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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—22rd January 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Recently I was shocked by a Catholic woman who told me she didn't care very much for her local Bishop. She enumerated the many faults and failings of her diocese and its leader and then highly praised Pope John Paul II.

It's hard to argue with her admiration of the Pope, but unknowingly, she was falling into the same trap to which the community at Corinth was prey. Unfortunately, my acquaintance thought that her Catholic identity primarily came from her communion with the Bishop of Rome. She felt she could bypass her local bishop, 'because he's too trendy', and 'deal direct' with the Pope. She told me she saw the Pope as her bishop. The problem with her position is that it is not Catholic!

All of us in the Church are called to pray for, support and follow the lead of the Holy Father. But our Catholic identity comes from our communion with our local church, in and through its bishop, who is in turn, in communion with the Bishop of Rome. This is what the five-yearly ad limina visits are all about: a brother bishop sharing with the Pope the graces and challenges in his local Church and reaffirming the Catholic faith that unites all of us as members of the same universal Church.

Soon after Jesus called the apostles, disputes broke out among them. We know from the whole of the New Testament that there were serious disagreements between the earliest leaders in the Church. Their different temperaments and missions led to several misunderstandings. What St Paul found in Corinth, however, was a fractured Church, pleading allegiances to different leaders over and against Jesus. He teaches the Corinthians a critical lesson in being Church: we are all one under Jesus' leadership. Christ is the head of the Church.

Within ancient and clear limits the Church has a wonderful diversity, a plurality of expression, emphasis and culture. It's always been like this. It means the Church is taking seriously its role of finding Christ in every place and every community in the world. The moment we pit one local Church against the other ('I prefer the Pope to my bishop') we lose the Catholic communion in Christ Jesus which holds us together.

Paul tells us preaching the Cross of Jesus is the mission of the Church. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel that teaching, preaching and healing are the hallmarks of his ministry. And the same should hold for us. No matter how differently any local church might develop, the Bishop of Rome confirms in the faith Bishops who continue to preach Christ crucified, teach in Christ's name, heal the sick and reconcile the estranged.

That's what makes us Catholic and why today we need to listen again and very carefully, to Paul's admonition, 'I beg you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose.'

To the degree to which we live this out in our communion with our local successor to the Apostles, the more chance all members of the Church have to use the energy and gifts given at baptism to do what Christ wants of the Church: to change the world for good and be a beacon of the saving Christ's gifts – faith, hope and charity.

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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 23 January Mass 8.00am

Tuesday 24 January Mass 8.00am **Rosary after Mass** Padua Welcome Liturgy 9.30am

Wednesday 25 January

Mass 9.00am **Mass** 4.45pm (Delamore)

Thursday 26 January (Australia Day) Mass 8.00am (Cuppa after Mass) 24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 27January Mass 8.00am **Christian Meditation** 9.00am (Delamore) Mass Padua 10.50am

Saturday 28January Reconciliation 4.00pm **Mass** 5.00pm

Sunday 29 January Mass 7.30am, 9.30am Mass 5.30pm



Australia Day Mass: Celebrate Australia Day with the parish community at a special Mass at 9am on Thursday 26th January, to be followed by laming-Australia Day tons and a cuppa. All are welcomed.

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Teresita Ranarid, Arthur Pitty, Dorothy Smith, Patricia Pipe, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsn, Agnes Mines, Nona Catali, Frank Trabucco, 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,

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

Aid to the A message from Aid to the Church in Need Aus-Church in Need **tralia:** ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. AUSTRALIA Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to

aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit https://aidtochurch.org/ monthlyproject



TRIUMPH-LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023 With Ash Wednesday occurring on 22nd February you are invited to join us this Lent for a series of reflections and prayers as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. Please indicate your interest by contacting the parish office so that we can order your book.

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.

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| 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time | OLD GREETINGS CARDS For many years I have been giving a second life to unwanted, used greetings car some of you may have purchased some of my creations from the piety store. If you have any cards that you have no use for - Christmas, Birthday, Thank you, |
| 1st Reading - <u>Zep 2:3; 3:12-13</u> 2nd Reading - <u>1 Cor 1:26-31</u> Gospel - <u>Mt 5:1-12</u> | Easter, Sympathy etc, I would be happy to relieve you of them. You could drop them off at the parish office or at church. Clean envelopes of any size would also be very welcome. Marion |



Back To School - Busyness returns to our roads and daily lives this week with the resumption of school. In welcoming all families back for term 1 it is an opportune moment to remind all parents and parishioners to be conscious of the young students whenever you enter or leave St Anthony's, Padua College and Mt Alvernia – "thank you".



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

Laudato Si

Lisbon is the city chosen by Pope Francis for the next international edition of World Youth **D**ay, 1 to 6 August 2023.

WYD's are religious and cultural events which bring together hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world for about a week. WYD was born at the initiative of Pope John Paul II in 1985. Laudato Si' Movement in conjunction with Global Tree Initiative (GTI) ask people to plant trees to offset the carbon dioxide emissions of pilgrims travelling to the event : <u>https://</u>

laudatosimovement.org/news/trees-to-offset-wydlisbon-2023-carbon-footprint/ Follow the challenge

here: https://lisboa2023.org/en/article/wyd-lisbon-2023launches-global-tree-planting-challenge.

Follow the GTI map of trees planted: <u>https://</u> plantgrowsave.org/ 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 <u>all</u> 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 RECONCILATION PREPARATION 2023

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, familycentred 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:



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