

PARISH OFFICE AND CONTACTS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

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 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 2 July 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

For all the great things the Church of yesteryear achieved, it also did some terrible things. One of the worst demands it made was that a Catholic who married a person who was not a Catholic did so at a side altar, oratory or in the sacristy of the Church. How humiliating this directive was. For how long were we going to punish the Protestant Reformers and young Catholic woman or man who fell in love with someone from these denominations? In these ecumenical days, it's hard for us to understand these actions.

Today, especially at weddings, I hear older Catholics talk about this experience more than anything else. It's often given as the reason why the person or their family stopped practising their Catholic faith. Recently an older wedding guest told me that her wedding day at the side altar was the last day she came to the Church of her own free will. She never had her children baptised and her painful experience was still palpable forty years on as she compared and contrasted her wedding day with the Catholic marriage ceremony of a couple in a similar religious circumstance to her own which we had just celebrated. All I can do in such circumstances is apologise for the hurt our shortsightedness caused and be full of admiration for those who were subjected to similar treatment but have remained constant to our Catholic community.

These days inter-denominational marriages are rarely the reasons over which a family will divide. But we know that other religious issues can still break up a family. It's always a tragedy when this happens. For example, maybe you've had a son, daughter or a grandchild join a religious sect or cult. It's heartbreaking stuff for parents who wonder what their child sees in the sect and where it will all end.

The Church has sometimes let families down in this regard. Appearing to prefer dogma to the complexities of people's lives, formal liturgy to creating communities of hospitality, care and justice, the church can appear to be out of touch, especially with our young. I know that every person in authority in the Church today knows that the Catholic Church needs to listen to our young people, hear about the issues that concern them and present our faith in a way they find accessible and engaging. Very often it's not what we say about our rich faith, it's how we say it. Many people don't leave the mainstream churches because they are attracted by another group's doctrine, though some do want the world to be very black and white. Many leave for smaller groups offering a tightly knit community.

From today's Gospel we know that the same family heartbreak occurred in the early church. At this time, however, Christianity was the small sect drawing believers away from Judaism, to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. It ripped families apart. The early church became the new family of many followers who were disowned. They lost their life and found a new one in Christ.

There can be moments when a family's lifestyle, beliefs, behaviour or values are such that one member feels that, in conscience, or by conviction, he or she does not belong anymore.

When this happens we can listen carefully to reasons the family member gives. Maybe we have lost something essential in our life together that needs challenging and change. And maybe it's the family member who is in the wrong.

Keeping the lines of communication open, speaking the truth with calmness and love and remaining as compassionate as possible are the best Christian responses.

I can't pretend that any of this is easy, but, when I have seen families do it, the prophetic, truthful and charitable rewards Jesus offers in today's Gospel are powerfully in evidence.

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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 3 July **NO Mass** Taekwondo 6.30pm-8.00pm **SVdP** 7.00pm

Tuesday 4 July Mass 8.00am **Rosary after Mass** PFC Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 5 July Anointing Mass 9.00am Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 6 July Mass 8.00am 24hr Perpetual Adoration PFC Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 7 July Mass 8.00am Divine Will Prayer Group 8.30am Christian Meditation 9.00am (Delamore)

> Saturday 8 July Reconciliation 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9 July Mass 7.30am, 9.30am Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased: Laurie O'Shea, Pam Byrne, Cecile Falvey, Mem Oliver, and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Mario La Rosa, Derek Young, Warren Elletson, Murphy, Cheryl Moran, Sarah and Tom Keating, Rannie Ranario Nedtran, John Vanderbyl, Paul Lynch, Noel

and Connie Peach, And for those who are sick: Anna Shiraze-Knight

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 July 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - Zec 9:9-10 2nd Reading - Rom 8:9.11-13 Gospel - Mt 11:25-30

The Samaritan Community Tuesday Morning Activities, will recommence on Tuesday 11July. Thank you for the Committee.



50 year Anniversary of First National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia

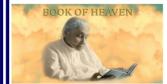
2023 marks 50 years since a significant event took place at the Melbourne Myer Music Bowl in Australia. The occasion was part of the 40th International Eucharistic Congress and was titled the Australian Aboriginal Liturgy. More than 150 adults,

teenagers, and a children's choir, mainly from the Kimberley region of Western Australia and the Northern Territory, participated in the event. It was the first time many people witnessed Aboriginal people expressing their Catholic faith in culturally significant ways, and it was the first public and National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia. The Liturgy was a new attempt by the Catholic Church to re-shape the ancient Catholic ritual of the Mass by incorporating the faith experiences of those belonging to an even more ancient culture, the Aboriginal cultures.

