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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Thursday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm **OR**
please call Fr Mario to arrange a
time to meet individually.

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First Sunday of Lent, 21st February 2021 (YEAR B)

Reflection ...

Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? These deserts are the geographical bookends of the greatest story ever told. In today's Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted. In Mark we are never told what Satan's temptations in the desert were about. Luke and Matthew fill in those details. On the cross, however, Mark tells us that the crowd tempts Jesus to work a miracle, come down from the cross and save himself. In the first desert Jesus is ministered to by the angels and emerges to proclaim that the kingdom of God is close at hand. In the later desert Jesus is ministered to by his women disciples and is put to death as a consequence for the way he lived out the Kingdom he proclaimed.

It's clear from all the Gospels that the desert and the temptations stayed with Jesus throughout his life. What a comfort this is to us. Many of us do not need to go out and find a physical desert to know its claim on our lives. Temptations do not know geographical limitations. Indeed, the greater the number of options, the more temptations we have to take a destructive path.

When we look at how the desert is used in the Bible, mythology, art, literature and the cinema two competing images emerge. The first is that the desert can be a place of loss and ruin where some great heroes have gone and not returned. In another equally venerable tradition, journeys to the desert, while filled with a mixture of pleasure and pain, are abundant with revelation, transformation and recreation.

These two descriptions do not have to be contradictory. As we find in Jesus' example, we do not have to give in to the temptation that the desert is only about loss, but we need to find a path there to negotiate a way out of it so that we can emerge recreated, the richer for the experience.

It's important to remember in our own particular deserts that temptation is not sin. To be tempted by something is not the same as doing it. Temptations are the allures that make destructive choices look good. In one sense, the bad news is that we know from the lives of the saints that the closer we get to God, the more temptations increase. The good news is that we can learn how to deal with them.

Usually, temptations have a context and a history. They can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. To deal with them we need to be aware of their pattern, the way they con us into believing that the destructive behaviour is 'not that bad,' will be 'just this once,' or 'for the last time.' As well, it helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication and a poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed. Contrary to what we might think, these activities could be the most helpful ways we can make sure we emerge from our desert the better for having been there.

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Call to Prayer - Week 2



Let us pray

Jesus, we pray for every person who sees a *Call to all Catholics* invitation on a billboard, hears it on the radio or learns of it by word of mouth. We pray for them to be longing to build a relationship with you, to want to engage with your Church.

We pray for those who are fearful of taking steps to be close to you, and especially for those who have been wounded within the Church. Jesus, we pray that your Holy Spirit would pour into people's hearts, so that they may step out and respond to your invitation to dive deeper into their faith. We pray for anyone who steps into a Catholic church because of this invitation, that they may be received with love. Jesus, we pray for each of us as we are called to play our part in this invitation. May we have the eyes to see new people in our parish, and to reach out to make them feel at home. Amen.

The Word of God—Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Reflection—St Joseph

Pope Francis published an Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. He also declared this year to be a Year of St Joseph. In his letter, Pope Francis describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Thomas Aquinas once noted that St Joseph is unique among patron saints in that he is able to assist us at any time for anything. St Teresa of Avila echoed this idea when she wrote, "I know by experience that the glorious St Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me."

Pope Francis honours St Joseph's courage and trust in God. "Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work." Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that God can work even through our fears, our frailties, and our weaknesses.

Prayer

Let us pray an ancient prayer to St Joseph for many to find their courage and trust in God:

St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

St Joseph, Pray that hearts may be open to encountering you and that we may know how to guide others to the light of Christ. Amen.

DESSERT & DISCUSSIONS GROUP

Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis, calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a plea to reject wars. It focuses on contemporary social and economic problems, and proposes a world of fraternity in which all countries can be part of a "larger human family." Join us on **Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm in the Parish House**

We aim to better understand the key insights and reflections from Fratelli Tutti, apply them to daily life and share fellowship.

Please contact Ryan on 0431 040 310 or just come along.



Caritas AUSTRALIA
First Sunday of Lent
– 21st February
2021

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

The **Justice, Peace & Care for Creation Committee** facilitated by Fr Joe McKay are participating in several initiatives for our Parish. These include: exploring improved recycling and composting in the Parish; forming a Global Catholic Climate Movement - Laudato Si Circle; and simultaneously participating with other faith communities around the world in "sounding the alarm for climate change." In light of this we are having a liturgy at **on 11 March at 10.30am** under the tree in front of the Church and will ring the Franciscan bell in solidarity. This supports the lead up to this year's UN Climate Change meeting in Glasgow (COP26). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in.

Secular Franciscan Order

This year is the 800th anniversary of the Third Order of the Secular Franciscans 1221 -- 2021.

In 1221 St Francis established the Third Order now called the Secular Franciscan Order. St Francis saw the need to establish an order for people living in the world and pursuing their ordinary lives. He drew up a very simple rule of life which any good earnest catholic might easily observe. Members of the Kedron Parish are welcome to join the Secular Franciscans who meet each third Sunday of the month. All are welcomed.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 February

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
St Anthony Board Meeting 6.00pm
Taekwondo 6.30pm
Choir Practice 7.15pm

Tuesday 23 February

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am
Dessert & Discussion 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 February

Mass 9.00am
Delamore Anointing Mass 4.45pm
RCIA 6.00pm

Thursday 25 February

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass

Friday 19 February

Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Padua Mass 10.50am

Saturday 20 February

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 21 February

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am (Children's)
Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am**.

