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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 18th May 2025 (YEAR C)

The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.

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 19th May

NO Mass

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late Patricia Needer)

St Anthony's Board Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th May

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral 10.00am

(for the late Rohitha Jayawardhana)

Padua Mass 6.00pm

(Mothers Day)

Wednesday 21st May

Mass 9.00am

(St Anthony's Yr 2)

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 22nd May

Mass 8.00am

NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 23rd May

Mass 8.00am

Saturday 24th May

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 25th May

(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Kay Rush, Luciano Damiani, Rohitha Jayawardhana, Patricia Needer, Santino Rotielli, Giuseppe Messina, Joe Lupano, Edi Passante, Onorina Tesser, Thadeus Garu, Mary Chrissy, Moira Andrews, Rita Cheles, Val (Valerir) Masala, Di Pino, Nancy McLaughlin, those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Conor Burke, Ron D'Arx, Ludovico Vargas, Luz Vargas, Helen Nanda, Jamie Martin, Therese Racey, Claremont and Fereiro, Anthony Ellison, Doreen Purcell, Gail Purcell, Catherine Purcell, Ester and Anzal Day,

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



The Feast of Mary Help of Christians is celebrated on May 24.

The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. The great battle of Lepanto occurred on October 7th 1571. For this reason this date has been chosen as the feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1573 Pope Pius V instituted the feast in thanksgiving for the decisive victory of Christianity over Islamism.

Near the end of the 17th century, Emperor Leopold I of Austria took refuge in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Pasau, when 200,000 Ottoman Turks besieged the capital city of Vienna, but a great victory occurred thanks to Mary Help of Christians: on September 8th,

Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, plans were drawn for the battle. On September 12, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Vienna was finally freed through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians. All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, Help!" and praying the Holy rosary.

In 1809, Napoleon's men entered the Vatican, arrested Pius VII and brought him in chains to Grenoble, and eventually Fontainebleau. His imprisonment lasted five years. The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honor of Mary. Military reverses forced Napoleon to release the Pope, and on May 24th 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians, be kept on the 24th of May.

St. John Bosco (1815 - 1888) was a dynamic priest who founded the Salesian Order in the XIX century in Italy. His many prophetic dreams, beginning at age nine, guided his ministry and gave insights on future events.

On May 14, 1862, Don Bosco dreamed about the battles the Church would face in the latter days. In his dream, the Pope of those days anchors the 'ship' of the Church between two pillars, one with a statue of Mary (Auxilium Christianorum or 'Help of Christians') and the other with a large Eucharistic Host

St. John Bosco wrote about his congregation, the Salesians: "The principal objective is to promote veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Mary Help of Christians. This title seems to please the august Queen of Heaven very much."

The Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco or Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, are the sister order of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

St. John Bosco, himself, on June 9 1868, dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians, the mother church of his congregation at Turin (Italy). The Salesian Fathers and their Sisters have carried the devotion to their numerous establishments.

Laudato Si

Passage from The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si' by Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2015)

Using the "See, Judge, Act" method of discernment

Seeing: 1. Earth, our common home, is in peril. Take care of it.

2. Listen to the cry of the poor who are the disproportionate victims of the crisis of our common home. **Judging:** 3. Rediscover a theological vision of the natural world as good news (gospel).

4. Recognize that the abuse of creation is ecological sin.

5. Acknowledge the human roots of the crisis of our common home. **Acting:** 6. Develop an integral ecology as we are all interrelated and interdependent. 7. Learn a new way of dwelling in our common home and manage it more responsibly through a new economics and a new political culture.

8. Educate toward ecological citizenship through change of lifestyles. 9. Embrace an ecological spirituality that leads to communion with all of God's creatures. 10. Care for our common home by cultivating the ecological virtues of praise, gratitude, care, justice, work, sobriety, and humility.

See: <https://fore.yale.edu/Laudato-Si/Overview> for links from Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si'



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested to learn about the Catholic faith?

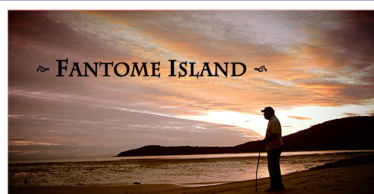
Baptised Catholic but not received Confirmation or Holy Communion?

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.



In 1945 seven year-old Joe Eggmolesse was diagnosed with leprosy. He was taken from his family under police escort and transported by rail and sea over a thousand kilometres to **Fantome Island** where he was incarcerated

for the next ten years.

The isolated tropical island off the North Queensland coast became home to a close-knit community of Indigenous 'lepers' whose marginalised existence was hidden from white society and has until now remained absent from the mainstream historical record. Cared for by nuns from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, their isolation was the consequence of apartheid-like policies developed by the Queensland government and medical establishment which espoused a eugenicist philosophy and regarded racial segregation as standard practice. Intrigued? The Social Justice/RAP Committee invite you to join us as we screen **Fantome Island**

When: Sunday 1st June following 9am Mass

Where: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Church, Stafford

Time: 10am Morning Tea

Movie Start: 10.15am Fantome Island Movie (1hr 22 minutes)

MASS COLLECTIONS

The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan-* Friars and their work. You can also use the **"Tap & Go"** at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit** (see below).

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use **"Tap & Go,"** options form **Direct Deposit**, or **Direct Debit**. A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786**

Account Number: **100003991**

Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname**, eg. J Blogs

If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, all this amount goes **towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass.

If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief

Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

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



MASS INTENIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.



18 May, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once." John 13:31-32

When you look at your life, it is essential to see the cross that God has given to you. That is because your cross is the gateway to this eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God's perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours.

Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ.

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.*

WHS Incident Report. Pa-
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
the necessary assistance,
take remedial action and
provide mandatory notifica-
tions to the Archdiocese and
the Division of Work Health
and Safety QLD.

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