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RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

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

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

MondayNO MASS and Tuesday 8.00amWednesday9.00amThursday8.00am and Friday 8.00am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 Ph: 0448 356 599 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 18th June 2023 (YEAR A)

# Reflection...

Damian told me that his life changed when his sister was involved in a car accident that left her with brain injuries. As tragic as this terrible event was for his sister, Damian told me that it was a defining moment for him as well because it enabled him to work out what truly matters, what he took for granted, what he hoped for and whether he could hold on to faith in the face of tragedy.

Damian said that one of the things he learnt in the experience was what not to say to people in grief and shock. He reported that the nicest people said some of the worst things to him and his family. 'It's all God's will and now you just have to accept it.' 'God only gives the biggest crosses to those who can bear it.' 'God was clearly trying to teach you all a lesson and we'll only find out in heaven what she did to deserve this.' He said he wanted to scream. Some of his family have not been back to church since the accident.

The most helpful comment, however, the one that gave Damian and his family the greatest consolation, was, 'I can only imagine what it would be like if it were my sister.' The people who made this comment weren't trying to find an answer for him in his shock and grief; they were trying to struggle with him in his pain and questioning and understand what it might be like.

This response has a name. It's called compassion and it is what today's readings are all about. The Lord claims the Israelites as his treasured possession out of compassion. Saint Paul reminds us that God sent his Son to save us from our own destructiveness because he had compassion on us in our sinfulness. And when Jesus saw the crowds he had compassion for their diseases, sufferings and lack of leadership and he did something about it.

We are called to see the crowds of our own day and be moved with compassion. Compassion asks us to imagine what it's like to be a refugee, homeless, a victim of domestic violence, HIV positive, disabled, substance addicted, a single parent or unemployed.

We may not be able to answer these people's suffering or perhaps for some reason we should not be the ones to respond to their suffering. In either event, what we should do is secondary to how we feel with them.

And often the people we find it hardest to be compassionate toward are the ones to whom we are closest. We often expect so much of our wife or husband, children, friends and parents that we allow the poor to lay a greater claim on our compassion before those we love.

We don't have to be stingy with compassion; there will always be enough to go around. By virtue of our baptism and our coming to this Mass, however, we should be well known for being very compassionate, even foolishly so.

For Jesus doesn't teach us today to solve all the world's problems, just that we have to have the right attitude toward our brothers and sisters, imagining what it's like for them and treating them in the way we would want to be treated.

In the ministry of compassion we are *all* labourers sent out to harvest love in Christ's name; *all* of us are commissioned to confront evil and offer goodness in its place. And *all* of us are called, like the Apostles, to go to every lost sheep, especially the one who may be under our own roof, and offer healing and peace.

No one said following Jesus in this way was easy. Nearly every name read out in today's Gospel died a martyr for our faith. May the way we live be worthy of their example.

So this week when we catch ourselves jumping to an immediate condemnation of someone, let's stop and pray for the gift of compassion. That we might ask, 'What must life be like for you?' At that point, our understanding will be touching the Divine.

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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 19 June NO Mass Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm SVdP meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 20 June Mass 8.00am Rosary after Mass Samaritans 9.30am Encounter WYD 6.00pm

Wednesday 21 June Mass Yr 3 9.00am Mass Delamore 4:45pm Neighbourhood Watch 7.00pm

Thursday 22 June Mass 8.00am 24hr Perpetual Adoration

Friday 23 June Mass 8.00am Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am Christian Meditation 9.00am (Delamore) Padua Mass 10.50am

> Saturday 24 June Reconciliation 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 25June Mass 7.30am, 9.30am Baptisms 11.00am Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased: Pam Byrne, Cecile Falvey, Mem Oliver, and those whose Anniversaries occur about now: Clair Murphy, Cheryl Moran, Sarah and Tom Keating, Rannie Ranario Nedtran, John Vanderbyl, Paul Lynch, Noel and Connie Peach, Roy and Vera Jarrett,

And for those who are sick: Anna Shiraze-Knight

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 June 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - <u>Ex 19:2-6</u> 2nd Reading - <u>Rom 5:6-11</u> Gospel - Mt 9:36 – 10:8

# The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities, is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys. Thank you from on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary(17th June)** Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory of France, founded in 1611 by Cardinal de Berulle and was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1625.

