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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

## Ascension of the Lord – 1st June 2025 (YEAR C)

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.

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 2nd June**  
NO Mass

**Tuesday 3rd June**  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am

**Wednesday 4th June**  
Mass 9.00am  
(Anointing)  
Mass Delamore 4.45pm  
PFC meeting 5.30pm

**Thursday 5th June**  
Mass 8.00am  
NO Perpetual Adoration

**Friday 6th June**  
Mass 8.00am  
Confirmation Ceremony 5.00pm & 7.00pm

**Saturday 7th June**  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 8th June**  
(Pentecost)  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am - 12.30pm  
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Kay Rush, Luciano Damiani, Rohitha Jayawardhana, Patricia Needler, Santino Rotielli, Giuseppe Messina, Joe Lupano, Edi Passante, Onorina Tesser, Thadeus Garu, Mary Chrissy, Moira Andrews, Rita Cheles,

**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Anne Marie Kofler, Conor Burke, Ron D'Arx, Ludovico Vargas, Luz Vargas, Helen Nanda, Jamie Martin, Therese Racey, Claremont and Fereiro, Anthony Ellison,

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

**What exactly is the Ring of the Fisherman?**

During the Mass of Inauguration of his pontificate on May 18, Pope Leo XIV will receive the Ring of the Fisherman—a symbol of the Petrine Ministry with deep roots in the New Testament.

The Vatican's Office for Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff released an image of the new Ring of the Fisherman, which will be given to Pope Leo XIV during his Bearing an image of St. Peter, the ring has New Testament roots and significance. In the Gospel of Matthew (16:19), St. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and in the Gospel of Luke 22:32, Jesus tells Peter he must strengthen his brothers in the faith and mission. of Inauguration on May 18.

The Ring of the Fisherman thus authenticates the faith and symbolizes the duty with which the first Pope was entrusted.



As Peter is known as the fisherman Apostle, the ring is referred to as the Ring of the Fisherman, or the Piscatory Ring, symbolizing the continuous lineage from the first Pope to today.

**A ring for the ages**

This ring has been part of the symbols of the papacy since at least the 13th century. It was used as a signet ring to seal official documents signed by the Pope until 1842. Now, it is used symbolically, but every Pope still has a ring.

When the Pope dies, his Ring of the Fisherman, along with the Lead Seal, is marked with a chisel, thereby ensuring the seal cannot be forged. Therefore, every ring is unique and personal to each Pope.

In 2013, Pope Francis received a gold-plated silver ring, which was previously owned by the secretary to Pope Paul VI. His predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, had a gold ring



Now, Pope Leo XIV continues the tradition of the Ring of the Fisherman, with an image of St. Peter with the keys and the net—signaling the passing of the torch, as the 266th Successor to St. Peter now officially undertakes the mission entrusted to St. Peter over 2 millennia ago. graced with a bas-relief of St. Peter fishing from a boat.



**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](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au).**



# Youth Group

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> 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



## Laudato Si

Last week Pope Leo XIV blessed a meeting of worldwide Universities for the Care of the Common Home on the anniversary of Laudato Si' and in advance of COP30. Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIPs2ZgpmUs&t=2s> He talked of how important is the work of reparation for ecological and social destruction and especially so in this Jubilee Year of Hope. He encourages us all to continue to build bridges and to do so in the trust that the grace of God in the Holy Spirit and the risen Christ is with us. There is the Universal Church work motivated by Catholic Social thought, dear to Leo's heart and name, in the massive international Lay Catholic and Ecumenical Movement called Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) <https://laudatosimovement.org/>. And Locally, LSM Brisbane Circle is heavily involved in Brisbane with Emma Beach's work at Archdiocesan Ministries. Last Saturday they supported a Laudato Si' retreat day at Grovely Parish. Fr Nigel Sequeira hosted the retreat and Laudato Si' Action Plans were discussed. Among the distinguished speakers there were distinguished guests: Angligreen's Fr Peter Moore (<https://www.arccc.org.au/who-we-are>) and Jesuit Fr Greg Jacobs (<https://catholicoutlook.org/fr-greg-jacobs-sj-a-servant-to-the-queen-of-the-sciences/>).

## 1 June, 2025 - The Ascension of the Lord

*Jesus said to his disciples: 'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.' Luke 24:46-53*

Reflect, today, upon the particular mission that God has given to you. Prayerfully look at Jesus as He stands on the mountain of the Ascension and looks at you. As He does, let Him reveal to you not only His very Person but also your particular sharing in His ongoing mission of sharing the Good News to the ends of the earth. Receive that mission with courage, joy and holy fear.

Reverence it, savor it, ponder it and accept it. Commit yourself to this glorious sharing in the life of Christ by committing yourself to become a witness to Christ until the end of your life on earth.

## 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  
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provide mandatory notifica-  
tions to the Archdiocese and  
the Division of Work Health  
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