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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

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th July 2025 (YEAR C)

Did you know that Lincoln's Gettysburg address was 250 words long? The man before Lincoln spoke for over an hour. The man who followed Lincoln spoke for even longer. No one remembers today what they said. Lincoln's two and a half minutes, by contrast, changed the USA's history and the mentality of the western world.

This call to brevity is always a good challenge to preachers too!

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer, which has 38 words, is another example of how a few sentences have changed history.

Around 50 years after the death of Jesus, Luke's Gospel was written for the Christian community in Antioch, which was the political and cultural capital of the Roman Province of Syria. There are six major themes running throughout this Gospel: prayer, hospitality, compassion, forgiveness, the common life and care for the outsider. Most of them are expressed in the 38 words of this prayer.

We declare that we belong to God in the most intimate of ways, as members of God's family, and therefore we belong to each other. We pray that God's Kingdom will come here and now, and, through our gratitude for God's generosity and forgiveness, we can be saved from evil.

I think Christians should keep saying this prayer with great urgency. In most western countries today there are strong right wing political movements who say they are for Christ or that they want our country to return to 'Christian values', but these policies are irreconcilable with the Lord's Prayer. Indeed one politician I heard recently argued that the Immigration Act should be reviewed so that only Christians are allowed to settle here. There is little of the Gospel's hospitality, forgiveness, compassion, common life and care for outsiders in the views of these groups. These people, of course, have every right to publicly state their views on any subject they choose. Morally, however, they must also accept responsibility for what they say and its implications.

It is so easy to allow our faith lives to become compartmentalised. For some, religious belief and practice fits into a nice little box that has no discernible influence on the rest of their lives. Coming to Church is a privatised affair. This may be many things, but it's not Christian. What we celebrate here each Sunday is supposed to have an affect on all areas of our lives, every day. Though we can try to make ourselves feel better by turning religion into a weekly spiritual bonbon, that is not what Jesus and the martyrs of our faith gave their lives for.

There is no question that these right-wing groups appeal to many of our compatriots because of the difficulties in rural areas, the demoralisation of high unemployment and the growing inequity in wealth distribution. There is, however, NO solution in using race relations, refugees, migrants, single mothers and the poor as scapegoats for our economic shortcomings. All this does is appeal to the worst traits in our human desires, where someone else is always to blame for our difficulties. Long-lasting, truthful and humanly dignified solutions to our nation's problems are those that embody the sacrificial love and compassion of Jesus. On every occasion racism, sexism, bigotry, violence and greed are sinful. This is the Gospel. This is the teaching of the Church.

Often Catholics argue that the Church's teaching should be more publicly proclaimed and obeyed. In its social teaching, the Church tells us that we should support political parties which best represent these key values in the Gospel. The Church has also taught us about refugees, immigration, gun control, violence, capital punishment and the rights of minority groups. All Catholics are called to hold true to these teachings.

Some Catholics complain that the Church should not speak out on political issues. It is, however, precisely the role of the Church to help people form their consciences and to declare what it sees as evil, sinful or harmful in society. Christ expects nothing less of all of us. And where the Church has not done this, history has judged it VERY harshly, as in the Church's relatively recent condemnation of slavery.

The old line goes, 'Be careful what you pray because you might just get what you ask for.'

Let's join then with all Christians and be worthy of the one prayer which unites us and, in the spirit of these 38 words, pray fervently that all people everywhere will become one – in Christ – under our one Father in heaven.

Richard Leonard

**PARISH EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

**Monday 28th July**

**NO Mass**

**Funeral Mass 11.00am**  
(for the late Francis Ryan)

**Tuesday 29th July**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 30th July**

**Mass 9.00am**

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 31st July**

**Mass 8.00am**

**St Anthony's Mass 8.45am**  
(CEW)

**Friday 1st August**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Funeral 10.30am**

(For the late Elda Di Lizio)

**Saturday 2nd August**

**Baptismal Information 11.00pm**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 3rd August**

(18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

John Francis Ryan, Elda Di Lizio,  
Howard Smith (Howie), Barbara Mur-  
phy, John Stevens, Fr Ron Mollison,  
Elvira Strudwick, Rae Crafter, Kevin  
Litzow, Ellen Behan, Catherine Yates,

**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Amando Azul Sr, Leonardo Caruso,  
Corazon Lyng, Sheilah Nanda,  
Maureen Hennessy, Gerrit Janssen,  
Anthony Colavitti, Corazon Lyng and  
Sheilah Nanda, Richard and Joan  
McNeven, Kath Hennessy, Fred Hud-  
son, Anthony O'Brien, Cristina Pizzica,



**Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus' story (July 29th)**

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the office of Palm Sunday

**Reflection**

In its 2021 decree on combining veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

**Saint Martha is a Patron Saint of:**

Cooks  
Homemakers  
Restaurant servers

**Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are Patron Saints of:** Siblings

**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.

**As families and loved ones**, 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,
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 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: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au) if you will be attending.

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# MULTICULTURAL MASS

*Everyone Belongs*

Join us on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 9.30am Mass

**FOLLOWED BY A MULTICULTURAL LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL**



**RSVP TO SANDRA AND WHAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING BY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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!

**A Warm Thank You from Vinnies** to so many who actively support our work locally, especially recent efforts including:

- Winter Appeal donations, including the donations (instead of gifts) a lovely parishioner initiated for her milestone birthday (amazing!)
- Hamper items donated through weekend Masses and food drives by St Anthony's, Mt Alvernia and the Samaritans. Hampers are practical help to so many.
- Random donations (including fuel or food vouchers) on the collection plate throughout the year – you know who are, thank you! Encouraging messages and prayers of support.

Thank you one and all!

**Laudato Si** Sacred Heart Samford site-carers, have re-introduced some trees from the local pre-clearing (colonial) Regional Ecosystems, the so-called Hoop and Kauri "pines" - not pines at all. (see: <https://www.conifers.org/ar/Araucariaceae.php>). Samford is also blessed with some very grand, cathedral-like "sclerophyll" ("evergreen leaved") forest remnants:- grand Forest Red Gums, Ironbarks and Moreton Bay Ash trees. These are the later occupants of this ancient part of earth's crust called Australia: <https://figshare.utas.edu.au/articles/chapter/Eucalypts/23057279>. These trees teach lessons about stability, adaptability, flexibility, endurance; in a word, resilience (over millions of years!). Pope Leo gets to some theological basics in his sermon at the Borgo (village) Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo, "to take stock of what we are celebrating here amid the beauty of what might be called a "cathedral" of nature, with so many plants and elements of creation that have brought us together to celebrate the Eucharist, which means to give thanks to the Lord" – very Augustine contemplation: awe, beauty, adoration, diversity, unity, sign and symbol debated. What any longer can be called "natural"? What is moral AND practical? What actions are best in these ever increasingly "artificial" or "neo-nature" times? See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQTd0L1aoA0&t=102s>

27 July 2025

## Youth Group

Venue: Little Flower Church

Starting Time:

4.00pm-5.30pm rehearsal

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.*

**WHS Incident Report.** Parishioners 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 notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

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