



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th February 2026 (YEAR A)

Reflection...

Doctors and dietitians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

More positively Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

My professor of liturgy used to say 'Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.' This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.

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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

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th February

NO Mass

Tuesday 10th February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Padua House Eucharist 6.30pm

(*Rufino House*)

Wednesday 11th February

Mass 9.00am

NO Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 12th February

Mass 8.00am

Friday 13th February

Mass 8.00am

Inaugural Eucharist and Commissioning 9.15am

(*Padua*)

Saturday 14th February

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 15th February

(*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

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

those whose

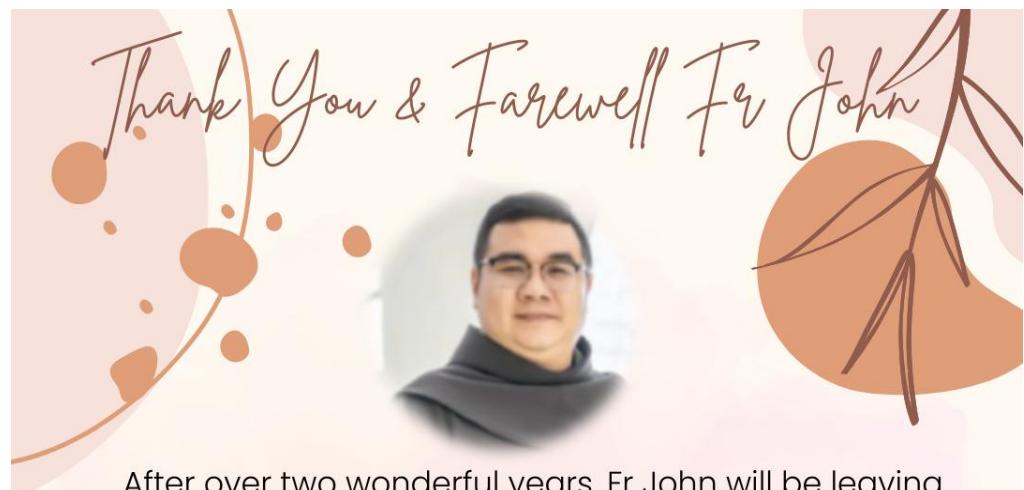
Anniversaries occur about now:

Paul Hotchkis, Eileen Stevens, Jack Lindau, Fr Finian Perkins ofm, Anthony Colavitti, Sarina Caruso, Leanne Torrisi, Bernie Butler, Ellen Snell, Brendan O'Brien, Conor Burke, Tracey Ihle,

SAMARITANS, will be starting Tuesday 3rd February 2026

9.30-12 with morning tea
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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.

S E E Y O U

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

13 FEBRUARY

National Apology Day

Lord, God of Justice,

As a nation we have said sorry for the cruel and unjust laws and policies throughout our country's history that have "inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians".

Help us, as the People of God, to be advocates of accountability and dignity so that, as we remember and learn from the past, we shape a nation where all can thrive and flourish. **Amen.**



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 sign up and register with the parish. If you have any questions, speak with the Parish office or scan the QR code here to register today!



World Day of Prayer - 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 Chermside. 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."



8 February 2026 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

"Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Matthew 5:13

Reflect today on this powerful metaphor of being the salt of the earth. The world desperately needs the enriching 'flavor' of God's grace. Without Him, the world is left to corruption and decay. With God, we, and those we serve, are preserved as pure and holy offerings, adding to His glory and growing in holiness. Be the salt of the earth. Do not become watered down in your faith. Remain steadfast in your fidelity to Christ and His Gospel, and you will transform the world around you. In doing so, you will not only glorify God but will also share in His eternal joy.

Laudato Si

Saint John of the Cross taught that all the goodness present in the realities and experiences of this world "is present in God eminently and infinitely, or more properly, in each of these sublime realities is God" (LS 234) Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God (LS 84). Inspired by biblical wisdom and the best of church tradition and teaching we look to the most ordinary as most awesome, e.g. the black cockatoos and Gould's goannas in our remnant forest native trees (<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/remnant-vegetation>). Exploring the ancient teachings of our faith in the light of today's ecological crisis, Laudato Si' teaches us that "everything is connected." (LS 91). As our relationship with our divine Creator has been neglected, human relationships have faltered, and our world has grown hotter, less stable more lifeless. As a result, we all suffer, and the poorest and most vulnerable suffer above all. We face a "complex crisis that is both social and environmental" (LS139). There is hope as we actualize "loving awareness" of this home we share to act on the values we hold dear. (LS 220)

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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