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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

4th Sunday of Lent - 15th March 2026 (YEAR A)

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

Reflection

I have never been able to reconcile the long faces some of us put on in Lent with the prayers of the Church that describe this as 'a joyful season'. The following story takes seriously that laughter is an essential element of our Lenten observance.

Once upon a time in a nice little forest, there lived an orphaned bunny and an orphaned snake. By surprising coincidence, both were blind from birth.

One day, the bunny was hopping through the forest while the snake was slithering along the same path. The bunny tripped over the snake and fell down. 'Oh, my,' said the bunny, 'I'm terribly sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. I've been blind since birth, so, I can't see where I'm going. In fact, I'm also an orphan, so I don't even know what I am.' 'It's quite okay,' replied the snake, 'my story is much the same as yours. I've been blind since birth and never knew my mother. Tell you what, I could slither over you, and figure out what you are.'

'Oh, that would be wonderful,' replied the bunny. So the snake slithered all over the bunny, and said, 'Well, you're covered with soft fur; you have really long ears; your nose twitches; and you have a soft cottony tail. I'd say that you must be a bunny.'

'Oh, thank you! Thank you,' cried the bunny in obvious excitement. The bunny then suggested to the snake, 'Maybe I could feel you with my paw, and help you in the same way you've helped me.' So the bunny felt the snake all over, and remarked, 'Well, you're scaly and smooth, you have a forked tongue, you're impossible to pin down and you have no backbone at all. I'd say you must be either a contractor, a consultant or possibly someone in senior management.'

On reflection the Gospel of the man born blind is a joyful one too. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law. They cannot recognise Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

This Gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we need to keep saying this, but too readily we hear otherwise intelligent and good Christians, for example, telling us that some illnesses have been 'sent' by God as punishment for sins or they wonder what their families have 'done' to deserve disabled children. It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humour and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works or what he can or cannot do. May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.

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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

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,

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
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.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14–15 March 2026

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

Laudato Si

Fr Tom Ehlich notes in Liturgy Publications Book for Readers, Break *Open The Word 2026*, "Last week WATER, This week, LIGHT, Next week, LIFE ". The readings have characteristic earthy grounding but presage the immanent Easter mystery of the two 'natures' of Christ. With oil carried in a ram's horn, Samuel anoints the young David (who is "out looking after sheep") as king. Psalm 22 gives us **The Shepherd's** crook and staff image for comfort in "fresh and green pastures", banishing fear and despair when in valleys of darkness (like now?). Paul tells the Ephesians they are now in the light of the Lord and John lays out the miracle of healing with clay and spittle the eyes of the man born blind. Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* prayed for pastors to have the smell of sheep and a church which is a "field" hospital. Both he and Pope Leo XIV link the care for earth and the cry of those ravaged by war: "Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission". <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-11/six-months-with-pope-leo-xiv-a-united-and-open-church.html>

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 16th March

NO Mass
Parents Information 6.00pm
[Confirmation]

Tuesday 17th March

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 18th March

Mass 9.00am
Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 19th March

Mass 8.00am

Friday 20th March

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

Saturday 21st March

Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 22nd March

(5th Sunday of Lent)
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am
Mass 5.30pm
[Confirmation Enrolment Mass]

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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




Children's Mass
4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Please contact Lauren if your child would like to be involved:
lauren.ann.goettler@gmail.com

ALL EASTER SERVICES

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

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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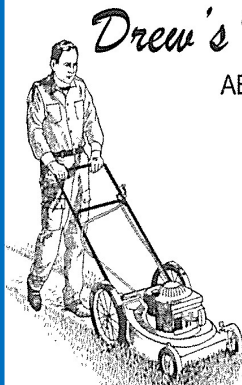
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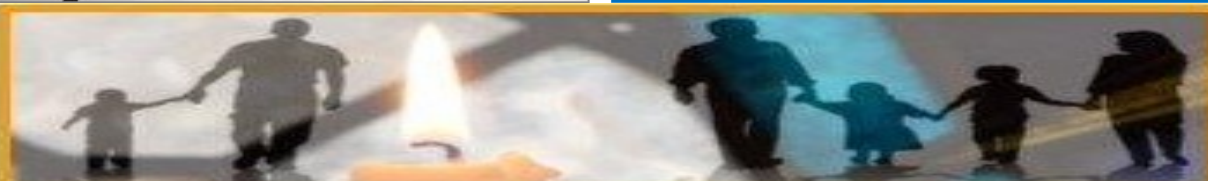
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