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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

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)

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass

until the start of Friday 8am Mass

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

Second Sunday of Easter – 27th April 2025 (YEAR C)

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and also to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation from the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's risen presence are *his* marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Do you remember when a well-known television reporter went in search of mystics and stigmatics? The television network ratings soared. Everyone from the true believer to the cynic wanted to see if the hands really bled, or the wounds really wept. Whatever the truth of these private revelations and experiences, it seems words and wounds still make a claim on us today.

You and I know, however, that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God are greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

I remember struggling with some personal issues in the Jesuit novitiate. I'm told that's what these places are for! One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the novice master, adapting Psalm 118, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone.' By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fear, his doubts and his disbelief and through the wounds of healing and peace transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is that which God wants to use as the cornerstone. And when this happens we can cry with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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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 28th April

NO Mass

Parents Information 4.00pm
(Confirmation)

Tuesday 29th April

NO Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Parents Information 7.00pm
(Confirmation)

Wednesday 30th April

Communion Service 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 1st May

NO Mass 8.00am

NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 2nd May

NO Mass 8.00am

Saturday 3rd May

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 4th May

(Third Sunday of Easter)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Mary Chrissy, Moira Andrews,
Rita Cheles, Val (Valerir) Masala,
Di Pino, Nancy McLaughlin, Tim
Purcell, Sr Janine Bliss FMM,
those whose

**Anniversaries occur about
now:**

Anne McManus, Anthony Ellison,
Doreen Purcell, Gail Purcell,
Catherine Purcell, Ester and
Anzal Day, Ross Caruso, Helmet
Kofler, Valma Ihle, Moira An-
drews, Joe Hennessy, Barry
Searle, Alex Harding,

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation
with 51 years of history in the parish,

Tuesday Mornings (during School Term)
9.30-12 with morning tea

Card games, Scrabble, Rummykub, Art
class, and Bingo.
A fun packed morning!

Chance to make new friends - All welcome -
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Cost \$7.00 per visit

Volunteers always welcome

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to church)

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**Archbishop Mark
Coleridge
Remembering Pope...**

Archbishop Coleridge Remembering Pope Francis



Archbishop Mark Coleridge Remembering Pope Francis

The surprises kept coming till the end. We held our breath when he was in hospital, but then he rallied and returned to the Vatican. He appeared on the balcony of St Peter's on Easter Sunday and then died early on Easter Monday when none of us was expecting it. Perhaps he saw it coming.

In his final days Jorge Bergoglio must have looked back amazed at how his life had turned out: the boy from Buenos Aires becoming the Bishop of Rome who broke the mould of the papal ministry, though only to recast it in new and liberating ways.

When the cardinals entered the conclave to elect a new pope in 2012, I was asked to help with media commentary. To prepare, I looked through the list of cardinal electors, eliminating those I thought couldn't be elected. One of those I crossed out was Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires. At 76 he was too old, I thought, and they wouldn't elect a Jesuit. The election was quick, and I thought it had to be the Archbishop of Milan who had been much mentioned. So I prepared to comment on him as pope. Then the announcement came that it was Cardinal Bergoglio who would be known as Pope Francis. Both he and the name were surprises.

The surprises continued when he appeared on the balcony of St Peter's. First, he was wearing just the simple white soutane, not the more elaborate dress a new pope normally wears. Secondly, he stood in silence for some moments as if struck dumb, with me thinking, "For goodness sake, say something". Thirdly, when he did speak he said only Buona sera, Good evening: from a new pope you expected something more stirring and resonant. Fourthly, before he gave the blessing he asked the people to pray for him as he bowed low, the crowd in the Square falling silent in a way I'll never forget.

This papacy, it seemed, wouldn't be business as usual; and from then on it wasn't. He decided not to live in the Apostolic Palace and chose to be driven around in a small sedan. Audiences with him had a very different feel than they did with his predecessors, much less formal and more relaxed. As one who had worked for a time in the papal court, I was amazed at how he could break free of its age-old protocols. He was very much his own man.

When Pope Francis was elected, the Brazilian cardinal next to him in the Sistine Chapel said to him, "Don't forget the poor"; and he didn't – offering them lunch and even tickets to the circus, visiting prisons to wash feet, taking the part of migrants and refugees. For him, those on the margin were at the centre and any society, he insisted, would be judged on how it treats the poorest and most vulnerable. That sounds like Jesus; and it gave Francis a voice that was heard around the world.

At synods in Rome, he would walk to the synod hall like the rest of us, bag in hand, chatting to other bishops. Then he would enter the lobby of the Paul VI Hall, chat to a few others before taking the lift to the synod hall where he greeted bishops as they entered. This was very different from past protocols; it said that he was not some kind of monarch but one of us, a bishop among bishops. That was a surprise; and it led me to address him in correspondence as both Holy Father and dear brother.

The overarching vision which drove the pontificate was the unity of all things in God. All creation was one; all humanity was one; all in the Church were one. That sounds rather lofty, but he could communicate the vision in ways both simple and profound, with the gifts and instincts not of a professor but of a pastor and poet. Ordinary people understood him, more so outside the Church at times than inside.

