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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am and Tuesday 8.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 8.00am and 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

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)

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm
(Parish Office)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco
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3rd Sunday of Lent—12th March 2023 (YEAR A)

Our Sacred Site

As you know, the Muslims face Mecca when they pray. One sees the men kneeling in rows, faces touching the ground. It is a profound gesture of humility which is quite moving.

But when we Christians pray, we do not face Jerusalem or Nazareth or Rome. Why not? The answer lies in today's Gospel.

The Jewish people worshipped at the temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mt Gerizem.

Each group believed that God's glorious presence was grounded, was earthed, in a way special and exclusive to that place, such that it was only there that true worship could be given to God.

But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this Mountain nor in Jerusalem ... true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

Jesus uses a word for 'to worship' which means to incline the whole body, so Jesus is saying: true worship is the orientation of oneself, the inclining of oneself, body and mind, oriented to God who is never confined to a place.

This is radical stuff.

I don't think Jesus would be against pilgrimages where his followers might deepen their faith by visiting places significant in his ministry, or in the life of the Church since then.

But, he is adamantly against any attempt to confine the presence of God to a particular sacred site.

Jesus Christ is our sacred site. God is dwelling in the person of Jesus. In his earthly ministry this was at places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need ('when you did this to the least, you did it to me'), and in the heavenly bread, the sacrament of His Presence.

In both cases, we need to incline the body as an act of worship.

In the case of the needy, by doing something practical, even something which gets us bruised and dirty, in the words of Pope Francis.

In the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, sometimes prostrating, before the Blessed Sacrament which is Our Risen Lord's presence for us.

The Risen Lord *is* our sacred site.

This is only one aspect of the very long Gospel passage we have heard. That passage recounts an amazing encounter between a Jewish male and a Samaritan female, breaking all the taboos of ethnic chauvinism and religious discrimination.

But, Jesus was quite at ease with this woman *as a person*, leading her to some inkling of the truth as to His true identity. Even so, she didn't quite get there.

She went back to tell the townspeople of her encounter, and it was they who eventually saw the truth of who He was:

'We know that He indeed is the Saviour of the World.'

He the One who will save us, rescue us from the petty confines of geographical fixation, from the destructive impulses of ethnic and religious hatreds,

He is the One who will emphasise *our common humanity* as we all worship God in spirit and truth.

We should prayerfully thank the woman at the well who decided to engage in some very indiscreet banter with this travelling Jew.

And we should join with that little band of Samaritan townspeople who were able to say of Jesus: 'We know that He indeed is *the Saviour of the World.*'

© Fr Michael Tate

"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 13 March

Mass 8.00am

Adoration after Mass

Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Choir Practise 7.15pm

Tuesday 14 March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 15 March

Mass 9.00am

Delamore 4:45pm

Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm

Thursday 16 March

Mass 8.00am

24hr Perpetual Adoration

Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 17 March

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Christian Meditation 9.00am

(Delamore)

Funeral 10:30am

(for the late Francesca Canterella)

Saturday 18 March

Wedding 2:00pm

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 12 March

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Secular Franciscan Order 9:30am

(St Francis Hall Padua)

Stations of the Cross rehearsal 1.00pm

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Francesca Canterella, Vincenzina Cavallaro,
Margaret Collis(Sullivan), Raymond Ranario,
Henry Milton,

**and those whose Anniversaries occur
about now:**

Robin Sharry, Joe Fresta, James Clunie Stark,
Leonardo Caruso, Jayloni family, John Currie,
Bernabela Ferrer, Norine Mullins, Bernadette
Okely, Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens, Jack
Lindau, Arch McKellar, Paul Hotchkis,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

19 March 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13](#)

2nd Reading - [Eph 5:8-14](#)

Gospel - [Jn 8:12](#) or [Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38](#)

Laudat Si

"Everything is connected" is central to understanding 'ecologies' and Laudato Si! Spirituality, theology, anthropology, philosophy and science are intimately linked.

Franciscan Action Network (USA) – A guide to living Laudato Si – Part 1

<https://franciscanaction.org/protect-our-future-a-guide-to-living-out-laudato-si/>

Fr Denis Edwards explores the evolution of theological thought about the natural world: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmRtUDDaP90>

'catholic' means "whole". As Catholics 'whole' means everything, everywhere all the time. Dr Saul Griffith addresses our 'now' energy situation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ8-uAhG-zs&t=7s>

Parish Notice from Fr Joseph.

It has been over a month now since I returned to this Parish Community and it is indeed a great joy to be back. Thank you very much every one of you for your warm welcome.

As you are aware, the reality of our Franciscan Community in Kedron is that there are only two Friars, Fr Joe McKay and myself, to manage the Parish, schools, pastoral and hospital visits. With the reduced number of Friars, it is quite challenging for masses to be covered whenever needed. I have discussed this matter with Fr Joe, for him to help with a regular Parish daily mass, unfortunately, he is unable to do so due to his commitment with Padua College.

It is important that we Friars provide masses and sacraments for all those who would like to attend. It is also important that we sometimes need to look after our own well-being and be refreshed.

After consultation with Fr Joe and our Parish Staff, I would like to inform you, that from Easter (09-04-2023) onwards, there will be no Monday morning mass until further notice. Rob Byrne (our Sacristan) and myself will take Monday as our day off from Parish commitments.

