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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES** Saturday (Vigil)

5.00pm 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES** 

NO MASS and Tuesday Monday

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

**EUCHARISTIC 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 All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER** 3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

## 5th Sunday of Lent — 6th April 2025 (YEAR C)

## Reflection

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'

So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.

Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.

Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.

Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.

Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it.

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to changes the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around.

May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.

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## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th April NO Mass

Tuesday 8th April
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
NO Samaritans 9.30am

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Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th April Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 10th April
Mass 8.00am
NO Perpetual Adoration
Funeral Service 12.30pm
(for the Late Rita Cheles)

Friday 11th April
Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross
(straight after Mass)
Christian Meditation 9.00am
Funeral Service 10.30am
(for the late Val Masala)

Saturday 12th April Reconciliation 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 13th April
[Palm Sunday]
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm

# Please pray for our recently deceased:

Moira Andrews, Rita Cheles, Val (Valerir) Masala, Di Pino, Nancy McLaughlin, Tim Purcell, Sr Janine Bliss FMM, William Darch, Thomas Hayes, Elizabeth Arthy, Elizabeth Azul,

those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Catherine and Patrick Mahony, Gerard Janssen, Robyn Woolly, Alf Gow, Martin and Rasey family, Dennis Azarraga, Nestor Lomeda, Therakam Kuriakose George,

Prayer for the Sick Jessica O'Brien

The Samaritans are taking a little break and will resume back on Tuesday 22nd April.

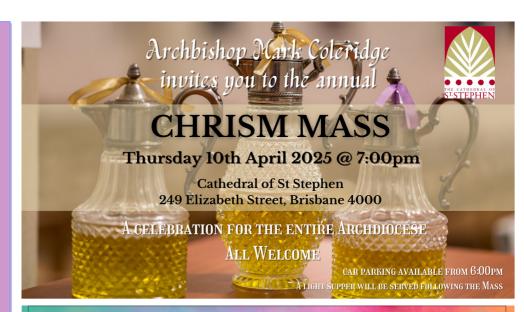
SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation with 51 years of history in the parish,

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 - transport offered.
Cost \$7.00 per visit
Volunteers always welcome

Come and enjoy a fun based morning in airconditioned comfort in the Parish Hall (next to church)

Contact 0405241644 for further information



## **ALL EASTER SERVICES**

Volunteers are needed for various ministries. Please put your name down on the list in the Sacristy

#### Laudato Si

This Lent we were called to a conversion to an ecological way of being motivated, believing, acquiring knowledge and acting out of gospel values. John (8:1-11) and Matthew (7:1) tell a graphic, pastoral tale of Jesus who "started writing on the ground" surely about as cryptic an engagement with the earth as the Gospels offer. The point is made clear, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her". Could the parable meaning here be 'let the earth speak'? Is the message about care that no wrongful harm is caused and that forgiveness and mercy trump callous and self-condemning projection? Fr Greg Boyle SJ points out God's key message, "everyone is forgiven everything" (see: Forgive Everyone Everything, Loyola Press 2022) - as relayed by Jesus. Jesus parables are all "Stories of God" (see Rainer Maria Rilke's book of the same name). God's love for the earth (symbolically as a holy writing tablet) and compassion for all in and on it, are instructive of how we are meant to be, "Be Merciful" (Luke 6:36).



# St. John Baptist de la Salle—Patron St of Teachers of Youth (April 7)

St. John Baptist de la Salle was born on April 30, 1651 in France. As a young priest, he became responsible, together with a group of friends, for the education of some of the poorest

children in Reims, France. This group of friends began to expand and live in community as they worked to educate the poorest of France. Their community became known as the Christian Brothers, the first religious institute composed solely of brothers. The community quickly grew, with their mission being to educate those who would otherwise not have access to education. St. John Baptist de la Salle was named a patron saint of teachers by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

"Composure, silence, humility, prudence, wisdom, patience, moderation, meekness, zeal, vigilance, piety and generosity." -The Twelve Virtues of a good teacher by St. John Baptist de la Salle

Dear Parents and Guardians

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: <a href="https://">https://</a>

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: <a href="https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/kedronsacpro/signup">https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/kedronsacpro/signup</a>

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



## PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent 5th and 6th of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures.



In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.

## Little Flower Church

# Stations of the

## Cross

## 18th April 2025 10.00am

Once again the parish is doing a re-enactment of the Stations on the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help re-enact the stations.

If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

Monday 14th April 9.00 - 12.00noon

[Rehearsal]

Friday 18th April 7.00am -8.00am

[Rehearsal]

8.00am -9.00am

[Breakfast]

9.00am - 9.45am

[Final Preparation]

Where: Little Flower Church

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LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

# HOLY WEEK 2025

## HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 17

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 9.00pm Night Prayer

### GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18

10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion of Our Lord with Communion

## HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 19

NO Reconciliation at 4.00pm 6.00pm Celebration of the Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

Mass at 7.30am and 9.30am NO Mass at 5.30pm



#### **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.

Franciscus



## **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.

WHS Incident Report. Parishioners 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 the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.





Kedron Parish Hall - MONDAYS

4:30 - 5:30 and 6:30 - 8pm

Complimentary introductory classes

0408 982 248 Instructor Kate Eggar - 8th Dan Bo

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