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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 8.00a

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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 (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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13th July 2025 (YEAR C)

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

Richard Leonard

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14th July NO Mass

Tuesday 15th July Mass 8.00am Rosary after Mass Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 16th July Mass 9.00am Mass Delamore 4:45pm FHC Information 6.00pm

Thursday 17th July Mass 8.00am NO Perpetual Adoration

> Friday 18th July Mass 8.00am

Saturday 19th July Reconciliation 4.00pm Mass 5.00pm

<u>Sunday 20th July</u> (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Mass 7.30am, 9.30am SFO 9.30am Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Barbara Murphy, John Stevens, Fr Ron Mollison, Elvira Strudwick, Rae Crafter, Kevin Litzow, Ellen Behan, Catherine Yates, Kay Rush, Luciano Damiani, Rohitha Jayawardhana, Patricia Needer, Santino Rotielli, , **those whose**

Anniversaries occur about now: Anthony Colavitti, Corazon Lyng and Sheilah Nanda, Richard and Joan McNeven, Kath Hennessy, Fred Hudson, Anthony O'Brien, Cristina Pizzica, Feriero and Claremont Families, Rina Venier, Keating, Geddes and Oliver families, Herman Vargas, Shanti Nanda,

Annette Clarke, Dora Fresta,

The Samaritans will be taking a long needed break. The last day will be the 24th June and returning back on the15th July

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

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

Contact 0405241644 for further information

SAMARITANS' MANCHESTER DRIVE

The Samaritan community and the Doomagee community would like to thank everyone who helped with the donation of bedding and towels. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion

Any baptised Catholic child in **Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation** is eligible to enrol and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Key Dates for First Holy Communion

Enrolments are now open and will close on July 15th 2025

A. Information Session Wednesday 16th July at 6.00pm at the church of St Therese & St Anthony, 80 Turner Rd, Kedron.

B. Enrolment Mass - All children with at least one parent are required to attend Mass

on: Sunday 20th July at 5.30pm

C. Workshop (One parent must attend, and please no siblings) Sunday 17th August 12.30pm – 2.00pm; 2.30 – 4.00pm

D. First Holy Communion Masses Saturday August 23rd (5:00pm), or Sunday August 24th (9:30am or 5:30pm), Saturday August 30th (5:00pm), or Sunday August 31st (9:30am),

> Reconciliation for Year 4 after receiving Communion 2025 Worksheets from 7 October - 19 October 2025 Ceremony 20 October 2025 Time: 3.30 – 6.00pm

There are two simple steps involved in this process: Register your family with *Flocknote* by using this link:

https://kedroncatholic.flocknote.com/register or using the *Flocknote URL* below



Completing the form for Sacramental Enrolment on Formsite. Here is the separate link to the form:

https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/kedronsacpro/signup

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. We look forward to you and your family continuing to be part of the Little Flower Parish and the Sacramental program.

📠 LOOKING TO DEVELOP YOUR MUSIC SKILLS? MUSICIANS WANTED! 肠

Are you passionate about music? Do you want to join a choir and sing or accompany the choir on the keyboard, guitar, or another instrument? We are a friendly group dedicated to creating a meaningful music liturgy who will also support your musical development.

Why Join Us?

Safe Space: We provide a welcoming environment for you to build your confidence and skills. Supportive Community: The choir is here to encourage and help you grow.

Performance experience: opportunity to contribute to the music liturgy and get over any performance nerves.

Whether you're a seasoned musician or just starting out, we welcome you to be part of our musical journey. Come and share your love for music with us! Contact: Carolynne Berry on 0414 271 082

PARISH SURVEY

Father Joseph, Father John, and the dedicated team at the parish office are diligently reviewing ways to enhance our ministries for the vibrant community of our parish. To ensure that we address the needs and aspirations of our parishioners, we invite your thoughtful and respectful feedback and insights as we work together to foster growth and connection within our community. You will be able to fill out the survey either by taking the forms home and bring them back next week or you can do the survey online via our eNews Newsletter.

MULTICULTURAL MASS



FOLLOWED BY A MULTICULTURAL LUNCH IN THE PARISH



RSVP TO SANDRA AND WHAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING BY 3RD OCTOBER - 32674825

Multicultural Mass October 12th, 2025 at 9.30am

This year will be our first Multicultural Mass and we are excited. This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor and appreciate the rich diversity within our Catholic faith while reaffirming the shared bonds that unite us as members of our Church.

After the Mass, we will gather for lunch in the hall. We warmly invite everyone from our diverse cultures to contribute a dish to share, enhancing our community celebration of this special day.

If you or your group would like to participate in the Multicultural Mass, please contact Fr Joseph or Sandra at the Parish Office. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their country's traditional costume. The Mass will include singing and readings in the native languages of our parishioners.

Join us in this celebration as we recognize and appreciate the unique richness and diversity of our Catholic faith!

