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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

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Ph: 0448 356 599

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—15th January 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Some of us remember the provocative and frightening 1991 film *Silence of the Lambs*.

The image in the title refers to a childhood memory of CIA agent, Clarice Starling. In her interviews with the psychopath Dr Lecter, he gets her to talk about how she still wakes at night hearing the cry of the lambs as they were led to slaughter on her uncle's farm. This is a pivotal moment in Thomas Harris' book and the film. It is the leverage Dr Lecter needs to unsettle and unravel Clarice's well-formed defences. Clarice is revealed as vulnerable, because of the grief she carries from the violent deaths she has seen.

I remember empathising with Clarice's memory of the lambs. When I was a child I saw many sheep slaughtered on my family's properties. I can still see my uncle selecting one of them, holding it in the pen before its execution and then watching him do the deed. The scene should have been enough to turn me into a vegetarian! Alas, I got over my pity for the animal and enjoyed roast lamb a few nights later.

John's use of the metaphor of the sacrificial lamb in reference to Jesus in today's Gospel is meant to engender a similar empathy to that of the childhood memories of Clarice Starling. While there are many jokes about the stupidity of sheep, lambs still claim a spot in the hardest heart. They are pure, white, fluffy and defenceless. They demand nurture. And like their parents they don't seem able to smell danger very easily. They follow where they're led, even to execution.

For the agrarian Jews of Jesus' time the sacrifice of a lamb demonstrated how serious they were about atoning for their sins. Jewish law dictated that a lamb had to be killed at least once a year, at Passover. Such a sacrifice cost the shepherd big time. Lambs were currency. This was tithing writ large.

Saying Jesus is the Lamb of God is a shorthand way of telling us two things. The first is that Jesus is God's most precious gift; God's own self, given to the world that we might know how serious God is about us. God can give us nothing more than Jesus. As a result of Jesus' innocent suffering and death there is no need for any lambs to be religiously slaughtered ever again. We need to keep hearing this message because some Christians get caught into glorifying Jesus' suffering so much they get trapped in their own world of pain and go looking for more. Jesus never sought out suffering. He bore what came his way. And the same must be true for us. Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. Most of us don't need to look for more suffering in our lives because we share in the Lamb of God's sacrifice in the ordinary downs of our lives.

Secondly, John would have known that 'talya', the Aramaic word for sheep, is the same word used for servant. The first hearers of this Gospel would have known it too. Jesus, then, is the servant who brings us the truth we need for life, who answers our deepest desires to know that our existence has meaning and purpose and he opens up for us the life beyond this one, where there will be no more weeping or sadness.

Jesus shows us that when we are baptised into his death and enter his service we also share in his resurrection and glory because he bears, and bears away, the sins of the world.

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"We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera People in Brisbane, and the Gubbi Gubbi People at Pomona as the traditional custodians, past, present, and emerging, of the land and waters where Kedron Parish stands. We pay our respects to them".

PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK

Monday 16 January

Mass 8.00am

SVdP Meeting 7.00pm

(Parish office)

Tuesday 17 January

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 18 January

Mass 9.00am

Funeral 10.30am

(Arthur Pitty)

Mass 4.45pm

(Delamore)

Thursday 19 January

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 20 January

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Funeral 2.30pm

Saturday 21 January

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 22 January

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Arthur Pitty, Dorothy Smith, Patricia Pipe, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsn, Agnes Mines, Nona Catali, Frank Trabucco, Bill Cox, Hazel Magowan, Herb Oliver, Stephen Jones, **and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:**

John Hegarty, Tracey Ihle, Clair Brown, Marie Davis, Peter Moran, Carmelo Angi, Elena Nedtran, Bernard O'Shea & Family, Scott Hughes, Ronald O'Malley, Nolita & Melanio Cabrega, Elaine Ryan, Bill & Pat Ryan,

Baptism Preparation

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates. Further details can be obtained from the parish office

(33576640) or

email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Our next baptismal Information will be

Saturday 4th February at 11.00am

Secular Franciscan Order

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 welcome.



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SVdP- Thank you for generosity

The Little Flower Vinnies conference would like to whole heartedly thank the Kedron parish and community for their generous support of the conference this year, particularly with the Giving Tree and hamper delivery this Christmas. Our first meeting back will be:

16 January, 7pm at Parish House.

New members always welcome.

