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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

5th Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2026 (YEAR A)

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

**Reflection**

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. The sprinkling of water over a catechumen's head just doesn't capture the drama which the ritual intends. But when we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.

The season of Lent has its origins in third century Egypt where there was a commemoration of Jesus' forty days in the desert. In the fourth century these forty days are moved to their present location in the Church's calendar as the final preparation time for baptismal candidates at Easter and by the fifth century these penitential and baptismal focuses came together as one season for all believers to observe. Even the word Lent, from the old English word *Lenc-ten* meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.

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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 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)**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL 2026

10.00 AM

### REHEARSAL TIMES

#### Rehearsal and Performance Program:

##### Sunday 22 March

Rehearsal #1 in Little Flower Church 3 – 4 pm

##### Sunday 29 March

Rehearsal #2 in Little Flower Church 3 – 4 pm

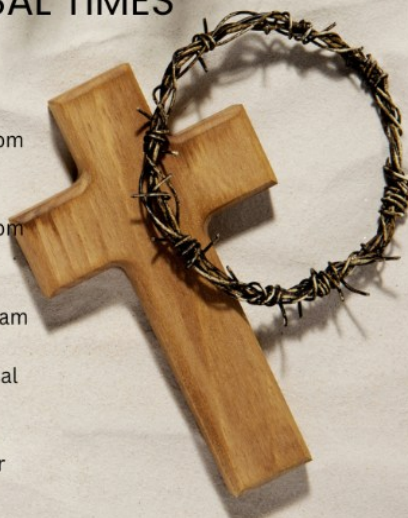
##### Friday 3 April

Final Dress Rehearsal in Little Church 7 – 8 am

Breakfast supplied by Parish after rehearsal  
Hall 8 - 9 am

Good Friday Performance in Little Flower  
Church 10 – 11am

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



### Laudato Si

With the wars in particular in the Middle East and the Ukraine, various Bishops Conferences of the world are speaking out about the link between wars, energy, damaging emissions to the atmosphere and displacement and untold suffering at the individual, communal and country levels. See the webinar on the Manifesto of the Churches of the South: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqjUEgQ3jtA&t=1503s>.

Jesus raises Lazarus from among the smelling dead, presaging the violent death and glorious resurrection of Christ. From decay to revived life to unbinding - not unlike plants fruiting from buried seeds and bulbs. Laudato Si' models the sensitivity of St Francis to the fragility and co-responsibility we have as Easter People to our fellow creatures: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html).

In Laudate Deum we read, "with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point". [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html). The Bishops of Appalachia in 1975 said, "we believe the voice of God is among us, where in a wilderness of idolatrous destruction, the great voice of God still cries out for life". <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e0ebce33d6a6002f3105cc7/t/5e3321856cac3d0b6f059a5a/1580409225664/AppalachianBishopsPastorals.pdf>

### Please pray for our recently deceased:

James Christian, Maureen Scott, Dot Dixon,  
Geoff Holden, Sr Gabrielle Ryan, Don  
Reade, Owen Boyle, Romeo Cabello, Loida  
Azul, Fr Tom Hartle OFM,

### those whose

### Anniversaries occur about now:

Harry Roy Nanda, John Currie, Feriero Family,  
Claremont Family, Sarah Benedetti, Paul  
Hotchkis, Eileen Stevens Jack Lindau,

### 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**

Account Number: **100003991**

Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname**,  
eg. J Blogs

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.

### Home Visitation to the Sick and Elderly

You need not be isolated from your Parish family if you are sick or unable to join us for Mass. We are fortunate to have **Ministers of Communion** who will visit homes within our Parish and bring Holy Communion.

If you would like them to visit you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 3267 4825 or by email. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Communion please contact us.

### 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 23rd March  
NO Mass

Tuesday 24th March  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 25th March  
Mass 9.00am  
NO Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 26th March  
Mass 8.00am  
Chrism Mass 7.00pm  
(Cathedral)

Friday 27th March  
Mass 8.00am  
Stations of the Cross  
[straight after Mass]  
Padua Mass 10.50 am

Saturday 28th March  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 29th March  
(Palm Sunday)  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Mass 5.30pm

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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




**Children's Mass**  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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