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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
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
 3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30 am
 Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st February 2026 (YEAR A)

Stations of the Cross will be held every
 Friday after Mass at 8.30am

My name is Fr Challita Al Boustany known as Charlie. The name Challita has its roots in Aramaic, the ancient language spoken by Our Lord Jesus Christ. In English-speaking contexts, I am often known simply as Charlie.



I was born in Lebanon, into a close-knit family with one brother and one sister. My mother still living there with my brother, and my father passed away in 2009, a moment that deeply shaped my faith journey and my understanding of life, vocation, and trust in God.

My religious vocation began in Lebanon when I entered the Lebanese Order. I completed two years of postulancy (1992–1994) followed by two years of novitiate (1994–1996). I professed my simple vows in 1996 and my solemn vows in 1999. My formation included two years of philosophy and four years of theology and pastoral studies, culminating in my priestly ordination on 6 July 2002 at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik.

My first pastoral appointment was as an assistant to the novice master in Lebanon, a role I served for one and a half years. This was followed by nine months of pastoral ministry in Montreal, Canada, an enriching experience of Church life within a multicultural context.

From 2005 to 2019, I served for fourteen years in Punchbowl, Australia, where I was deeply involved in parish pastoral ministry. During this time, I also pursued studies in education, contributed actively to parish life, and had the joy of conducting choirs, an area that combines faith, discipline, and beauty.

In 2018, I spent one year in Waverley, assisting Fr Bernie in parish ministry. This was followed by two years (2019–2021) in a monastery in Lebanon, a period marked by prayer, community life, and spiritual renewal. From 2021 to 2024, I served in pastoral ministry in Senegal, an experience that further deepened my appreciation for cultural diversity, missionary presence, and the universality of the Church.

I returned to Sydney in November 2024 and assisted the Franciscan community in Waverley, providing supply and pastoral assistance at St Francis' Parish, Paddington, and St Joseph's Parish, Edgecliff.

I am grateful to speak three languages fluently: Arabic, French, and English, and I am able to read Aramaic and Hebrew, which continues to enrich my engagement with Scripture and tradition.

On a personal level, I value community life and social gatherings, believing that fraternity is at the heart of Christian witness. I enjoy watching tennis and table tennis, practising swimming, sometimes I try to watch cinema and musicals. I have a strong interest in cultural diversity, dialogue, and continuous learning, both intellectually and spiritually.

I look forward to walking together in faith, service, and shared mission, trusting that God continues to lead us through one another.

Fr Charlie ofm

"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".

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>

Step 2. Completing the form for 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

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, Bardonia, Friday, 6th March, 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr. James O'Donoghue, Assistant Priest at Ipswich and the South Country Deanery, 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 Bardonia.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL 2026

10.00 AM

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Once again, the parish is re-enacting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help re-enact the stations.

If you would like to volunteer, please email us at missionandidentityadmin@padua.qld.edu.au
By Friday, 13 February

All Year levels are invited to participate

What you are committing to

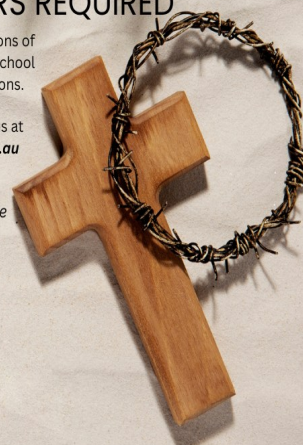
3x 1 hr rehearsals during Term 1

(including Good Friday Morning)

Performance on 3 April @ 10am

Yr 11 & 12's will receive
5x Service-Learning Hours
for Participation (Padua Boys)

Good Friday marks the death of Jesus, who was a perfect sacrifice, taking upon Himself our guilt and blame.



Please pray for our recently deceased:

Loida Azul, Fr Tom Hartle OFM, Carmelina Vitale, Patrick Maguire, Robert Parella, Gloria Roughan, 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,



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."

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died

Your son, Jesus, prayed that his friends 'may all be one.'
Yet we see so much division in the world. War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer when they don't have peace and respect. They lack the necessities of life: food, water,

health, education and security.

We pray that we may all Unite Against Poverty this Lent. May our support for Project Compassion be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication to prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



PROJECT COMPASSION

First Sunday of Lent
21-22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

EASTER SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2026

Palm Sunday

28th March
5.00pm
Vigil

Sunday

29th March
7.30am 9.30am
5.30pm

Holy Thursday

2nd April
No morning Mass
7.00pm Mass of
the Lord's Supper

Night Prayer

at 9.00pm Parish
Hall

Good Friday

3rd April
10.00am
Stations of the
Cross

3.00pm
Passion of Our
Lord

Holy Saturday

4th April
6.00pm Celebra-
tion of the Easter
Vigil

Easter Sunday

5th April
7.30am and
9.30am

NO MASS at
5.30pm

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd March

NO Mass

Tuesday 3rd March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 4th March

Mass 9.00am

[Anointing]

Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 5th March

Mass 8.00am

Friday 6th March

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross
[straight after Mass]

Saturday 7th March

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Baptism 12.00noon

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 8th March

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptism 11.00 am

Mass 5.30pm

SAMARITANS, every Tuesday,
9.30-12 with morning tea

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Reflection

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.

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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!



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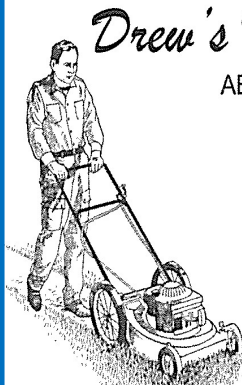
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