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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 3rd 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**

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th January 2025 (YEAR C)

#### Reflection...

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.

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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 27th January**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**NO Mass**

**Tuesday 28th January**  
**Mass 8.00am**  
**Rosary after Mass**  
**Padua 9.00am**

*(Presentation on the Canticle of Creatures)*

**Wednesday 29th January**  
**Mass 9.00am**

**Mt Alvernia 9.00am**  
*(Welcome Liturgy and Commissioning -  
San Damiano Centre)*

**Padua Welcome Liturgy 10.00am**  
*(Yr 5 and Yr 7)*

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**  
**Padua Commissioning 6.30pm**  
*(Yr 12)*

**Thursday 30th January**  
**Mass 8.00am**

**Perpetual Adoration**  
**Deanery Meeting 10.00am**  
**Funeral Service 11.00am**  
*(for the late Merle Ward)*

**Friday 31st January**  
**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**  
**Padua Mass 9.00am**  
*(Senior)*  
**Padua Mass 11.30am**  
*(Middle)*  
**Padua Mass 2.00pm**  
*(Junior)*

**Saturday 1st February**  
**Baptismal Information 11.00am**  
**Reconciliation 4.00pm**  
**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 2nd February**  
*[Presentation of the Lord]*  
**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**  
**Mass 5.30pm**

**Baptism Preparation**

If you have a child and wish them to be baptised, we have an information and preparation session in the church at 11am usually on the first Saturday of each month. At this short meeting, we explain the meaning of Baptism and the ceremony, answer questions and finalise dates.

Further details can be obtained from the parish office (3267 4825) or email: [kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Our next baptismal Information will be**  
**Saturday 1st February**  
**at 11.00am**



**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 ([kedron@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kedron@bne.catholic.net.au)) or contact our Parish Manager (Sandra) on 3267 4825, 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



**What is a Jubilee?**

A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the

world.

The word "jubilee" is derived from the Hebrew word *jobel*, which means "ram's horn"; since it was precisely that horn which was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. The book of Leviticus, in the code of holiness, is the source which tells us of the significance of the jubilee year, a year of liberation "par excellence," which is at the end of seven weeks of years, the fiftieth year.

The logo symbolises unity and fraternity among all of humanity, with four stylised figures from different corners of the earth embracing each other. The leading figure holds a cross, representing faith and hope. The rough waves beneath the figures symbolize life's challenges, emphasizing the need for hope in difficult times. The elongated lower part of the cross forms an anchor, a well-known symbol of hope. This image depicts the pilgrimage as a communal journey towards the cross, which reaches out dynamically to offer presence and hope. The motto for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of hope", is displayed in green letters at the bottom of the logo.

**The Jubilee Prayer**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

*Franciscus*



## Anointing Mass

On the first Wednesday of the month at 9.00am Mass everyone is invited to an Anointing Mass. The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament for those whose health is impaired by sickness or old age. It is a source of healing for the sick rather than the final act of the church for the dying. The Sacrament enables the sick or the aged person to be anointed with the oil of the sick, to experience the healing and strength of Jesus Christ and to be supported by a praying community. Do you know someone who would appreciate attending the anointing Mass? Perhaps you might invite them and assist them with transport.



All are welcome

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### PREPARATION 2025

Our Sacramental Program is parish-based, family-centred and school-supported. The preparation thus relies on your commitment to attend activities that we offer, and upon your enrolment, we have clear expectations that you will participate fully in the program. The First Reconciliation program is for children in

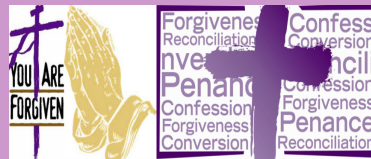
### School Year 5 and above.

If you would like to enrol your child or require any further information please contact Rosemary Woods, Sacramental Coordinator at:

**sacramental.kedron@bne.catholic.net.au** or

**call the parish office on 3267 4825 for an enrolment form.**

We welcome you and your child and look forward to being part of their preparation for this sacrament. Please note these important dates:



**Reconciliation Evening:**  
Monday 3rd March  
3.30pm - 6.00pm  
(at the Parish Church)

## 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," your **Envelopes**, **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, Envelope No. (if you have one)** eg. J Blogs 579

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.

## 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.

## Laudato Si

Scholars tell us, "Luke is concerned more than any other Gospel writer with Jesus' attitude toward the economically and socially poor, the downtrodden, oppressed and afflicted, the forgotten and the neglected" (*Liturgy and Life Study Bible*. Liturgical Press 2023 p.1651). The plight of the poor and the plight of the earth are intimately linked. An action-research approach for a Laudato Si' Action Plan (LSAP) for a parish might start with researching what is literally underfoot. Soil comes from rock; rock comes from the geology forming from the beginning of the Universe. Dramatic events, natural and human-caused, form and destroy soils. 'Humus' and 'human' are intimately related (On soils see: <https://www.isric.org/discover/about-soils/how-do-soils-form> ). We believe in the love and freedom granted us by the Creator of the Universe – witness planet, humans and all our kin. Contemplation of what is beneath our feet, its history - rock, human and animal tell of what glory and beauty there are in God's Creation. This 'contemplation' can lead to education and built-action (intentional gardening?) for justice (see: Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, *The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si'*, 2019.)

## 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!





## Safeguarding Commitment

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

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## Please pray for our recently deceased:

Merle Ward, 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:

Dora Fresta, 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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