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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

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th February 2025 (YEAR C)**

**The Parish office will be Closed on Tuesday 11th February for Flocknote training. If you need to contact the office please leave a message and someone will get back to you asap.**

**Reflection...**

Think about this for a minute!

It is time to elect a world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

Candidate A associates with crooked politicians, consults with astrologers, has had two mistresses, is severely disabled, chain smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

Candidate B was kicked out of office twice, slept until noon, used opium at university, is an undiagnosed manic-depressive and drinks a bottle of whiskey every day.

Candidate C is a decorated war hero, vegetarian, doesn't smoke or drink, except for an occasional beer and has never had an extra-marital affair. Who would you choose?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Candidate B is Winston Churchill.

Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

Sometimes the best candidate on paper is the worst leader in reality. Thank goodness Jesus did not hire a management consultancy to help him recruit his earliest disciples. On paper Peter, James and John would not have got past expressing interest in the job. Jesus recognised, however, that they had the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love.

Not that they had it immediately. We know they constantly misunderstood Jesus and tried to steer in other ways. They made promises they did not keep and they abandoned Jesus when the going got tough. But they had the one thing that nearly all great leaders have in their formation: a mentor who knows they are not perfect, forgives their limitations, tells them the truth, brings them back to what they are actually on about and inspires them by what he says and how he lives.

Sometimes we think the Gospel always demands a very different lifestyle to the one we have, and sometimes it does, but today's Gospel should be taken seriously, not literally. Luke tells us that the disciples 'left everything and followed him'. We know that following Jesus did not demand of Peter, for example, that he abandon his family. And we also know that the disciples returned to their work of fishing a number of times in their life with Jesus.

Luke is telling us, then, that to follow Jesus is a radical option and that we have to divest ourselves of anything that stops us serving the kingdom of God. Conversely, it follows that we have to cultivate the very things that draw us on in the Christian life. For most of us the departures necessary in following Jesus are in our hearts.

Furthermore in this story, Luke is also telling us about the great number of converts attracted to the Christian life. We know that some of these were notorious sinners. No doubt the leaders of the early Church had anxieties about admitting them.

By relating the story of the sinful Peter being called by Jesus, Luke reassures the community that as long as anyone is able to leave behind the destructiveness of their previous life they can, with guidance, become a disciple of Jesus.

Luke teaches that it is not for us to condemn anyone caught up in the net of salvation: simply to trust in God's love and compassion that visits the sick and well alike.

May we pray in this Eucharist for the humility in the Church to accept that God can turn our judgments, laws, customs, protocols and management strategies upside down and sometimes bring forward, from the most unexpected quarters, leaders who show us new dimensions to God's power shining through our human weakness.

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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 10th February**

**NO Mass**

**Funeral 10.00am**

*(for the late Fr Finian Perkins ofm)*

**Padua Quintavalle 6.30pm**

*(House Eucharist)*

**Tuesday 11th February**

***(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)***

**(Mass 8.00am**

**Rosary after Mass**

**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 12th February**

**Mass 9.00am**

**NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm**

**Thursday 13th February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 14th February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

**Saturday 15th February**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 16th February**

***[6th Sunday in Ordinary Time]***

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**SFO 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 ([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



Born in 1926, Finian Perkins was the oldest Franciscan friar; entering the Novitiate in 1945. After his Ordination in 1952, he was based in Victoria and NSW before joining the Franciscan community at Kedron from 1973 to 1980. He also worked in Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria, before returning to Kedron in 2003. Finian passed away peacefully at the Royal Brisbane Hospital on 5 February 2025, following a fall at the Villa Maria Aged Care Home. Rest in peace.

**Funeral will be at Little Flower Church,  
Monday 10th February 2025 at 10.00am**

13 February

**National  
Apology Day**

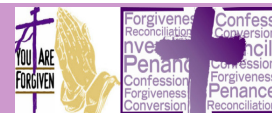
Lord, God of Justice,  
As a nation we have said sorry for the cruel and unjust laws and policies throughout our country's history that have "inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians".

Help us, as the People of God, to be advocates of accountability and dignity so that, as we remember and learn from the past, we shape a nation where all can thrive and flourish.

Quote from Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia  
2008 National Apology to Indigenous Peoples



## 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)**

### 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

"Praised Be" (Laudato Si') Brother Sun and Sister Moon. St Francis gets us to down to the atmosphere after his contemplation of our neck of the Cosmosphere (see: [https://earthsci.org/processes/weather/earth\\_systems/earth\\_systems.html#:~:text=Cosmosphere%3A,the%20universe%20surrounding%20the%20Earth](https://earthsci.org/processes/weather/earth_systems/earth_systems.html#:~:text=Cosmosphere%3A,the%20universe%20surrounding%20the%20Earth)) - "Brothers wind and air and every kind of weather" . It seems unlikely that he had warming oceans and unprecedented rain falls and floods in mind though he was well travelled. And his orientation was prayerful contemplation, praise and action. He goes on, "...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". Prayer is an almost universal attitude and response to what we sense is much bigger than ourselves (see: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3188>). Like St Francis and like Job we wonder, we pray and like St Ignatius, we act. When we act it good indeed to be aware of our "heaven" and Earth spheres (some say there are 17!) See: <https://earthhow.com/spheres-of-earth/>. As we plan for a Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) we pray and we study our neck of the woods: <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/laudato-si-action-plan/>



### 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.

### 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,

TIME - 9.30-12 with morning tea

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

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Contact 0405241644 for further information

## Please pray for our recently deceased:

Fr Finian Perkins ofm, 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:

John Currie, Anthony Colavitti, Dora Fresta, Sarina Caruso, Luigi Pizzica, Ned McClean, Cheryl Moran, Sheila DeZilva, 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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