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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

Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2025 (YEAR C)



Reflection...

For most of its history today's feast was a dual observation. The Purification of Mary accompanied the

Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

It's not that long ago that western cultures had ceremonies to 'purify' women after childbirth. These rituals have their roots in some appalling thinking about how the flow of women's blood defiles them and those who touched them. Maybe the only modern reclamation we could make of these rites would be to understand them as purification of the memory. After the selflessness of a pregnancy and the great pain of childbirth, a mother could use such a ritual moment to reclaim her body. In any case, it is right and good that we no longer overly emphasise this side of today's feast.

The Presentation of Jesus is easier to handle and to understand. Jewish law stipulated that within forty days of a child's birth the parents should present their baby in the temple as an act of thanksgiving. In the Bible the number forty always indicates a time of formation. So forty days after Christmas the Church has today's celebration. As Luke describes the scene Simeon and Anna represent the Old Covenant. He embodies all those who longed to see the Christ. She embodies all those who prophesied his coming. In a few sentences Luke tells us that just as the Israelites entered the Promised Land after forty years in the desert, so now the time of waiting, searching and hoping is over. Israel can receive the promised Messiah. The old covenant has been fulfilled and the new covenant is established in Jesus.

The word 'presentation' is used in two revealing ways these days. In psychology they talk about a 'presenting problem'. In medicine people are said to 'present' with certain symptoms. In both cases, the word presentation is used to indicate that something more important lies beneath what is first observed. Further investigation reveals the deeper causes and the best course of action.

So to us. We present ourselves in the temple today and it's important we remember that we do have to put on a show for God. God does not need a performance from us; God invites us to an encounter of love. Seeing that God knows us intimately it's crazy that we should be anything but ourselves before him. But we sometimes go through the pretence of dressing things up, pretending otherwise or putting on a show.

Today's feast reminds us that when we encounter the presence of God a range of responses are on display. Just recall the ones in today's Gospel: expectation, hope, frailty, thanksgiving, foreboding, puzzlement, love and joy.

May Jesus' presentation enable us to let pass any need to act before God, but rather embrace a new way of encountering God's presence, where we own just how we are, and not how we would like to be. When we do this we can enjoy the possibilities of a rich, deep and realistic relationship with God. We also find that it's so much easier to discover, with God, the causes and the actions that will lead us to healing, fulfilment and peace.

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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 3rd February

NO Mass

Funeral 11.00am

(for the late Angela Rotili)

Tuesday 4th February

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 5th February

Mt Alvernia 7.50am

(Carceri)

Mass 9.00am

(Anointing)

Belonging Liturgy 1.30pm

(Padua Yr 5)

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 6th February

Mass 8.00am

Perpetual Adoration

Friday 7th February

Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Mass 9.15am

(St Anthony's Whole School)

Saturday 8th February

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9th February

[5th Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm

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.



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) 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



The Presentation of the Lord is a Christian feast day that celebrates Jesus' presentation in the Temple in Jerusalem. It's celebrated on February 2, also known as Candlemas.

What happens during the Presentation of the Lord?

- Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple, fulfilling the ritual obligations of the Law of .
- Simeon and Anna, representatives of the people of God, encounter Jesus in the Temple.
- Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Savior of the World.
- Anna gives thanks to God and speaks about Jesus to everyone around her.

Why is the Presentation of the Lord celebrated?

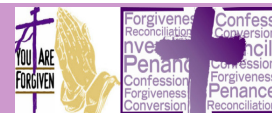
- It celebrates the coming of light into the world
- It honors Jesus' presentation as a child, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise.
- It fulfills Old Testament prophecies that God would send a Savior to His people.

How is the Presentation of the Lord celebrated?

- Some people attend daily mass and get their candles blessed
- Some people eat pancakes
- Some people pray night prayer.

Prayer: My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2025



Dear Parents and Care - Givers

Welcome back to the start of the New Year! This year we celebrate 800 years since St Francis wrote the Canticle of Creation in 1225.

