

# Something for the Kids...



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

What things can you do to make people feel welcome in your home?



Jesus wants us to listen to what he says. Draw yourself listening to Jesus. What is Jesus saying to you?



## MARTHA AND MARY

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Luke 10:38-42

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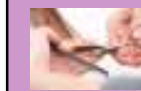
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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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: For one hour after the 8am Mass  
 Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until the start of Friday 8am Mass

## RECONCILIATION

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

## SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco  
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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 July 2022 — Yr C  
 1st Reading - [Gen 18:20-32](#)  
 2nd Reading - [Col 2:12-14](#)  
 Gospel - [Lk 11:1-13](#)

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 July 2022 (YEAR C)

## Reflection...

A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven.

St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven.

Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in.

Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.'

'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".'

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away.

When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons.

These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 18 July

Mass 8.00am  
Adoration after Mass  
Taekwondo 4.30pm,  
5.45 & 7.00pm  
Padua House Mass 6.30pm  
(Quintavalle House)

### Tuesday 18 July

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am  
Parent Information 7.00pm  
(First Holy Communion)

### Wednesday 20 July

Mass 9.00am  
Safeguarding Audit 10.00am  
Parent Information 4.30pm  
(First Holy Communion)  
Delamore Mass 4.45pm  
Encounter Leaders 6.00pm  
Conversation on Elder Matters Pt 2  
(at Parish House) 6.30pm

### Thursday 21 July

8.00am Mass  
24hr Perpetual Adoration  
until Friday Mass  
Encounter Youth 6.30pm  
Parish Pastoral Council 6.30pm

### Friday 22 July

Mass 8.00am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am  
(at Delamore)  
Padua Mass 10.50am

### Saturday 23 July

Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

### Sunday 24 July

Mass 7.30am & 9.30am  
Enrolment Mass 4.00pm  
(First Holy Communion)  
Mass 5.30pm

### Please pray for our recently deceased:

Sheila Thurlow, Audrey Tanwan, Matilde Jayloni, John Massingham, Michael Bathersby, Remigio Boscaino

### and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Richard and John McNeven, Ivy Martin, Gerrit Janssen, Laurence Sherrington, Dr Frank Lonergan, Anthony O'Brien, Derek Young, Rose Graham, Lin and Yvonne Graham, Anita Lambert, Freddie Novisteros, Tom and Sarah Keating, Clair Murphy, Angus Robertson, Rocco Raineri, Ron D'Arx, Jack Hennessy, Anne McManus, Peter Moran, Joe Hennessy

## LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our Kedron Parish Christian Meditation group meets each **Friday at 9.00am** in the Chat Room at Delamore Retirement Community. Everyone is very welcome.

**ENCOUNTER TERM 3** JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

### STORIES SERIES

14.07.22 setting up for the term	18.08.22 ALL IN NIGHT
21.07.22 ALL IN NIGHT	25.08.22 stories pt.2
28.07.22 stories pt.1	01.09.22 oh i'm too busy
04.08.22 why compare?	08.09.22 when i need help
11.08.22 ways that i've encountered God	15.09.22 ALL IN NIGHT

**THIS TERM**  
we're going to be opening up our stories series. You'll get to hear the teams stories of how they've encountered God and what that means for them and how that has changed their lives! Join us on Thursdays for a night of community, games, dinner and fun. We can't wait to see you this term!

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FROM 6:30PM - 8:30PM @ LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH HALL

## Conversation on 'Elder Matters' (Final Session)

The experience of ageing is as unique as each individual and so can present both gifts and challenges throughout our lives. As we grow older, the challenges often become more prominent and confronting, and can impact our independence, family relationships, confidence, faith and general wellbeing.

As families and loved ones, we are also affected as we experience vicariously these many and complex challenges of ageing, and struggle to understand how best to promote and support wellbeing, while also reminding our loved ones of their ongoing worth and wisdom.

Do you want to know more? Join us for two evening sessions of input, reflection and discussion led by Trish Carroll.

These conversations will provide an opportunity to discuss:

- Our uniquely lived transitions and experiences of ageing,
- Acknowledgment of wisdom, talents and contributions,
- Complexities of elder care, and
- The importance of self-care and sustenance.

Trish Carroll is a Kedron parishioner who is a Psychologist and Founder of *Elder Matters* – a private practice focussed on supporting individuals who are experiencing the challenges of ageing and/or life transitions.

When: Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6.30-7.30pm  
Where: The Parish House – 134 Somerset Road, Kedron

Please contact Sandra at the Parish Office on 33576640 or email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) if you will be attending.

## First Holy Communion

Our Sacramental Programme is family-centred and Parish-based. It is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for our children. In this context, children can better learn what it means to be a Catholic.

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](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Key Dates for First Holy Communion

Enrolments: **Close on July 19th**

#### A. Information Session

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm or  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm**

at the church of St Therese & St Anthony, 80 Turner Rd, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, where there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, details of the program and the giving out of resources.

#### B. Enrolment Mass

**All children with at least one parent are required to attend Mass on:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm**

#### C. Workshop

(One parent must attend, and please no siblings)

**August 21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

#### D. First Holy Communion Masses

**You are welcome to book your child to any Mass over two weekends but there will be limits on the number of First Holy Communion families at each Mass:**

**Saturday August 27th (5:00pm),  
Sunday August 28th (9:30am or 5:30pm),**

**Saturday September 3rd (5:00pm), or  
Sunday September 4th (9:30am)**

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Do you have one hour to spare on a Tuesday morning, every 2nd month?

That's all it takes to become a volunteer at the Parish's outreach program of assisting with Meals on Wheels. The centre is located at Mawson Street, just off Turner Road. Information on the delivery process is provided. If you are interested please contact me and I can provide an overview. Thanks for considering this. Lydia Kirby, Coordinator, 0418 918 728.

**To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email**, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door or give it to Fr Mario or Rob.

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## Parish Laudato Si' Event



*The earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone (Pope Francis, Laudato Si Chapter 2)*

You are invited to share in a community forum where we can explore the message in Laudato Si and grow in knowledge so that we are better equipped to care for our Common Home.

Our Guest Speaker is Alice Carwardine, from Catholic Earthcare. She will explore the '8 steps to ecological dialogue' and unlock the 7 Laudato Si Goals, outlined in the encyclical. We will be introduced to the Earthcare Families & Individuals Program. This program supports us in our efforts to live Laudato Si at home.

**Date: 30 July 9.30am - 12 noon**  
**Venue: Kedron Parish Hall, 80 Turner Rd Kedron**  
**Booking: Little Flower Parish Office, Kedron**  
**Phone: 3357-6640**  
**Email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)**

## Parish Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2022-2023 Financial year Planned Giving Envelopes are available at the back of the church from this weekend. THANK YOU to all those who generously give in support of the parish through our planned giving. It is essential for the life of the parish. Please contact Sandra at the Parish office on [kedon@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedon@bne.catholic.net.au) if you would like to join our planned giving program.

**The Samaritan Community Tuesday Morning Activities at 9.30am in the Parish Hall** is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Welcome on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



## St Stephen's Cathedral Primary School Reunion

All past students and teachers are invited  
**Sunday 24th July 2022**  
**10.00am Mass - Cathedral of St Stephen**  
Followed by Morning Tea in the Hanly Room  
Enquires and bookings  
**Connie Costa Massadi – 0415 592 155**  
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