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#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday NO MASS and Tuesday

8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

#### BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am

(unless of another event that day)

(Booking is essential)

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st, 2nd and 3th Sunday of the Month- 9.30am

(School Term Only)

#### FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am

(School term only)

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass

until the start of Friday 8am Mass

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

All enquiries for assistance Ph: 1800 846 643

#### SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

3rd Sunday of every Month at 9.30am

Jim Kearney 0410 881 622

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th January 2025 (YEAR C)



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

### THE JUBILEE YEAR OF 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee Year of 2025 on Christmas Eve this year. It will come to its conclusion on the feast of the Epiphany 2026. He has invited all the dioceses of the world to inaugurate the Jubilee locally on Sunday, 29 December, which is not the most convenient time in this part of the world. Nonetheless, the Dean of St Stephen's will lead a celebration inaugurating the Jubilee at the Cathedral, blessing the Holy Door and leading the people through it as a sign of walking as pilgrims with Christ into newness of life. I invite parishes and deaneries to be as creative as possible in inaugurating and celebrating the Jubilee Year.

The Jubilee looks back to the first Roman celebration in 1300; and Rome has always been the epicentre of celebration, as it will be of the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage which I hope to accompany in September next year. But the Jubilee Year also looks back much further to the biblical jubilee, which was celebrated every fifty years. It was a time of renewal for the people of God, a time to make a new beginning, a time to focus again on the God-given identity of ancient Israel as a community of slaves set free in a world which says that slaves can never come free.

The Jubilee Year is therefore a call to recognise the many forms of slavery, overt and covert, that are found in this culture and in our own lives – and to renew our faith in the possibility of freedom and commit ourselves anew to what freedom requires. Any pilgrimage – even the little pilgrimage of walking through the Holy Door – is a farewell to an old enslaving way of life and an embrace of a new way of life which the Lord crucified and risen makes possible.

The motto of this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Any journey we make through this year we make not as tourists or holiday-makers but as pilgrims. It is a journey of faith. And it is driven by a hope which is not mere wishful thinking but the proclamation of a true hope in a world which often seems hopeless, a hope grounded ultimately in Easter. This hope is an expectation that what God has done in Jesus he will do in the world and even the cosmos. God will bring light from darkness, life from death.

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that "there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God" (4:9). In a deeply restless world, may this Jubilee Year be a time of sabbath which God alone can provide, refreshing our souls and putting new heart into the Church as we take the path traced by the Archdiocesan Synod and its Action Plans. Amen.

Archbishop of Brisbane

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

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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".

**PARISH EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

**Monday 20 January**  
NO Mass

**Tuesday 21st January**  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass

**Wednesday 22nd January**  
Padua Staff Mass 8.00am  
Mass 9.00am  
Mass Delamore 4:45pm

**Thursday 23rd January**  
Mass 8.00am  
Perpetual Adoration

**Friday 24th January**  
Mass 8.00am  
Christian Meditation 9.00am

**Saturday 25th December**  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 26th December**  
[3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]  
Australia Day  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Mass 5.30pm



**Kedron Parish Pilgrimage September-October 2026**

Dear Parishioners,  
We normally celebrate birth rather than death. However, any passing of a loved one reminds us of the words "Remember we are but travellers here" (*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*), our life is a pilgrimage and "our citizenship is in heaven" (*Pl 3,20*). This coming 2026 marks 800 years of the passing of our Franciscan Family Founder St Francis of Assisi (1226-2026). As believers, we consider our passing as our birth to eternal life with God.  
Therefore, to mark the death of St. Francis, our Parish is planning a pilgrimage to Assisi for those who are interested in this event. In order to organize this journey, we need at least a minimum of 20 people for it to proceed. The number registered will affect the cost: the more people in our group the lower the cost will be. So, we encourage any of you who are interested to make a booking via our Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can prepare in advance, an itinerary and the necessities needed for this pilgrimage, which will certainly be a great experience for all those who travel this journey.  
Thank you and may God bless you all.  
Fr Joseph Nguyen, OFM

Reflection...

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it. Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age.



