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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

3rd Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2026 (YEAR A)

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

**Reflection**

Father Jim was invited by Caritas, the Catholic Development Agency, to travel to the Philippines and see the excellent work they were doing with the monies collected in their Lenten appeal.

When he arrived in Manila he was asked if he would like to have some exposure to the real lives of the people Caritas was helping. It was decided that for two days he would live with a family on Smoky Mountain. Smoky Mountain no longer exists, but for over thirty years it was home to nearly ten thousand people. Smoky Mountain was the refuse tip for metro-Manila. It got its name from the smouldering pile of rubbish dumped there every day. People lived on three sides of this mountain of waste and made their homes and livelihood from the city's refuse.

Jim had heard of Smoky Mountain, but nothing prepared him for the reality. He smelt it before he saw it and when he saw it he couldn't believe it. The crest of the hill was indeed billowing smoke, and canals of water surrounded it. Running water was only available at public pumps. Over the canals were semi-public cubicles where people showered and went to the open toilets. As the bulldozers shovelled the day's deposit into the mountainside, the residents picked through the collection to see what could be salvaged. Homes were made of every weather-resistant material imaginable.

Jim met the Jesuits who looked after the Smoky Mountain parish. They were campaigning to have it shut down. The parish priest took him to meet the family with whom he would be staying. On a hot, humid afternoon he started the climb to Bing's home. There were children everywhere. Dirty, energetic, scavenging children. His heart was close to breaking, his stomach was dry-retching.

When he arrived at Bing's neatly kept home he was given a warm welcome. Bing saw that Jim was hot and bothered by his new surrounds and offered him a drink of water. Nothing prepared him for this dilemma: how far was he prepared to share in the life of the poor? All Jim could think of were the diseases he could catch from drinking water from the pump. As thirsty as he was he declined the offer, knowing that later he would privately gulp down one of the bottles of water in his backpack. Jim watched as the glasses of water were served on a tray. As he chatted to the family about Smoky Mountain he felt a fraud. Bing's daughter emerged with a sealed bottle of water and proceeded to fill up all the glasses. On seeing the bottle Jim had a change of mind and accepted the water. Bing then produced a plastic glass in a sealed package for Jim's use. Flushed with embarrassment, all he could think of was Jesus and the Woman at the Well.

At that famous well Jesus enters the world of a poor Samaritan woman who has been dumped five times by the men who married her. By asking for a drink, by engaging her in conversation, by understanding her situation and offering her a way out of the cycle of emotional abuse in which she was caught, Jesus gives her the greatest gift of all: personal dignity. This changes her life and turns her into one of the earliest missionaries in John's Gospel.

Although separated by time and space, a drink of water helped a Samaritan woman and Fr Jim face up to the embarrassment of their worlds, their quick and inaccurate judgements and reassess the choices that could lead them to life. Both of them recognised that no matter how good the gift of water was that day, the unknown and unexpected Giver of the gift was so much greater.

May this Eucharist help us do the same.

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"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 session—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 Ceremony 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  
[sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL 2026

10.00AM

### 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](mailto: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.

### MASS INTENTIONS & 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.

#### Please pray for our recently deceased:

Don Reade, Owen Boyle, Romeo Cabello, Loida Azul, Fr Tom Hartle OFM, Carmelina Vitale, Patrick Maguire, those whose

#### Anniversaries occur about now:

John Currie, Feriero Family, Claremont Family, Sarah Benedetti, Paul Hotchkis, Eileen Stevens Jack Lindau, Fr Finian Perkins ofm, Anthony Colavitti, Sarina Caruso, Leanne Torrisi, Bernie Butler,



**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, wa-  
ter,*

*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**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
7-8 March 2026

**Monoranjon** lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



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Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**

### Palm Sunday

28th March  
5.00pm  
Vigil

### Sunday

29th March  
7.30am 9.30am  
5.30pm

## EASTER SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2026

### 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 9th March

NO Mass  
Padua Year 10 6.30pm  
Presentation Hat and Blazer

#### Tuesday 10th March

Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am

#### Wednesday 11th March

Mass 9.00am  
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#### Thursday 12th March

Mass 8.00am  
Lenten Reconciliation 7.00pm

#### Friday 13th March

Mass 8.00am  
Stations of the Cross  
[straight after Mass]

#### Saturday 14th March

Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

#### Sunday 8th March

(4th Sunday of Lent)  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Mass 5.30pm

SAMARITANS, every Tuesday,  
9.30-12 with morning tea  
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class, and Bingo. A fun-packed morning!  
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(next to church)



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay  
invites you to the annual  
**CHRISM MASS**  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
Thursday 26th March 2026  
7:00pm  
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
All Welcome  
The undercover carpark will be available  
from 6:00pm



**ALL EASTER SERVICES**  
**Volunteers are needed for various  
ministries. Please put your name  
down on the list in the Sacristy**

### **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.

### **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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