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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 11th May 2025 (YEAR C)

The passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

Richard Leonard SJ

"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 12th May
NO Mass

Tuesday 13th May
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 14th May
Mass 9.00am
(St Anthony's Yr 3)
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm
Padua Eucharist Mass 6.30pm
(Masseo House)

Thursday 15th May
Mass 8.00am
NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 16th May
Mass 8.00am
Funeral Mass 10.00am
(for the late Giuseppe Messina)

Saturday 17th May
Funeral 10.00am
(for the late Santino Rotelli)
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 18th May
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
SFO 9.30am
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Joe Lupano, Edi Passante, Onorina
Tesser, Thadeus Garu, 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:

Ron D'Arx, Ludovico Vargas, Luz
Vargas, Helen Nanda, Jamie Martin,
Therese Racey, Claremont and
Fereiro, Anthony Ellison, Doreen
Purcell, Gail Purcell, Catherine Pur-
cell, Ester and Anzal Day, Ross Ca-
ruso, Helmet Kofler, Valma Ihle,

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!

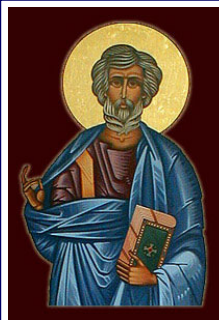
Chance to make new friends - All welcome -
transport offered.

Cost \$7.00 per visit

Volunteers always welcome

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

Contact 0405241644 for further information



St. Matthias(May14)

How does one qualify to be an apostle?

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose?

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection.

The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord.

How does one qualify to be an apostle?

Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become?

In His Footsteps:

Have you ever felt like an afterthought, a latecomer? Or have you ever resented someone new who was added to your group? Try to see your community as not complete without the newcomer, whether you or someone else. Welcome any newcomers to your parish, work, or family community this week as someone chosen by God.

Prayer:

Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

Laudato Si

Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum call for a "syn" ("joining" like in "synod") thesis of contemplation and action, of reconciliation between all of Creation on personal and communal fronts. St Bonaventure held that, "through reconciliation with every creature, Saint Francis in some way returned to the state of original innocence" (LS66). "I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of **reconciliation with the world that is our home**. It is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone but from major political decision on the national and international level" (LD69). Robert J. Schreiter C.P.P.S. in his classic book, *The Ministry of Reconciliation* (1998) reminds us that the Paschal Mystery is what organizes our "chaotic and painful experience of violence into a narrative that will carry us, too, from death to life. It involves human agency...involving "all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20) Learning how to listen deeply to people and land is the 'genesis' phase of reconciliation. The Laudato Si' Centre of Higher Education models this: <https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2024/avvio-dei-corsi-del-centro-di-alta-formazione-laudato-si.html>



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested to learn about the Catholic faith?

Baptised Catholic but not received Confirmation or Holy Communion?

Baptised, but have had little or no formal religious education and would like to learn more about your faith?

Baptised in another Christian church and would like to explore becoming a Catholic?
Kedron Parish offers a group-based program called the RCIA that helps people learn about the Catholic faith and their relationship with God.

If you, or anyone you know would like to find out more, please ask them to contact the parish office on 3267 4825 or by email on kedron@bne.catholic.net.au.



Why is May the Month of Mary?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical *on the Sacred Liturgy Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops"

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.

*Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the gift of mothers, for their love, guidance, and care. Please bless them with Your grace, strength, and wisdom as they continue to nurture and support their families. Surround them with Your love and peace, and let them know how deeply they are appreciated and cherished. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Did you know.....

The levels of Catholic priests, or clergy, are Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. The Pope is the highest level, followed by Cardinals, Archbishops, and then Bishops. Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Deacon:

A deacon is ordained to Holy Orders but is not a priest. Deacons assist priests and bishops in various ministries, including preaching, baptism, and distributing communion.

Priest:

Priests are ordained to the priesthood and are responsible for leading worship, administering sacraments, and providing pastoral care to their congregations.

Bishop:

Bishops are the highest level of ordained clergy within a diocese, overseeing priests and deacons in their respective areas. They are also responsible for the spiritual and administrative leadership of their diocese.

Archbishop:

Archbishops are bishops who oversee a larger area or archdiocese, often with several dioceses under their jurisdiction.

Cardinal:

Cardinals are senior bishops or priests who are advisors to the Pope and have the right to vote in papal elections.

Pope:

The Pope is the head of the Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome, holding the ultimate authority in the Church.

Youth Group

Date: 8th June

Venue: Little flower church

starting Time:

5.00pm-5.30pm praise and worship

5.30pm - 6.30pm mass

6.30pm - 7.00pm refreshments

7.00pm - 8.00pm rally

Guest Presenter
Sione Mohenoa



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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to immediately report any
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