SPARE "DUMP" VOUCHERS?

You would be surprised at just how much green waste and other waste accumulates around our Parish. We are always in need of BCC waste vouchers. If you have any spare and would like to donate them simply leave them at the Parish office or in the sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

Hearing Loop...

Our Parish has a HEARING LOOP to assist those parishioners who have hearing difficulties. To use this device you need to sit in the front seven pews either side of the main aisle. If you are not hearing the celebration of the Mass using this device please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

WHS Incident Report. Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd January 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Is 8:23 – 9:3](#)

2nd Reading - [1 Cor 1:10-13, 17](#)

Gospel - [Mt 4:12-23](#) or [Mt 4:12-17](#)

Divine Will Prayer Group meets monthly at the Parish Hall. Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom' as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"



CAN YOU SERVE?

Serving on the altar is a unique and engaging way of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays. The parish is seeking young people who have already made their First Communion who would like to be a part of the Altar Servers' Team. All that is involved is a commitment to be part of this beautiful ministry and a brief training session. Altar servers are then put on a roster (generally once a month). Parents, if you think your son or daughter would benefit from participating in this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 33576640 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

Friday Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like to be part of an intercessory prayer group and help make a difference, you are invited to join others following the Parish 8.00am Mass **every SECOND FRIDAY**, in front of the Tabernacle in the church. Spontaneous prayer will be encouraged. for the many needs of our Parish, our world, families and friends, indeed for many issues which need holy intervention. It is intended that the prayers will go no longer than twenty minutes or so and will conclude with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

In his World Day of Peace message 1 January 2010, Pope Benedict chose as his theme, "If you want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation.....not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 198) and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence.....that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying". "Can we disregard the growing phenomenon of environmental refugees.....actual and potential conflicts involving access to natural resources.....right to life, food, health....?"

Kedron Parish Finance Council

Our deepest gratitude to so many parishioners who are contributing financially to the parish. There are many ways to contribute to supporting our parish mission financially:

- Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver – the weekend Mass collection plate
- Our \$10 Tap N Go box in the Church
- The Parish Giving App is set-up for parishioners to electronically connect to the parish for regular and/or one-off giving. To download the App on to your mobile phone or device.
- Direct Debit: You are welcome to do a direct transfer to our parish bank account:
BSB 064786; Acc No. 10000 3991
Ref your name and Envelope No (if you have one).

The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan Friars and their work.

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. **A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.**

The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically) Once again a huge thank you for your continued support. Kedron Parish Finance Council.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PREPARATION 2023

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation thus relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The First Reconciliation program is for children in

School Year 5 and above.

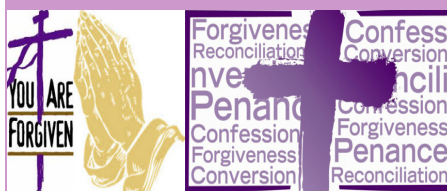
If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please contact Maria Hopes, Sacramental Coordinator at:

**sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au or
call the parish office for an enrolment form.**

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of their preparation for this sacrament. Please note these important dates:

Reconciliation Evening:


**Monday 6th March
4.00pm - 6.30pm
(at the Parish Church)**




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 .

Name: _____ Email: _____


Something for the Kids...

 Here is the Lamb of God

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

 Jesus baptised his disciples with the Holy Spirit. Draw yourself being baptised by Jesus.

John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God, because he was the pure and spotless gift to God the Father. What can we do to be pure and spotless in the eyes of God?



Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus

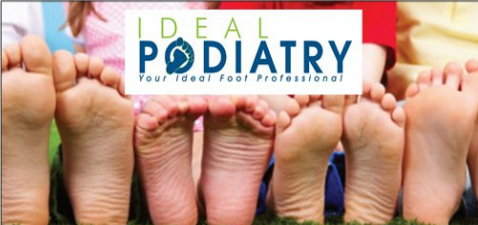
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Key: D E F G H I N O S T

Code: [Heart] [Fire] [Fish] [Chalice] [Cup] [Bread] [Lamb] [Tree] [Heart] [Fire]

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Police Check and Blue Cards 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.

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