



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th 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)

ANOIDING 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

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30 am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

FR. JOHN'S WORDS OF THANKS AND FAREWELL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you know, I am about to take on a new assignment in Paddington, Sydney. Therefore, I am writing these lines to express my gratitude and farewell to you, all the beloved parishioners of St. Thérèse and St. Anthony's Church, Little Flower.

It has been two years since I met and befriended you, the beloved parishioners of Kedron Parish. In October 2023, I left my homeland, Vietnam, carrying with me homesickness and love for my country, to begin a new chapter of my religious life in Australia. It was something I had never imagined before. In those first days, I was worried, sometimes even afraid, because I didn't know what I would be able to do. However, that feeling didn't last long, because I was warmly welcomed by all of you. Everyone, or rather, all of you, came to greet me, inquire about my well-being, and made me feel familiar and close. During that first month, before I had my work papers, I had plenty of time to learn your names, although even now I still have to ask for them.

Many of you have asked me, "Father, do you feel homesick, miss your family and your homeland, Vietnam?" I answered wholeheartedly, "It is you all who have given me a sense of family." Yes, honestly, it is the loving gestures, the hopeful glances, and the encouraging words of you all that have made me happy, because I am surrounded by everyone's love. Over time, I began working at the parish as an assistant priest, supporting the parish priest in administration and pastoral care. And then many new things became familiar as I continued to receive support from everyone, especially Father Joseph, the ladies who work in the office like Sandra, Denise, and Rosemary; Rob and Marion, who take care of the sacristy. I feel happy and secure working alongside them. Moreover, everyone was willing to help me improve my work by preparing for Mass, correcting my English pronunciation errors, and teaching me how to preach effectively and in a way that resonated with people's lives. I will never forget your kindness, as it has helped me become better and more confident.

I also will not forget the teachers, staff, and students of the three schools in the Franciscan community: St. Anthony School, Padua College, and Mt. Alvernia. You are not only teachers but also people who live and spread the Franciscan spirit to your students. In particular, I want to express my gratitude to the teachers, staff, and students of St. Anthony School. You have given me the opportunity to live the joyful, simple spirit and the happiness of the Franciscan ideal throughout the school. I can never forget the Friday lunches grilling sausages for the students, and the times I visited the school to meet and play with them. In particular, I was honored to be present at many school events and to participate as the chief celebrant. I felt the vibrant spirit and youthful energy of the teachers and students.

All of these things are not only beautiful memories, but also rich experiences that God has given me through all of you. I believe God will reward you accordingly for the good things you have done. May God continue to grant you joy, strong faith, and heartfelt love. Goodbye, and I hope to see you all again soon.

"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 16th February

NO Mass

St Anthony's Board Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 18th February

[Ash Wednesday]

Mass 9.00am

Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 19th February

Mass 8.00am

Friday 20th February

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross

[straight after Mass]

Saturday 21st February

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 22nd February

(1st Sunday of Lent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00 am

Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Fr Tom Hartle OFM, Carmelina Vitale, Patrick Maguire, Robert Parella, Gloria Roughan, Patrick McGee, Romy Ventura
those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Sarah Benedetti, 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, every Tuesday, 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)

Fr. Thomas Hartle, OFM, 81, of St. Anthony Friary in Butler, New Jersey passed away on Feb. 5, 2026, while in Aruba. During his 49 years as a friar, he was known as a compassionate retreat leader and pastor with a wonderful sense of humor and a deep sense of joy.

Some Kedron parishioners may remember Fr Tom when he led a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr Peter Clifford. He also led two Pilgrimages with staff from Mt Alvernia and St Anthony's.

May he rest in the peace of Christ whom he served so faithfully.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

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!



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."



SVdP

A BIG thank you to the parish and local schools for your amazing support for our 2025 SVdP Giving Tree and Christmas appeal. Your donations, prayers and support are sincerely appreciated - as expressed beautifully by one hamper recipient who expressed their heartfelt gratitude for their hamper and in "knowing that someone is thinking of me and cares enough to make such an effort and drop by to wish me well" and adding that "Without Vinnies, I would see and speak to no-one else". None of this would be possible without the support of our wonderful Kedron community. So, thank you, one and all!

We would also like to add a special thanks to all the many donors who assisted with education costs. Your generosity has enabled us to deal more effectively with a very busy first few weeks of 2026 with many requests for help with books and uniforms. This makes a big difference to many lives. Thank you

MASS COLLECTIONS

The **FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan* Friars and their work. You can also use the "**Tap & Go**" at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit** (see below).

The **SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use "**Tap & Go**," options form **Direct Deposit**, or **Direct Debit**. **A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.**

For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786**

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If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, **all this amount goes towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

Laudato Si

Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10), "We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The Spirit reaches the depth of everything." The wisdom of Christ of the Cosmos and Jesus of faith is our guide and it is deep and wide. We ever need conversion to grasp this mystery of our common home. Pope Leo says, "It is only by returning to the heart that a true ecological conversion can take part". It is a mystical way. Laudato Si' Movement offers a beautiful 15-minute visual 2026 Lenten retreat resource https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhZ2w_IkKE&t=15s "Christ is the heart of the world. Your body is part of Creation. Formed from the same elements as the earth. You breathe the same air as every living being. Your heart learns its rhythm from the heart of Christ. Contemplation is a dialogue of heart to heart. Your heart and the Heart of Christ". Listen. Learn more from Laudato Si' summaries: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/whats-the-best-2-page-summary-youve-seen-of-laudato-si/> and participate in hope, prayer and action.

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