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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

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

Exultation of the Cross – 14th August 2025 (YEAR C)

Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi, September 17th



The Greek word *stigma* means “a scar left by a hot iron: brand,” according to *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Eleventh Edition). *Stigmata*—the plural form of the same Greek word—can also mean “bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ.” This provides a basic background for understanding the mysterious phenomenon of the stigmata in Christian history.

I begin my reflections on the mystery of the **stigmata** by confessing that the first person I think of as having such bodily marks, apart from Jesus, is St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. As the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis is certainly a primary shaper of Franciscan spirituality. St. Francis, therefore, is a preeminent focal point in helping us contemplate the meaning of the wounds of Christ and of his own wounds and thus to come to a Franciscan understanding of suffering.

The Crucified Christ Appears to Francis

On two separate, dramatic occasions, Francis had a vision of Jesus, wounded in hands, feet and side, suffering on a cross. If we look carefully at the two visions we will see them as closely interrelated. Both visions are described in St. Bonaventure's *Life of St. Francis*. It's helpful to remember that Bonaventure, as a Franciscan theologian and spiritual writer, often described God as a God of overflowing goodness and love.

The first vision happened to Francis shortly after his conversion from a rather worldly life. After that experience, Bonaventure tells us: “One day, while Francis was praying in a secluded spot and became totally absorbed in God through his extreme fervor, Jesus Christ appeared to him fastened to the cross. Francis' *soul melted* at the sight, and the memory of Christ's passion was so impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart that from that hour, whenever Christ's crucifixion came to mind, he could scarcely contain his tears and sighs.”

Bonaventure points out that from that time on Francis began “rendering humble service to lepers with human concern and devoted kindness....He visited their houses frequently, and generously distributed alms to them and with great compassion kissed their hands and their mouths.”

Francis' Vision on Mount La Verna

About two years before his death, St. Francis had a second vision of Christ fastened to the cross. Here is how St. Bonaventure sets the scene in his *Life of St. Francis*: “On a certain morning about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross [September 14], while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven. And when in swift flight the Seraph had reached a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the figure of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross. Two of the wings were lifted above his head, two were extended for flight and two covered his whole body.

“When Francis saw this, he was overwhelmed and his whole body was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. He rejoiced because of the gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of the Seraph, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross *pierced his soul with a sword of compassionate sorrow*.”

This is a good place to say a word about the Seraph. Seraphs are those angels closest to God, burning with love as they bow before the Most High God, shouting “Holy, holy, holy!” (see Isaiah 6:2-3.) Their fiery wings, as depicted here, suggest the flaming intensity of God's love that Christ communicated to Francis, which in turn, set Francis' heart afire. The word *seraphic* is often used to describe Francis' passionate style of relating to God and is often applied to the whole Franciscan Order, which is sometimes called the Seraphic Order.

“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 15th September
NO Mass

Funeral Mass 11.00am
[For the late Mr Joe Hanuman]

Tuesday 16th September
Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 17th September
Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm
'Elder' Matters Talk 6.30pm

Thursday 18th September
Mass 8.00am

Friday 19th September
Mass 8.00am

Saturday 20th September
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 21st September
(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
SFO 9.00am
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Joe Hanuman, John Roche, Jeffery Redshaw, Sandra Frangiosa, June McLeod, Suzanne Kempnich, Sandra Frangiosa, Angela Varricchio, those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:
Feriero Claremont families, Leona Akers, Peter Rossitto, Maureen Hudson, Dora and Giovanni Di Bella, Nunio La Spina, Maria and Mariano Grasso, Gerda Janssen, Martin Purcell, Brian Purcell, Emma Cuellar, Stanley Kelliher, Feriero, Claremont, Martin Families,

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

The Meaning of the Stigmata

As suggested earlier, St. Francis is an important key for us in unlocking the meaning of Christ's Stigmata. September is a good month to contemplate the meaning of the Stigmata for any of us who consider ourselves followers of St. Francis. As many of us know, Franciscans celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi each year on September 17, which is an estimated date of his receiving the wounds of Christ at Mount La Verna in 1224, two years before his death.

When St. Francis saw in his vision of the Crucified Christ the incredible outpouring of God's love upon him, he was inspired to respond with the same kind of overflowing love. We too contemplate that vision and try to respond in the same spirit.

Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and adore you.
Like Francis, we are amazed that you held nothing back from us in
pouring yourself out**

**for us so totally through your holy wounds on the cross. We ask you to
breathe forth your Holy Spirit into us and set our hearts on fire,
so that, with the Spirit's help, we might respond more fully to you.
Amen**

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

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!

Leave Your Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Kedron Parish? Naming the parish in your Will, after taking care of your loved ones, can make a meaningful and profound gift to our parish. Gifts can be made to the parish or designated to our perpetual endowment fund. By learning more about these and many other giving options, you can create a legacy of giving to your parish community. To learn more please contact the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

Laudato Si

This Second Sunday of the Season of Creation falls on "The Exultation of the Holy Cross". Father Hug, S.J. says, "The complex, integral ecological crisis confronting us in these times bears witness to humanity's lack of humility in relating to the rest of Creation, our attitude of domination toward nature and the lack of attention to the challenging dimensions of discipleship to Christ" (*Season of Creation 2025 Peace with Creation – A Catholic Liturgical Guide*). "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1939 in German *Nachfolge* – 'Following' -Christ) was written in a special time of the church's struggle of faithfulness to the gospel. Another German-speaking theologian, Hans von Balthasar, born 1905, also writes powerfully of "Christocentricity" the core "Love" of the suffering and rejection of one member of the Trinity on the cross (*Mysterium Paschale* 1990). We believe that in Christ's cross we have been 'saved' in God's Love and our discipleship 'job' is to be present to suffering with hope – to all of creation. We all know some exemplary and humble missionary disciples (see for instance Fr Greg Boyle S.J. and his challenging *Homies* ministry - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYIBMSHCv_Y&t=1207s)

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.

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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within our Parish. Reporting
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