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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 NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am Thursday 8.00am 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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 20th August 2023 (YEAR A)

Reflection

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said,

'Don't you know who I am?'

The woman replied, 'I sure do.'

Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?'

'No, certainly not' said the woman.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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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 21 August NO Mass Funeral 11.00am (for the late Lawrence Brunello) Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

<u>Tuesday 22 August</u> Mass 8.00am Rosary after Mass Samaritans 9.30am St Anthony's Year 6 Reconciliation 11.15am

> Wednesday 23 August Mass 9.00am Mass Delamore 4:45pm JPCCC Group 7.00pm Neighbour watch 7.00pm

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

Friday 25 August Mass 8.00am Divine Will Prayer 8.30am Intercessory Prayer Group 8.30am Christian Meditation 9.00am (Delamore) Padua 10.50am

Saturday 26 August First Holy Communion Weekend Reconciliation 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 27 August First Holy Communion Weekend Mass 7.30am, 9.30am Baptism 11.00am Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Helen Pulsford, Linda La Schiazza, Monica Carter, Bob Tedmamn, Margaret Wingett, John Stein, Inis Zaparolli, Somneuk Aumsook, Giuseppe Di Francesco, Jill Gagno, Iris Box,

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Clare Hughes, Fiona and Diana Saffinga, Jan Bartlett, Mary Dallymore, Christina Woodward, Jean Butler, Harry Martin, Kevin Jacob, Edna Lonergan, Walter Erceg, James Bell, Maureen Hennessy, Fay Byrne,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

21st Sunday in Ordinary time 27 August 2023 — Yr A 1st Reading - <u>Isaiah 22:19-23</u>

2nd Reading - Romans 11:33-36

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

The Samaritan Community

The Samaritans Morning Activities, every Tuesday. Thank you for the Committee.



Who was Agnes Florence Spencer? Her name appears on a plaque in the front portico driveway of the church in relation to the Portiuncula, the chapel in Castle Street from 1973 to 1998. Prior to the building of the chapel, an old house on that block of land had been used as a mass centre particularly for those living nearby. One of those parishioners was Mrs Florence Spencer, a widowed mother of three, who lived on Gympie Rd and later Maudsley

St. She was active on many committees, assisted with the altar and the piety stall and helped run social and craft events. A long-time member of the Third Order, Florence attended Mass daily. Sadly, it was on her walk to morning mass, that she was struck by a car on 30 June 1973. When the new chapel was opened in September of that year, the opening plaque was dedicated to the memory of Florence

"who loved this place and its people". Agnes Florence (nee Feldt) Spencer 1897-1973 is buried with her husband in the Lutwyche cemetery.

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Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

Daytime (after-school) Scripture course opportunity at Grovely (Catholic Foundations Module 2 - a free-standing module that can be done by anyone.)

WHEN: Thursdays, starting 24 August: 3:45 start. Refreshments from 3:15 WHERE: Grovely Hub (Daley Centre, behind St William's Church, 67 Dawson Pde, Keperra)

WHO: Everyone!

WHAT: One ' live' presentation by Dcn Peter Pellicaan + 9 Video presentations (by Dcn Peter - also Archbishop Coleridge & Clare Schwantes) that move the Scriptures 'beyond words on a page to words that change lives'. HOW MUCH: \$15 per session i.e. \$150 group/Hub discount price for 10 sessions, payable upon registration.

HOW TO REGISTER: 1. Go to <u>www.catholicformation.au->'Register</u> for Module 2'. Enter the Coupon Code MOD2HUBS. Type Grovely in the Hub box at the end. 2. Email <u>michele.endicott@gmail.com</u> (to get onto the attendance list at Grovely Hub). Please register asap - by Mon 21 Aug.

Questions? Call/text Michele: 0418 708 638.

SVdP

We have a family that is in need of a fold out sofa, so she can accommodate her family when they drop in.

We also have a request for 3 free standing wardrobes 2m high x 1.2 wide for another companion, as well as tall boys. You can contact Ros Bannerman on 0423 728 605 or Phil Wilson on 0409 698 119. We would even be interested if there was something for sale and we can arrange to collect either or hopefully both.

Laudato Si

Help save our planet! Join many Catholic organisations in supporting the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty. See <u>https://fossilfueltreaty.org/</u>

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:

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

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

Divine Will Prayer Group meets monthly. Meeting starts after mass (8:45am). All welcome. Study the 'Book of Heaven, The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ and The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom" as told by Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta. Phone Sue 0419731780"



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen Archbishop Mark Coleridge Invites couples together with family and friends Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, at 11.30am

Followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married a the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend. To register to attend the Mass and for Catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023– cathedral@catholic.net.au—3324 3030

Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of



your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.



ENCOUNTER KEDRON TERM

THE BIBLE

| August 17th / All in Night August 24th, 2023 / St Paul || August 31st, 2023/ Saints From History || September 7th / Modern Day Saints || September 14th / You Are A Saint ||

LEGENDS OF THE CHURCH

THURSDAY 6:30PM - 8:30PM LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH HALL



Hearing Loop...

Our Parish has a HEARING LOOP to assist those parishioners who have hearing diffi-

culties. To use this device you need to sit in the front seven pews either side of the main aisle. If you are not hearing the celebration of the Mass using this device please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE SURRPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND



Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.



20 August 2023

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Something for the Kids...



Celebrating life

An Outreach of the Catholic Church