Though he took the name Francis, he was a Jesuit through and through. In true Ignatian style, he set the art of discernment at the heart of the Church; and he struck a typically Jesuit balance between centralisation and decentralisation. St Ignatius Loyola gave his Order the motto, Ad maiorem Dei gloriam, To the greater glory of God; and you felt with Pope Francis that it was all for God's glory, not his. He certainly didn't cultivate personal popularity; he was free enough not to worry too much about what others thought or said of him. He knew he was a sinner chosen and loved by a merciful God: that was enough.

At World Youth Day in Rio di Janeiro in 2013, I was chatting to an Argentinian bishop who said that in Argentina they surprised at how Cardinal Bergoglio was turning out as Pope Francis. He said that back home he never smiled and never gave interviews; but as pope he couldn't stop smiling and giving interviews. Something had happened to him, the bishop said.

When a former Archbishop of Canterbury was interviewed for the role, he was asked whether he would find it an imprisonment or a liberation if he were appointed. The same question could be put to a prospective pope. For some, the papacy has been an imprisonment, for others a liberation. For Pope Francis, it seems mysteriously to have been a liberation; and what a gift that has been to the Church and the world.

We pray for him now as he so often asked us to do. With the burdens of office now behind him, may he find ultimate liberation as he comes face to face with the Risen Christ and that when he awakens into eternity he will be not just surprised but deeply astonished by the vision of God in which the joy of the Gospel comes to its fulness.

Eternal rest give to Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

CALLING ALL BAKERS SATURDAY 3rd MAY ELECTION CAKE STALL

COULD YOU HELP PROVIDE A BATCH OR TWO OF HOMEBAKED MUFFINS, CAKES, SLICE, BISCUITS FUDGE ETC?

Support our Little Flower Parish

Please wrap and label including ingredients where possible

Please indicate if nut free/gluten free/dairy free.

Baked goods gratefully accepted at the Parish House,

134 Somerset Road Kedron

Friday 2nd May before 12.00 noon

or bring them on the day

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Next week, all our Friars will be away from Sunday 27th April to Monday 6th May for an important gathering. This means we will not have any Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We invite you to join us for a Communion Service on Wednesday 30th May at 9:00 am instead.

Let us come together in prayer for our friars as they make crucial decisions that will shape their future. Your support and prayers are invaluable during this time.

To cover our 2 weekend masses we will have Fr John Gillen and Fr Ignas celebrating Mass for us. Welcome to our Parish.

Laudato Si

Life and death are connected, as are stars and galaxies, dinosaurs and birds, hope and mercy, immanence and transcendence, incarnation and resurrection. The Gospels and St Francis tell us so as does *Laudato Si'*. The Resurrection is the inauguration of the 'kindom' of God - our 'common home' - God's stamp on all our *kin* in Creation. The antiphonal prayers of the pilgrims at the Way of the Cross at the Coliseum in Rome, 18 April 2025 are exemplary of the progress of we Easter-sent earth pilgrims e.g. "Alter our course Lord "; "Holy Spirit come"; "May your Kingdom come". We have come some way already! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrHMLk0cxdI&t=3339s>. "All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and might hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1nZLPtTTJk&t=381s> Pope Francis modelled the life of a pilgrim, of Gospel hope and mercy. Read his last blessing to the "City and the World" at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20250420-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>

Next Monday 28th April at 4.00pm and Wednesday 30th April at 7.00pm parents are invited to attend our Information for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents only need to attend one.

All paperwork will need to be completed no later than by Wednesday evening.

This year we are implementing a new Archdiocesan program called **Flocknote**.

Flocknote enables you to input information for all Sacraments you wish your child/children to receive at the one time. We therefore encourage you to enrol for all three at this time.

The Enrolment process will cover your child's enrolments for the Sacraments of:

- Confirmation
- Reconciliation
- First Holy Communion

There are two simple steps involved in this process:

Step 1. Register your family with **Flocknote** by using this link: <https://kedroncatholic.flocknote.com/register>

or using the **Flocknote URL**

Step 2. Completing the form for Sacramental Enrolment on **Formsite**. **Here is the separate link to the form:** <https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/kedronsacpro/signup>

Importantly, if you need to add or attach additional information at a later stage this can be done. **Flocknote** is considered to be a more streamlined system and hopefully will work well for all.

It is the first time **Flocknote** has been used so there may be a few teething problems. If you have **any** questions or queries please call or email.

We look forward to you and your family being part of the Little Flower Parish and the Sacramental program.

Sacramental Team



Sausage Sizzle

BBQ Volunteers Required
Volunteers are required to assist with the Election Sausage Sizzle on **Saturday the 3rd May**.

We require people to turn a few people to sell some, turn some sausages and serve some sausages.

If you think you could do this for a couple of hours and help the parish raise some funds for parish projects, like a new shed to replace the one that blew away please click the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A4A62FA6FAC52-51556309-sausage>
Or contact Paul Masters on 0438106049.

FLOCKNOTE SIGNUP

Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today, Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the QR code and signup and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office or scan the QR code here to register today!



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of
the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Francis



Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all
forms of abuse & is committed to
safeguarding everyone involved in its
activities, ministries & services.

*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is
paramount.*

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rishioners and visitors are
reminded of the requirement
to immediately report any
health or safety incident,
injury or damage that occurs
within our Parish. Reporting
assists our Parish to provide
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take remedial action and
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