The Liturgy was a result of the energy and commitment of many Aboriginal people, strongly supported by various priests and religious men and women. One such priest, Kevin McKelson, played a crucial role in shaping the final English version of the Liturgy. The task required deep listening, respect, and attentiveness, and approval from Rome before it could be celebrated. The Liturgy sought to express a pattern of language expression that would be accepted by many groups where the handing on of an oral tradition was often expressed by word, dance, and repetitive chants, accompanied by hand clapping, clapsticks, or didgeridoo.

Since 1973, only the Broome Diocese has attempted to find a formal expression of a more appropriate Catholic and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Liturgy. The Missa Terra Spiritus Sancti, Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit (2018), may be celebrated in the Diocese of Broome and other communities only with permission from the Bishop of Broome and the local bishop, and it has also been translated into Aboriginal languages. Pope John Paul II's invitation to make a contribution to the Church's life and for that contribution to be joyfully received by others remains an ongoing challenge for the Australian Church.

(Article is a summary of Fr Brian McCoy's article in Eureka Street)



DIVINE WILL CONFERENCE Speakers : Father Emil Milat and Geraldine Ryan

> Date: 10th July 2023 Place: Lavalla Centre, 58 Fernberg Road, Paddington. Qld.

Please RSVP by 3rd July, 2023 Rosemary 0418738551; rosemarydowling@hotmail.com or Sue 0419731780; suefdaley@gmail.com Cost: \$25 per person includes lunch. Please notify us if you have dietary restrictions Direct transfer into Society account BSB 064-480 Acct No. 10435169

Laudato Si

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis calls us to undergo an ecological conversion. But what is an ecological conversion?

Laudato Si' Movement defines ecological conversion as the "transformation of hearts and minds toward greater love of God, each other, and creation. It is a process of acknowledging our contribution to the social and ecological crisis and acting in ways that nurture communion: healing and renewing our common home."

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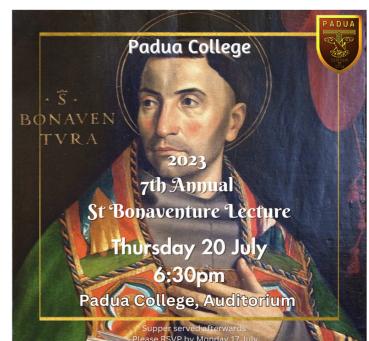


Many of you will remember Peter Doherty who lived locally here in Kedron and was an active member of our parish prior to entering Holy Spirit Seminary for his home diocese, Rockhampton, in 2019. Peter usually attended the Saturday evening Mass. He was involved in many ministries,

including money collector, church cleaner, hospitality, reader, extraordinary minister of communion, RCIA and the Pastoral Council. Peter still feels a strong sense of connection to and deep affection for our Parish.

Bishop Michael McCarthy has announced that he will ordain Peter to the Diaconate next month, 11:00am 20th July at St Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton. While all parishioners of the Kedron Catholic Parish are very welcome to attend, for those unable to make the journey to Rockhampton, the event will be 'live-streamed' via the Diocese of Rockhampton's YouTube site: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @StJosephsCathedralRockhampton

Please keep Peter in your prayers as his formation journey continues and he prepares for diaconal ministry.



Please join us for the 7th 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. https://www.trybooking.com/CJDGZ

A New Financial Year

With the new financial year upon us it is a timely opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made a pledge and over the past year supported our Kedron Parish Planned Giving Programme. Through your generosity and very real sacrifices we have the ability to budget and plan with confidence the many projects and activities and exciting ministries that flourish within our parish family.

Your commitment is important.

Some people prefer not to use our weekly envelopes and embrace other forms of technology.

Smart Terminals: Our \$10 Tap N Go boxes in the Church. We have three that are positioned on stands. One at the front entrance of the door and one at the two side of the doors. Its must a matter of **"Tap N Go"**.

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 064 786; Acc No. 10000 3991 Ref your name and Envelope No (if you have one).

Weekly as an Envelope or Cash Giver: the weekend Mass collection plate.

Your pledge makes a difference!

For those who use envelopes your new Planned Giving envelopes for the new financial year are available this weekend. If you are not as yet a member of the Kedron Parish Planned Giving simply call Sandra at the Parish Office (3357 6640) or via email kedron@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you once again.

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 17th of July at 4pm <u>or</u> Tuesday 18th of July at 7pm

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

