child in Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Maria Hopes is the Sacramental Coordinator and can be contacted for all enquiries via email at: sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au	<u>Monday 13 July</u> Mass 8.00am Adoration 8.30am Taekwondo 4.30pm
Dates for First Holy Communion 2020 A. Information Session	<u>Tuesday 14 July</u> Mass 8.00am
Sunday 19 th of July at 11am <u>or</u> Tuesday 21 st of July at 7pm at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony, 80 Turner Street, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, when there will be an overview of the Sac- rament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.	<u>Wednesday 15 July</u> Mass 9.00am Mass at Delamore 4.45pm
B. Enrolment Mass All children with one parent are required to attend one of the follow- ing masses (preferably Sunday 4.30 or 6.00pm):	<u>Thursday 16 July</u> Mass 8.00am Adoration 8.30am
July 25 (Saturday) 5.00pm July 26 (Sunday) 7.30am, 9.30am, 4.30pm, 6.00pm	<u>Friday 17 July</u> Mass 8.00am
C. Workshop (One parent must attend, and please no siblings)	Meditation 9.00am (ZOOM)
August 22 (Saturday) 1.00 pm - 3.00pm	Saturday 18th July Reconciliation 4.00pm
D. First Holy Communion Mass August 29th (Saturday) 5:00pm August 20th (Sunday) 7:20am 9:20am 5:00pm	Mass 5.00pm
August 30th (Sunday) 7:30am, 9:30am, 5.00pm or September 5th (Saturday) 5:00pm	<u>Sunday 19th July</u> Mass 7.30am, 9.30am SFO 9.30am
September 6th (Sunday) 7:30am, 9.30am, 5.00pm (Your time preference is to be completed on the Enrolment Form, and because of expected COVID-19 restrictions, there is a cap of 15 children	Parents Info for First Holy Communion Information 11.00am
per mass, so first in best dressed)	Mass SFO 1.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

To allow entry to the church to be as quick and easy as possible, please try to use the *TryBooking* Link prior to attending Mass. If you cannot come after booking, please remember to cancel your booking or call the Parish Office. And if you cannot book ahead, you can still come to the church where you will need to record your name and contact details on the sheets provided. Please understand however that once we reach our 100 person limit, we will not be able to let you enter the church.

The *TryBooking* link is at the top of our **Parish Website Home**page. Alternately, you can copy this link into your brower: https://www.trybooking.com/BJVUR

WEEKDAY MASSES - As per our normal schedule.

There is no pre-booking needed as the number of attendees is less than 100. On arriving at the church, please record your name and contact details.

FOR ALL MASSES: Please remember that for the safety of others, do not come if you are feeling unwell, or show any flu-like symptoms. Please use the hand sanitizers provided, observe social distancing requirements, and follow the markers showing where you can sit, as individuals or as a family group.

MASS COLLECTIONS PLEASE ...

If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly offering to both Collections. This is how:

- For the FIRST Collection which supports the Friars and their work, please try the new Parish Giving Portal located on our Website or in the email sent you containing this newsletter. <u>Or</u> you can bring offerings directly to the Parish Office, use Direct Deposit (see below), or use the Collection Boxes at the doors of the church.
- For the SECOND Collection which <u>all</u> goes towards Parish expenses, please continue using your Envelopes, Direct Debit, Direct Deposit (see below), or the Collection Boxes at the doors of the church.

For **Direct Deposit** please use 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 not, please email the office your preferred allocation.

Account Name: Kedron Parish BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 006 641 100 Bank: CBA Reference: 1st Initial & Surname & Envelope Number 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 all goes to the parish**.

If you have any enquiries or wish to join Direct Debit Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office for the required forms. Thank you!

**** The Samaritans say hello again this week. \bigstar We have to say hello as we are still waiting ☆ ☆ $\stackrel{\scriptstyle \sim}{\downarrow}$ for the right time to be announced ☆ $\frac{1}{2}$ When it will be OK for us ☆ ★ To start Tuesday Morning A ctivities again. ☆ ★ Our Parish is saving hello in a hundred differ- ★ \star ent languages, and The Samaritans are saying hello with great big smiles. $\frac{1}{2}$ \bigstar Because a smile says hello in every language.! \bigstar ☆ $\stackrel{\scriptstyle \sim}{\underset{\scriptstyle \leftarrow}{\overset{\scriptstyle \sim}}}$ Contact Jill on 0438 612 177. ☆ \bigstar ****************

> **The Secular Franciscans** are an active group in the church promoting the life of St Francis and trying to follow his way of life. Recently we were sad to hear of the passing of our former spiritual assistant Fr Norbert Pittorino OFM whom some of you may remember. He was a wonderful follower of Francis and promoted the Secular Franciscans in Kedron and Papua New Guinea. Our group meets each Third Sunday of the month after the 9.30 Mass and you are welcome to join us.

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish Meditation Group which usually meets every Friday at Delamore is currently online.

You are welcome to join each session by downloading the free ZOOM app onto your phone, tablet or computer and join the meeting.

Time: Every Friday at 9.00 am ZOOM Meeting ID: 987 5236 9988

Little Flower Care and Concern

Please let us know if you or someone you know needs practical assistance and has difficulty to obtain it? Please contact us:

littleflowercareandconcern@gmail.com

Jo Galvin: 0423 053 043 or Liz Feltrin: 0408 555 693 Sandra at the Parish Office: 3357 6640

Please pray for our recently deceased: Allan Knight, Rocco Di Sipio, Therese Cuming, Fr Norbert Pittorino ofm, Allan Knight and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Joan Skinner, Richard McNeven, Joan McNeven, Gerrit Janssen, Brian Carroll, Edmond Jones, Bridget Jones,

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

PARISH GIVING PORTAL



The Archdiocese has set up a **Parish Giving Portal.** This can be used for our **First Collection**. Thank you for your help.