Everyone is very welcome to the St Clare's Room at the back of the church near the sacristy.

Children's Liturgy & Mass

Our Children's Liturgy on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9.30am Mass resumes in February. Our Children's Mass is on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

For more information, contact:

Children's Liturgy

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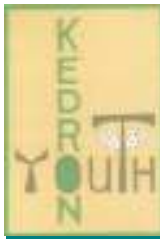
Children's Mass

Mav Green
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Singing Group

Christine Masters
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The "World Day of Prayer Service" this year is to be held at St. Gerard Majella's Church commencing at **10.30am on Friday 5th March 2021**. The service is followed by Morning Tea. All are invited and welcome to attend. Because of COVID it will be important to book in prior to attendance. This can be done either via the St Gerard Majella Parish website as from 22nd February, OR, you may contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669 or Marie Jones on 0407 756 662 who can arrange the booking for you. We look forward to praying together at this Ecumenical Service which this year will focus on Vanuatu."



Join other youth this
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st
AT LITTLE FLOWER PARISH HALL
3.30pm TO 5.00pm
SCHOOL YEARS 4 to 7

- Introduction and prayer
- Icebreaker
- Just Dance
- Outdoor Activities
- Thanks and Closing Prayer
- Food (Chips, poppers and snacks)

For further information contact:
 kedron@bne.catholic.net.au
 or Jaimi Santhosh 0421 418 861
 Organised by Jesus Youth Queensland.



REPORT FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (Feb 11th 2021)

Dear Parishioners,

It's mid-February and it feels a little strange wishing you all a Happy 2021, but the Parish Pastoral Council had its first meeting of 2021 last week. This year, following each meeting, we will include a short bulletin in the newsletter with what we discussed.

Firstly, this year's PPC is Father Mario of course, me as Chair, Michael Tyrell as Deputy Chair, Carmel Burroughs as Secretary, Mav Green, Camille Feng, Paula Goodwin, Floyd Godinho, Thomas McCrae and one vacant position we are hoping to fill soon. Sandra, Peter Ivers from Finance Council, and a member of the St Anthony's leadership team is also always present. A big thank you to each one of them for their contributions.

In this meeting, we spoke about some of the goals for the PCC for the coming year. I will publish these in a one-page flyer with each of the photos of your PPC. We'd love your feedback. We also spoke of some *themes* that our Parish might adopt:

- Growing in Prayerfulness and Faith
- Welcoming and including others
- Connecting with one another and beyond ourselves
- Living sustainably and caring for Creation

Once again, any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding feedback, we will repurpose the letter box as the back of the Church to accept your feedback/suggestions for the PPC. A pen and note pad will be there or you can draft something at home and drop it in. You are also very welcome to email or text me at any time. We also discussed Parish surveys as a way of asking you how you think we're going.

In keeping with our goals and the themes, we worked through strategies which might help to achieve our goals and discussed that it would be important to use different methods for the diverse groups of Parishioners. One size will not fit all.

There are several opportunities that if we capitalise on, will help us to achieve our goals. Some we already do well, some we want to do better - for example, our connection with the FOTH schools, including children in the offertory procession, our music ministry, the Homilies, each taking the responsibility to touch the lives of one other who may be looking for an *invitation* to reconnect with their faith.

Stay tuned for some events this year which will all be focussed on our goals. The PPC will meet every second month so please do get in touch.

Johnny De Angelis

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 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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Join us for Encounter Kedron for youth in School Yrs 7 & up.
Sunday 21 February, 6.30-8.30pm.
 Come together for music & song, inspiring talks, meeting friends, and fun!

Join us also for the Sunday 5.30pm Mass beforehand which will be led by the Encounter Kedron music team

Mark our groundsman has asked if there are any parishioner who have any Bromeliads in their garden can they please spare some clippings for our parish garden. If you can please bring the to the office or leave them at the church. Thank you.



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| <p>Please pray for our recently deceased: Carmel Healey, Luigi Pizzica, Andrew Lythall, Graham Sherman, Lorna Bowd</p> <p>and those whose Anniversaries occur about now: Robin Sharry, Bobbie Miscamble, John Currie, Sarina Caruso, Bernie Butler, Linden Graham, William Lambert, Winifred Taylor WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.</p> | <p>NEXT WEEKS READINGS Second Sunday of Lent - 28 February 2021</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10</p> |
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Something for the Kids...



The season of Lent is a special time when we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. What things can you do to try and be more like Jesus during the forty days of Lent?

After he was baptised, Jesus was sent into the desert by the Holy Spirit. Draw Jesus in the desert.

Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do. Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.

You see money lying on the ground at school

What do you do?

- You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- You leave it where it is.

You forget to do your homework

What do you do?

- You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

You break your mum's favourite vase when playing basketball in the hallway

What do you do?

- You tell your mum that the cat knocked it over.
- You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.

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

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.



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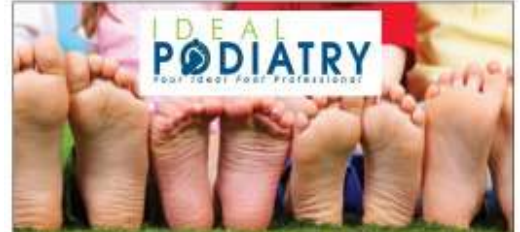
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