

#### PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 3.00pm Friday 8.30am - 12.00pm

PARISH TEAM Fr Joseph Nguyen ofm Parish Priest

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Parish Manager Email: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

Mrs Maria Hopes Sacramental Coordinator sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au

#### PARISH SCHOOL

**St Anthony's School** *Mr Martin Wilkie - Principal* Ph: 3357 6185 Email: pkedron@bne.catholic.edu.au www.stanthonyskedron.qld.edu.au

#### RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday8.00am and Tuesday 8.00amWednesday9.00amThursday8.00am and 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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

**BAPTISMS** 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am (unless of another event that day) (Booking is essential)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 1st, 2nd and 3th Sunday of the Month - 9.30am (School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS 4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am (School term only)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE Mrs Sandra Di Francesco Ph: 0448 356 599 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—5th February 2023 (YEAR A)

#### Reflection...

Doctors and dietitians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

More positively Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

My professor of liturgy used to say 'Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.' This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.

**Richard Leonard SJ** 

"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 6 February Mass 8.00am Adoration after Mass Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 7 February Mass 8.00am SVdP Planning 10.00am Rosary after Mass Padua Yr 12 Liturgy 5.00pm

Wednesday 8 February Mass 9.00am Padua Yr 5 Belonging Liturgy 1.00pm

> <u>Thursday 9 February</u> Mass 8.00am 24hr Perpetual Adoration Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 10 February Mass 8.00am Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am St Anthony's Opening Mass 9.15am Christian Meditation 9.00am (Delamore) Mass Padua 10.50am

> Saturday 11 February Memorial Service 1.00pm (Ralph Espino) Reconciliation 4.00pm Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12 February Mass 7.30am, 9.30am Mass 5.30pm

#### Please pray for our recently deceased:

Margaret Collis(Sullivan), Raymond Ranario, Henry Milton, Giuseppe (Joe) Anello, Teresita Ranario, Arthur Pitty, Dorothy Smith, Patricia Pipe, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsm, Agnes Mines, Nona Catali,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now: Audrey Robson, Bernie Butler, Catherine O'Malley, John Hegarty, Tracey Ihle, Clair Brown, Marie Davis, Peter Moran, Carmelo Angi,

#### **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

#### The Samaritan Community The Samaritan will be staring back on Tuesday 14th February Thank you on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



**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.

#### Laudato Si

This week the Federation of the Catholic Bishops of Oceania met. Their prayer was: "Guide our Bishops of Oceania ...to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church." They can be a voice for the oceans and islands against causes of sea level rise and against deep sea mining destruction which is occurring at scale and speed. In terms of the adage, "Think Global Act Local", people from Kedron continue to be inspired by our recycling efforts across our community.

#### **Anointing Mass**



Anointing Mass will occur on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Our first Anointing Mass will start on 1st March at our 9.00am mass.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"The WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Ecumenical Service for 2023 will be held on Friday 3rd March, 2023 at the CKCC Uniting Church which is located on the Cnr of Rode Road and Gympie Highway Chermside. It will commence at 10.30am and will be followed by Morning Tea. TAIWAN is the focus of our prayers this year. This is an opportunity to join in prayer with other Christian denominations in our region. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 February 2023 — Yr A	<b>Piety Store</b> The Little Black Books for Lent have arrived. They will be on sale at masses this weekend for \$5.00.
1st Reading - <u>Sir 15:15-20</u> 2nd Reading - <u>1 Cor 2:6-10</u> Gospel - <u>Mt 5:17-37</u> or <u>Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33</u>	SPARE "DUMP" VOUCHERS? You would be surprised at just how much green waste and other waste accumulates around our Parish. We are al- ways in need of BCC waste vouchers. If you have any
24.27	spare and would like to donate them simply leave them at the Parish office or in the sacristy after Mass. Thank you.



# 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)

#### Did you Know???



This week (Wed 8 Feb), we will see the 100-year anniversary of the death of Minnie Cooke, to whom our stained-glass window of St Therese, the Little Flower, was dedicated by her older sister, Eliza McMullen, a Kedron parishioner.

Born at sea on the immigrant ship "Beejapore" on 18 June 1863, Minnie was named Mary after her mother. Her parents, Mary Jane (nee Morrow) and George Cooke and 7-year-old sister, Eliza, were all born in county Armagh, Northern Ireland. A brother, John, was born in Brisbane in 1866.

Minnie never married and worked as a draper's assistant at T.C. Beirne & Co, living with her mother in Fortitude Valley. She died at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane, aged 59, on 8 February 1923 and is buried in the Lutwyche cemetery with her mother who died in 1921. There is no headstone but Minnie is memorialized on the window that survived a storm that destroyed the church and it has graced all three Kedron parish churches.



#### **Enrolments Prep 2024 - Open Now**

If you have a daughter or son who will be commencing Prep in 2024, please click on the following link to complete the online application. Applications for PREP 2024 close on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may be considering a Prep 2024 enrolment at St Anthony's.

Prep 2024 enrolments close on 28 February 2023.

Eligible birth dates Children Born - 1 July 2018—30 June 2019 Eligible for Prep Year 2024

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...