You may recall it as "Brother Sun Sister Moon". The last verse being:

"Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility".

As a Parish it is wonderful to have the Franciscan charism on which to base our learning and it will be the foundation of all we do this year .

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**.

Just as an FYI the Enrolment dates for each of the Sacraments are listed below:

Reconciliation – from 10 February 2025

Confirmation – from 10 March – 29 April 2025

First Holy Communion – from 16 June – 15 July 2025

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 date:

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



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

SVdP

A BIG thank you to the parish and local schools for your amazing support for our 2024 SVdP Giving Tree and Christmas appeal. Your donations, prayers and support are sincerely appreciated - as expressed beautifully by one hamper recipient who expressed their heartfelt gratitude for their hamper and in "knowing that someone is thinking of me and cares enough to make such an effort and drop by to wish me well" and adding that "Without Vinnies, I would see and speak to no-one else". None of this would be possible without the support of our wonderful Kedron community. So, thank you, one and all!

We would also like to add a special thanks to all the many donors who assisted with education costs. Your generosity has enabled us to deal more effectively with a very busy first few weeks of 2025 with many requests for help with books and uniforms. This makes a big difference to many lives. Thank you

Piety Store -LENTEN BOOKS.

1. Little Black Books from Diocese of Saginaw.
2. Metanoia Lenten Books from Diocese of Wollongong.
3. New stock of Cards.

All available at the Piety Store.

"World Day of Prayer this year is **Friday 7th March** and the Prayer Service will focus on **The Cook Islands**. The **venue is St Gerard Majella Church, 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West and will commence at 10.30am**. All parishioners, their families and friends are invited and most welcome to attend both the Prayer Service and the Morning Tea that follows. This is an ecumenical event and provides us all with an opportunity to pray with Christians from various denominations for the people of The Cook Islands. It is also an international event in that Christian Churches around the world will be praying for this same purpose on the same day as us. For further information contact: Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323 669 or Marie Jones on 0407756662."

Laudato Si

Teilhard de Chardin SJ followed by Thomas Berry CP and his followers and collaborators, Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker appreciate deep astrophysical time and the connectedness of everything in God's Creation. "To tell the full story of a single particle we must tell the story of the universe, for each particle is in some way intimately present to every other particle in the universe" (Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry, *The Universe Story* p.29). <https://thomasberry.org/quote/the-universe-story-from-the-primordial-flaring-forth-to-the-ecozoic-era-a-celebration-of-the-unfolding-of-the-cosmos/>

Psalm 119:90 says, "Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures ". The "religious impulse" leads from contemplating the awesome mystery of the sky and the earth, waters, wind, fire, soil, life in the air, on land, under the sea and even in rocks (<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/life-found-thriving-in-one-of-the-least-likely-spots-on-earth>). Awe, beauty, hope and human courage are given; All Good Gifts which lead to actions as co-creators.

"The Great Work now is to carry out the transition from a period of human devastation of the Earth to a period when humans would be present to the planet in a mutually beneficial manner" (Thomas Berry, *The Great Work*, p. 3

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.

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisation with 51 years of history in the parish, recommences on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

TIME - 9.30-12 with morning tea

Card games, Scrabble, Rummykub, Art class, and Bingo.

A fun packed morning !

Chance to make new friends - All welcome - transport offered.

Cost \$7.00 per visit

Volunteers always welcome

Come and enjoy a fun based morning in air-conditioned comfort in the Parish Hall (next to church)

Contact 0405241644 for further information

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Angela Rotili Grasso, Merle Ward, Benedict Veluz, James McKay, Anne Green, Michael Sheehan, Zosima Calingasan, Conor Burke, Cathi Stringer, Leslie Hall, **those whose**

Anniversaries occur about now:

Luigi Pizzica, Ned McClean, Cheryl Moran, Sheila DeSilva, Thomas Brundsen, 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,

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