We also invite those who attend adoration after mass on Monday morning, if possible, to try and re-arrange your time and join with other adorers any time from Thursday Morning after mass to 7.30am Friday Morning every week.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM

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.

**Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday after Mass at 8.30am**



**Third Sunday of Lent
11 & 12 March**

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons.

Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current

drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



ENCOUNTER SEASON 1

JOIN US FOR
GOOD
TIMES

16TH OF MARCH
look up

23RD OF MARCH
beauty of creation

30TH OF MARCH
EOS Finale
(SOCIAL)

SEASON 1

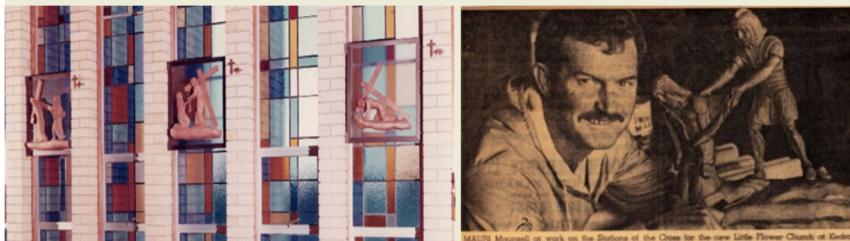
2023 - 4 Seasons **HD**

friends + good times + free food. This season is about diving into why we live out the faith, and how the church is maybe more relevant than you think!

PARISH HALL . 6:30PM - 8:30PM . THURSDAYS

Did you Know???

Mauri E. Maunsell from Wavell Heights / Northgate was just 23 years old when he was commissioned by Fr Brendan Rogers OFM to create the stations of the cross for the new Kedron church opened on 30 March 1969. He used Queensland pencil cedar and it is also believed that he carved the panels in the celebrant's chair on the altar. Mauri continued a successful career in sculpting and also became a creative jeweller.



MAURI Maunsell at work on the Stations of the Cross for the new Little Flower Church of Kedron

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Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese; parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy, this event is for everyone.

The Summit is intended to **empower, inspire and equip** delegates to engage in the mission of the Church.

We will converge in the city's inner-west as Archbishop Mark Coleridge **shares his vision and priorities for the Archdiocese.**

The Summit will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Masterclasses
- Panel discussions with a focus on mission, faith communities, and prayer

Moments for personal encounter with Christ through prayer, praise, and Eucharist

"In this change of era we need our lamps to burn brightly as we go out to meet him who is the light... This Summit is for everyone, I hope to see you there!"

+Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane



Little Flower Church Stations of the cross

Once again the parish is doing a reenactment of the Stations on the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help reenact the stations. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

First Rehearsal:
Time 5th of March 2023
Where: Little Flower Church

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Is your Superannuation fuelling climate change by funding coal, oil and gas projects?

Come share, learn, and discuss what actions we Parishioners can take.

Attend our free multi-faith groups by registering for one of these **free 90-minute** online Australian Religious Response to Climate Change workshops about **SUPERANNUATION** on **Thursday 16 March 2023** for either of these times 11AM - 12:30 PM (QLD) or 6:30PM - 8PM (QLD).

Please register **prior** to the workshop for the **free 90-minute** online session that you wish to attend using the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTMLM>. Recent participants in a superannuation session said:

"I looked into one of my super funds ... and found it rates very badly in terms of fossil fuel investment. I am now thinking about what to can do about this."

This session on **SUPERANNUATION** is part of a series of ARRCC small group sessions covering various aspects of finance and reducing your carbon footprint in *Banking, Superannuation, Insurance, Utilities and Shares.*

Sessions run by Jamie Thom & Sue Ennis from the ARRCC Divestment Group
<https://www.arrcc.org.au/go-fossil-free>

Please contact *St Therese Little Flower parishioner Steve Morris* on 0412 535513 for any queries.

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...

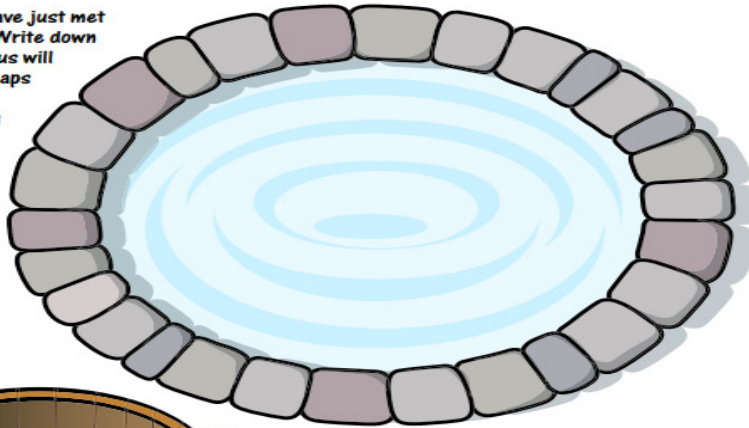


3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

I offer you life-giving water

Imagine that you have just met Jesus at the well. Write down what you think Jesus will ask of you, or perhaps share with him something that you are really in need of in your life right now.

Unscramble the letters in the bucket to reveal who the Samaritan woman discovered Jesus to really be.



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The Samaritan woman led many people to believe in Jesus. How can we share our faith with others?

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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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