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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 25th May 2025 (YEAR C)

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literally means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is.

Richard Leonard SJ

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th May
NO Mass

Tuesday 27th May
Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 28th May
Mass 9.00am
(St Anthony's Yr 4)
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 29th May
Mass 8.00am
NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 30th May
Mass 8.00am

Saturday 31st May
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 1st June
(Ascension of the Lord)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Confirmation Workshop 12.30pm
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 (Valer) 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.

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The Story of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31st)

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the An-

nunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

Reflection

One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.

Laudato Si

Laudato Si' Week 2025 celebrates the ten year anniversary of the ground-engaging encyclical by Pope Francis and the 800th anniversary of St Francis' Canticle of Creation from where that title, "Praised Be" (Brother Sun and Sister Moon) is taken. It is now also, the Initiation of Robert Francis Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, succeeding Francis as Pope. Leo endorses the goals of Laudato Si': Commitment to Ecological Conversion, A More Humane and Sustainable Economy, Education for Transformation, Spirituality that Inspires Action, Resilient and Participatory Communities, Innovation in Sustainable Lifestyles, Global Networks of Support – the goals of the Laudato Si' Action Platform. Last November, Prevost, attending a meeting at the Vatican on the environmental crises said, "It is time to move from words to action" and that the answers for the church can be found in her social doctrine. This is not a small repository and gives a clue as to what this well read Augustinian might have in store for us: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html#The%20duty%20to%20cultivate%20and%20care%20for%20the%20earth. Laudato Si' is part of the social teaching of the church which can help us acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face (LS15).



RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

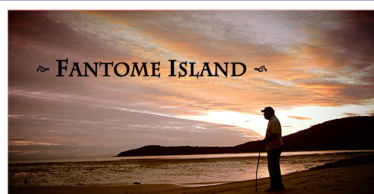
Interested to learn about the Catholic faith?

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

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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



Pope Leo XIV's motto and coat of arms



Pope Leo XIV reveals his coat of arms and motto, which clearly reflect his Augustinian roots

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church.

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily.

The motto

Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one." The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's *Exposition on Psalm 127*, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In a 2023 interview with Vatican News' Tiziana Campisi, then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost spoke about the significance of this motto: "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of Saint Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking," he said. "I believe it is very important to promote communion in the Church, and we know well that communion, participation, and mission are the three key words of the Synod. So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental."

Saint Augustine's reflection on Psalm 127 highlights the theological foundation of this idea. "Christ - head and body - is one single man. And what is the body of Christ? His Church," Augustine writes. He then adds, "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one. We are many and we are one - because we are united to Him, and if our Head is in heaven, the members will follow."

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" - "You have pierced my heart with your Word."

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

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