Laudato Si

Luke's gospel story of the Good Samaritan is shocking. As Fr Tom Elich says, "the story challenges today's Christians not just to show love to those in need, but more broadly to confront our ingrained prejudices and racism." (p.109. Break Open the Word 2025: The Book for Readers. Liturgy Brisbane. 2024). Christian mission reaches to the margins and marginalized. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Christian Elders powerfully witness this missionary discipleship across cultures and denominations. Aunty Dr Esme Bamblett, Uncle Vince Ross and Aunty Professor Doseena Fergie (OAM) invited us all to walk together in friendship, truth telling and healing this past NAIDOC week 2025. https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpNyDy0ixaM. Laudato Si' lauds the very special connection to country of indigenous voices (LS 146, 179). In Australia there is a growing respect for hearing from Indigenous voices themselves. Anita Heiss along with Simon and Schuster has an imprint for publishing indigenous voices (Bundyi). Allen and Unwin re-published the text, Knowledge of Life: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is-

lander Australia for undergraduate study in Australian Universities (Price, K. (Ed.). (2020) with all ATSI authors. See the Archdiocese's 2020-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan: <u>RAP-booklet-2023-e.pdf</u>

Conversations on `Elder' Matters (2 Sessions)

The experience of ageing is as unique as each individual and so can present both gifts and challenges throughout our lives. As we grow older, the challenges often become more prominent and confronting, and can impact our independence, family relationships, confidence, faith and general wellbeing.

<u>As families and loved ones</u>, we are also affected as we experience vicariously these many and complex challenges of ageing, and struggle to understand how best to promote and support wellbeing, while also reminding our loved ones of their ongoing worth and wisdom.

Do you want to know more? Join us for two evening sessions of input, reflection and discussion led by Trish Carroll.

These conversations will provide an opportunity to discuss: • Our uniquely lived transitions and experiences of ageing,

• Acknowledgment of wisdom, talents, and contributions,



YOU ARE INVITED TO 2025 ST BONAVENTURE LECTURE

The Rector of Padua College, Mr Peter Elmore invites you to join us for the St Bonaventure Lecture for 2025

DATE: TUESDAY 15 JULY TIME: 6:00PM WHERE: PADUA COLLEGE AUDITORIUM LECTURER: FR PAUL ROUT OFM

> a light supper will follow Please RSVP by 8 July crogers-holt@padua.qld.edu.au

· Complexities of elder care, and

• The importance of self-care and sustenance. Trish Carroll is a Kedron parishioner who is a Psychologist and Founder of *Elder Matters* – a private practice focused on supporting individuals who are experiencing the challenges of ageing and/or life transitions.

When: Wednesday, September 10th & 17th , 2025 from 6.30-7.30pm

Where: The Parish House – 134 Somerset Road, Kedron

Please contact Sandra at the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or email: <u>ked-</u>

ron@bne.catholic.net.au if you will be attending.

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 vanguished, 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

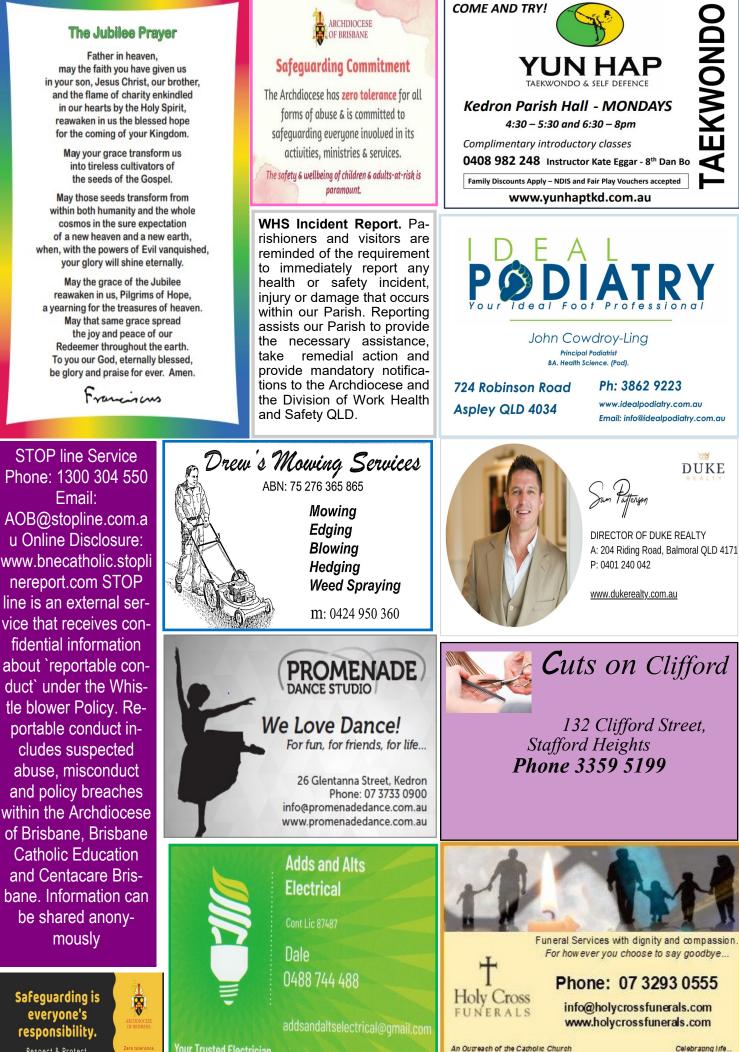
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responsibility. Respect & Protect.



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