



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st February 2026 (YEAR A)

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00 pm

Sunday 7.30 am 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday NO MASS and Tuesday 8.00 am

Wednesday 9.00 am

Thursday 8.00 am and Friday 8.00 am

BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00 am

(unless of another event that day)

(Booking is essential)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

2nd Sunday of the Month- 9.30 am (School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30 am (School term only)

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00 am

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00 pm (Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

Reflection...In any walk of life there are stories that circulate about an important facet of the job. For priests these stories often focus on sermons.

Like the young priest who was having trouble with his sermons, so he asked the Bishop for help. 'Well,' said the Bishop, 'you might start with something to get the congregation's attention, such as, "Last night I was in the warm embrace of a good woman." I've always found that sparks their interest and then you can go on to talk about how warm and accepting she was and at the end reveal she was your mother. It's great for sermons about family love.'

The young priest decided to take the advice the following Sunday, but he was so nervous, something got lost in the translation. He started, 'Last night I was in the arms of a hot woman.' As the congregation audibly gasped the young priest paused and realised he had forgotten how the Bishop's story ended, so he said, 'I don't remember who she was but the Bishop recommended her.'

We have just listened to one of the greatest sermons ever given. It is universally known as The Sermon on the Mount. What makes it great is not just the beauty of its language or the hope of its theology. It is truly great because Jesus was preaching to the reality in front of him. The Jews listening that day were poor, in grief, meek and hungry for justice. Some were trying to be merciful to their enemies, struggling to find God in the midst of persecution and attempting to make peace while their family and friends were being falsely accused and condemned.

As true as this was for the Jews of Jesus' day, it was even more so for the earliest Christian community for whom this Gospel was written.

Sometimes when we hear a sermon our reaction can be, 'What would he know?' 'If only he knew the complexities of my life, he would soon change his tune!' It's true that some of us have not been sensitive to the human frailties of the congregation in front of us and we have not been able to communicate our own frailties in the words we deliver.

The Sermon on the Mount is a model for all of us in every way. When Jesus says 'Blessed are you' he is not being patronising, glossing over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven.'

In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now. So the Beatitudes are saying that you do not need to go past your own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that if we are poor, compassionate, mournful, campaigning for a just society and suffering because of it, gentle, innocent, a peacemaker or a martyr, we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

The God of the Beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through. God is our best friend, walking beside us as we get out of bed and meet the days we would rather not face.

Sadly, God-as-friend is a rich image not used as much as it should be. We choose our friends, we like to spend time with them, we tell our intimate friends things we tell few others. Sometimes, when we are on top of the world or in a crisis we call our best friends ahead of our family. And we know our friends like us because they seek us out and want to share our life.

Jesus is the best friend we could ever have, interested in every daily event and he's there for us at every moment in life. Yet he doesn't barge in. He waits patiently for an invitation to enter our lives at whatever level we want.

Jesus-as-friend doesn't give us old-fashioned sermons, but rather meets us where we are, embraces us and holds us close when the going gets tough and helps us find the way forward. Jesus-as-friend is the greatest Beatitude of all.

"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 February

NO Mass

Tuesday 3rd February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 4th February

Mass 9.00am

[Anointing]

Padua College 2.00pm

[Belonging Day]

Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 5th February

Mass 8.00am

Friday 6th February

Mass 8.00am

St Anthony's School 9.15am

[Opening Mass]

Saturday 7th February

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 8th February

(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Carmelina Vitale, Patrick Maguire,
Robert Parella, Gloria Roughan, Patrick
McGee, Romy Ventura

those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Sarina Caruso, Leanne Torrisi, Bernie
Butler, Ellen Snell, Brendan O'Brien,
Conor Burke, Tracey Ihle, Michael

SAMARITANS, will be starting
Tuesday 3rd February 2026

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)

Thank You & Farewell Fr John



After over two wonderful years, Fr John will be leaving
Kedron Parish (20th of February).
He will begin his new ministry in Paddington NSW.

Please join us for his farewell Mass.

Where and When
9.30am Mass, Sunday 15th February 2026
Little Flower Church
80 Turner Road, Kedron Qld 4031

Following Mass, the celebration
will continue in the Parish Hall.

Shared Lunch
Please bring a plate to share.

RSVP: Sandra (Parish Manager) Phone: 3267 4825

Kindly let Sandra know what plate you will be bringing.
We look forward to celebrating together.

SEE YOU

If you would like to contribute to a gift please place your donation in an
envelope on the collection plate marked 'John's Gift'

"Our regional Ecumenical Service to celebrate World Day of Prayer this year is to be held on Friday 6th March commencing 10.30am at St Gerard Majella Church, 146 Maundrell Terrace, West Chermshire. The Prayer Service will be followed by morning tea. All parishioners including family and friends are invited to attend. The country in focus this year is Nigeria and the Prayer Service will include a guest speaker from this country. This is an opportunity to pray and meet with Christians from other denominations in the local area. Further information from Mary Anne Lucas on 0412323669 or Marie Jones on 0407756662."

Secular Franciscan Order

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For more information: Jim Kearney 0410-881622



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!



Parish 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.

MASS INTENIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6th February, 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr. William Aupito Luliano, PP St. Mary's Parish, South Brisbane will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

Laudato Si

Astronaut Katherine Bennell-Pegg 2026 said of her looking to the sky as a child in awe, "that imperative to look to the sky in wonder, to innovate and explore is an ancient one on this continent. Looking up to 'sky country' has always been part of who we are". She went on to talk about the "overview" experience - looking back over the whole earth, the new perspective this engenders reinforcing the comparative place of people and life on the blue planet against the backdrop of the cosmos. St Paul says today, "the human race has nothing to boast about to God" (Cor 1:26-31). Like in Job however, we have plenty to wonder about, good and bad and confounding like why can't we all get along in the 'kin-dom' of earth. Laudato Si' encourages wise imagination in theology, philosophy and economics. It has a systematic "meth" "od" (Greek for 'following a path') - the lens of ecology - "our common home". The film "Imagine" by Jack Manning Bancroft and Tyson Yankaporta is an example of contemporary, co-created, systems-thinking made accessible: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-01-26/imagine-movie-jack-manning-bancroft-aime-indigenous-mentoring/106256658>

DATES FOR 2026 SACRAMENTS

Date Claimers

CONFIRMATION (Yr 3 and above) - Term 1

Enrolment dates 29 January - 16 March
(All forms must be in before Parent Information nights.)

Monday 16 March at 6.00pm
Parent Information Little Flower church

Sunday 22 March at 5.30pm
ENROLMENT MASS Little Flower Church

Wednesday 22 April Workshop 4.00pm – 5.00pm (A – K)
Little Flower Church

or

Thursday 23 April Workshop 4.00pm – 5.00pm (L – Z)
Little Flower Church

Thursday 30 April CONFIRMATION evening
5.00pm and 7.00pm (only one session to be chosen)

HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILD

The Enrolment process will cover your child's enrolments for the Sacraments of:

- Confirmation
- Reconciliation
- First Holy Communion

There are two simple steps involved in this process:

Step 1. Register your family with **Flocknote** by using this link: <https://kedroncatholic.flocknote.com/register>

or using the **Flocknote URL**



Step 2. 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 being part of the Little Flower Parish and the Sacramental program.

Sacramental Team



Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

Every Saturday from 4.00pm to 4.30pm

On conclusion of Reconciliations at 4.30pm, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding that the priest will then be doing their final preparations for the celebration of Mass.

If you need to speak with a priest for a longer time than a brief Confession. Please make an appointment with the office for a time when you can discuss issues with a priest at a longer appointment.

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