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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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd August 2025 (YEAR C)

In his Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some of our compatriots will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination.

We should never be surprised when our media culture reflects this back to us, because by watching the programmes, reading the papers and the magazines, listening to the shock-jocks and buying the merchandise, we are part of the problem, not the solution.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many children fight in the playground because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

The issue with money is not having it, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially comfortable from legitimate earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today. Of the world's 6 billion people, 1.2 billion of them live on US\$1, or less, a day. On average 26,000 children will die today of starvation. We should try telling them they're lazy, war-mongering and irreligious! In an attempt to get rich quickly or to stay rich, most western countries gamble away 10 to 15 times more money than they give to third world development – money that might see markets and wages that are just, and so provide an incentive for work, curtail or prevent some wars and help develop democracy.

When faced with the enormity of the world's poverty, the bad spirit can convince us that it is so large there is nothing that we can do about it. Not true. Every moment of consciousness and each act of goodness toward anyone anywhere is a victory for God's kingdom and will to be done 'here on earth as it is in heaven'.

No one can pretend, however, that sharing is always easy or that throwing money around will solve the world's problems. Everyone who works in the front-line says that the biggest obstacle in the war on poverty is dignity. And dignity, as Jesus reminds us today, has very little to do with money or possessions. Each time we make a claim for our own dignity and we give dignity to people who do not even claim it for themselves, we contribute to the generous and just world Jesus wants. And sometimes that can be as easy as turning the channel on the radio or the TV.

Fr Pedro Arrupe inherited the office of leading the Jesuits four centuries after its founder St Ignatius Loyola died. He once said that, 'the celebration of the Eucharist is always incomplete while there is hunger in the world.' Let's pray at this Eucharist that we do not blunt the hard edge of the Gospel. Rather let us accept its power to convert our hearts and minds that we might meet its challenges in regard to bestowing dignity and sharing our possessions with those who have a just claim on them.

Richard Leonard

"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 4 August

NO Mass

Padua 2.00pm
(rehearsal)

Tuesday 5 August

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 6 August

Mass 9.00am

(Anointing)

St Anthony (Yr 1) 2.00pm

Mass Delamore 4.45pm

Padua Mass 6.45pm
(Cattani Eucharist)

Thursday 7 August

Mass 8.00am

Friday 8 August

Mass 8.00am

Saturday 9 August

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

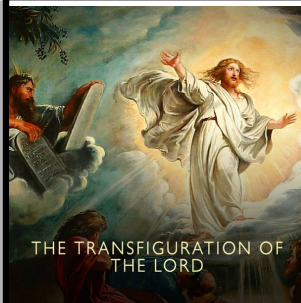
Sunday 10 August

(19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm



The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord (6th August)

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Reflection

One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

John Francis Ryan, Elda Di Lizio,
Howard Smith (Howie), Barbara
Murphy, John Stevens, Fr Ron
Mollison, Elvira Strudwick,

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Peter Moran, James Bell, Sergio
Gagetti, Amando Azul Sr, Leonar-
do Caruso, Corazon Lyng, Sheilah
Nanda, Maureen Hennessy, Gerrit
Janssen, Anthony Colavitti, Rich-
ard and Joan McNeven, Kath Hen-
nessy,

Anointing Mass

On the first Wednesday of the month at 9.00am Mass everyone is invited to an Anointing Mass. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. It is a source of healing for the sick rather than the final act of the church for the dying. The Sacrament enables the sick or the aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Do you know someone who would appreciate attending the anointing Mass? Perhaps you might invite them and assist them with transport.

All are welcome

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 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: kedron@bne.catholic.net.au if you will be attending.

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation with 51 years of history in the parish,

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Important Notice

Please be advised that, due to a minor incident that occurred outside of the church, we will not open the doors until 7:00 AM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 7:30 AM on Wednesday. This is for the safety of our volunteers and parishioners. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Everyone Belongs

Join us on 12th October 2025 at 9.30am Mass

FOLLOWED BY A MULTICULTURAL LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL



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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



Mary Mackillop- (August 8th)

Mary Helen MacKillop (1842-1909), known in life as Mother Mary of the Cross, was born on 15 January 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne, the eldest of eight children of Alexander McKillop and his wife Flora, née McDonald. Her parents had migrated from the Lochaber area in Inverness-shire and married soon after they reached Melbourne. After a prosperous start the family became impoverished.

Mary was educated at private schools but chiefly by her father who had studied for the priesthood at Rome. To help her family Mary became in turn a shopgirl, a governess, and at Portland a teacher in the Catholic Denominational School and proprietress of a small boarding school for girls. As she grew to womanhood Mary was probably influenced by an early friend of the family, Father Patrick Geoghegan, and began to yearn for a strictly penitential form of religious life. Concluding she would have to go to Europe to execute her plan, she placed herself under the direction of Father Julian Tenison-Woods who, as parish priest of Penola in South Australia sometimes visiting Melbourne and Portland, wanted to found a religious society, 'The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart'; they were to live in poverty and dedicate themselves to educating poor children. With Mary its first member and Superior the society was founded at Penola on 19 March 1866 with the approval of Bishop Laurence Sheil. By then she was spelling her surname MacKillop. The Sisterhood spread to Adelaide and other parts of South Australia, and increased rapidly in membership but ran into difficulties. Tenison-Woods had become director of Catholic schools and conflicted with some of the clergy over educational matters. One priest with influence over the bishop declared publicly he would ruin the director through the Sisterhood. The result was that Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Sheil on 22 September 1871 for alleged insubordination; most of the schools were closed and the Sisterhood almost disbanded. The excommunication was removed on 21 February 1872 by order of the bishop nine days before he died.

In 1873 at Rome Mary obtained papal approval of the Sisterhood but the Rule of Life laid down by Tenison-Woods and sanctioned by the bishop on 17 December 1868 was discarded and another drawn up. Tenison-Woods blamed her for not doing enough to have his Rule accepted and this caused a permanent breach between them. She travelled widely in Europe visiting schools and observing methods of teaching, and returned to Adelaide on 4 January 1875. In March she was elected Superior-General of the Sisterhood. In journeys throughout Australasia she established schools, convents and charitable institutions but came into conflict with those bishops who preferred diocesan control of the Sisterhood rather than central control from Adelaide. In 1883 Bishop Christopher Reynolds, misunderstanding the extent of his jurisdiction over the Sisterhood, told her to leave his diocese. She then transferred the headquarters of the Sisterhood to Sydney. On 11 May 1901 she suffered a stroke at Rotorua, New Zealand. Although retaining her mental faculties, she was an invalid until she died in Sydney on 8 August 1909.

Mary's finest feature was her large blue eyes. Affectionate but determined, her virtues were multitudinous with charity towards her neighbour outshining all. Always regarded as holy, she was put forward in 1972 as a candidate for the honour of beatification and canonisation and on 1 February 1973 the Cause was formally introduced. Mary was beatified on 19 January 1995 at Randwick Racecourse, Sydney, in a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II. She was canonised as Saint Mary of the Cross at a Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square in the Vatican on 17 October 2010.

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.*

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to immediately report any
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