"Praise be You,  
my Lord,  
with all Your creatures..."  
St Francis of Assisi

**This year we celebrate 800th anniversary of the Canticale of Creatures** The Canticale of the Creatures is a hymn of praise that recapitulates Francis's journey to God in and through the beautiful things of creation. For Francis all creation became a theophany, a manifestation of the goodness of God. But the Canticale also represents a lifetime of conversion, as Francis strove to be a brother to all things and to praise God in the cloister of the universe despite his sufferings, feelings of abandonment and darkness. In the Canticale, composed one year before he died and while he was laying ill in a small dark hut near San Damiano, Francis sang of the human family (brother-sister-mother) as the model for all relationships. The Canticale of the Creatures is the capstone of his theological vision.

... The Canticale reminds us that we humans are as dependent on the elements of creation as they are dependent on us. With his marvellous respect for creatures of all kinds, for sun, moon, stars, water, wind, fire and earth, Francis came to see that all creation gives praise to God. Brother Sun and Sister Moon praise God just by being sun and moon. We might say that Francis became sensitive to the goodness of creation so that he came to understand, hear and see the sun and moon praising God. The Canticale foreshadows the new creation where we will find ourselves related to all things of creation in a spirit of reconciliation and peace. It brings to our awareness that the entire creation is charged with the goodness of God so that, even in eternal life, creation will offer praise and glory to the most high.

As the final song of his life, the Canticale reveals to us Francis's deep reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation. For Francis it is the Incarnation that gives insight into the goodness of the created world as the sacrament of God. Creation and Incarnation are intimately united in such a way that we cannot truly grasp our relationship to creation apart from understanding our relationship to Jesus Christ. Francis's relationship to Christ did not follow a narrow path but grew to the widest possible horizon. The deeper he grew in relationship with Christ, the more he found himself intimately related to the things of creation as brother. We might say that his relationship with Christ changed his internal focus. He developed a deeper consciousness of "relatedness" and came to realize he was related to all things no matter how small, because everything shared in the primordial goodness of God, the source of his own life. Francis discovered that he was part of the cosmic family of creation.

*The text above are excerpts from Ilia Delio, OSF, "A Franciscan View of Creation: Learning to Live in a Sacramental World." Volume 2 of The Franciscan Heritage Series. Published by The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY, 2003.*

#### Canticale of Creatures (St Francis of Assisi)

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air  
and every kind of weather by which you, Lord,  
uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth  
fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many  
colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you;  
and for those who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience- you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,  
whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility.

St Marcella Erdman, of  
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#### Laudato Si

Paul in 1Cor12:4-11 lays out a proto-theology of the inclusion of the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity. And it is a practical, empirical, introduction to this Person by way of seeing the gifts of the Holy Spirit – in each person. Holy Wisdom (Sophia) is a gift and we seek it as we confront the problem of violence from nature and from humanity. Fires and wars challenge our idea of God in the face of the suffering of innocents (human and animal) and the blameworthy alike (merciless killing and destruction of cultural and natural ecosystems). **The Book of Job** challenges us to come to our own understanding of the relationship of the evolution of the cosmos, our planet and human endeavours. All in the context of a wider understanding of "God" and the Trinitarian relationship to "Creation" - down to the most painful details of suffering and the most glorious cultivation of life. A Borgo (village) Laudato Si' garden is an example of making a place for such contemplations. The task is finding Wisdom in nature and evolution, science and faith combined: see <https://ctu.edu/preaching-with-the-sciences/>



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The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.*

## The Samaritan Community

SAMARITANS is now in recess for the Christmas break. The activities begin again on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Thank you to all who helped in any way with Samaritans this year. We are grateful for your support.

Contact 0405241644 for further information.

## Please pray for our recently deceased:

Benedict Veluz, James McKay, Anne Green, Michael Sheehan, Zosima Calingasan, Conor Burke, Cathi Stringer, Leslie Hall, Sr Cecilia Norris mfc, Sr Dawn Borger mfc, **those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:** Pierre Nobin, Ellen Snell, Millicent Gomes, Dick Akers, Gaston Yenkoodoo, Tracey Ihle, Michael Kelliher, Maria La Rosa, K. A. George, Mariam Augusty, Elena Nedtran, Ricardo Lavada, Carmelo Angi, Dick Akers, Reg McIntyre, Bill Cox

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