St. John brought people to love Christ and

the Virgin Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Heart, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called.

To offer them liturgical worship, he composed Masses and Offices in their honor and had the first Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary celebrated on February 8, 1648, at Autun (France,) and the Feast of the Heart of Jesus celebrated on October 20, 1672.

He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.

Nevertheless, it was not until after the Apparitions at Rue du Bac concerning the "Miraculous Medal" made to Catherine Labouré in 1830, and the establishment of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories in Paris in 1836, that this particular devotion became really well known. Since then devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at Fatima.

The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his divine heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God.

Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate, that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that he should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings. The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary is our intermediary in this process of consecration.

Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.

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Email:

#### Sacramental Programme 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 and enrolment forms via email at: **sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au** 

# Key Dates for First Holy Communion 2023

Enrolments Open from: June 12th - July 18th

# A. Information Session

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 4pm <u>or</u> Tuesday 18th of July at 7pm at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony,

at the Church of St Therese and St Anthony, 80 Turner Road, Kedron. Please attend one of these sessions, at which there will be an overview of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and details regarding the program.

B. Enrolment Mass All children with one parent are required to attend the following Mass

July 23rd (Sunday) at 4.00pm

C. Workshop (One parent must attend, and please no siblings) August 20 (Sunday) 1.00pm - 3.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Masses August 26th (Saturday) 5:00pm August 27th (Sunday) 9:30am, 5:30pm

September 2nd (Saturday) 5.00pm September 3rd (Sunday) 9.30am

# 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

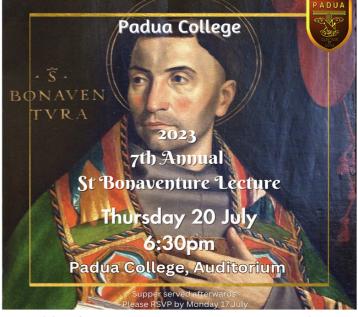
This month of June we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend **10:00am Mass on Wednesday 28th June** at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside, and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.



This term we're diving into the sacraments and how and why God speaks to us through them. Join us and the gang for food, awesome music and a chance to chat and ask questions!



Laudato Si In his Evangelii gaudium - Proclamation of the Gospel in today's world, Pope Francis employs an image for integral ecology: "a



Please join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St Bonaventure Lecture, this year's guest lecturer is Fr Joe McKay ofm. speaking of 'Living the Gospel' as we celebrate the Centisimo of the Franciscan rule of life. Please click on the link below to reserve your spot. <u>https://www.trybooking.com/CJDGZ</u>

**CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE LTD (CCI)** has notified the Archdiocese of Brisbane that its Board on Monday voluntarily placed CCI in a state of "run-off", effective immediately. This follows concerns the Archdiocese relayed to priests earlier this month about CCI's ability to continue providing insurance cover. The archdiocese is in the process of finalising new insurance cover to begin from 1 July 2023. We want to continue a "business as usual" approach across all agencies. Survivors with claims against the Archdiocese are again assured that they will not be impacted. The Archdiocese will honour all legitimate claims out of respect for survivors and our duty to find ways to repair the wrongdoings of the past and to bring healing, where that is possible.

Our Archdiocese remains deeply sorry to survivors for the historic abuse and we will not walk away from any financial responsibilities in the years to come because of the change in insurance model.

Bishop Ken

# PETER'S PENCE APPEAL UPCOMING



Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on 25 June 2023 (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time).

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the

Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

• The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.

• The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, and to

offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

• In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.

many-faceted polyhedron whose different sides form a variegated unity, in which 'the whole is greater than the part'". He wants us to overcome our fragmentation. On our way to an 'eco'logical (common home) vision, there is no escaping thinking about 'eco'nomics, selfinterested or not.

