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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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th February 2025 (YEAR C)**

**Reflection...**

The Pope had just finished a tour of the USA and was taking a limousine to San Francisco. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while.

Well, the chauffeur didn't have much choice, so he climbs in the back and the Pope takes the wheel.

The Pope starts accelerating to see what the limo could do. He gets to 130 kph and suddenly sees the lights of the highway patrol in his rear vision mirror. He pulls over, but the policeman, seeing who it is, says, 'Just a minute your Holiness, I'm going to have to call in about this one'.

The trooper asks for the chief. He tells the chief he's got someone really important pulled over.

It's not Ted Kennedy again is it?

No Chief, it's more important.

Is it the Governor?

No sir, it's more important.

Good God man, you haven't pulled over the President?

No sir, even more important.

Who the heck is more important than the President of the USA?

I don't know sir, but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur.

What you see is often not what you get.

What we have just heard in Luke's Gospel falls into this category.

When we hear the phrase 'Blessed are you' it can sound rather patronising. It can seem that Jesus glosses over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven'.

But reading the beatitudes in this light is a direct contradiction of what Jesus says in this text and certainly how he lived it out.

The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about where the presence of God is to be found. In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now.

So the beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

Jesus teaches us that God is not impervious to our pain and happiness, or a great manipulator desiring terrible things to punish us or teach us something. No. The God of the beatitudes is a companion with us in every experience we go through either personally or as a community.

Luke goes on to give us the 'woes and warnings' and these are as important as the beatitudes. Luke highlights for us that every blessing carries with it a call, every gift contains a duty to share it, and every right houses within it a responsibility.

This is particularly true of our nation where the vast majority of our citizens are housed, educated, have clean drinking water, a long life span, a job and enjoy a stable democracy. This places us in the top fifteen percent of the world's population. We should discover God's presence in the midst of these blessings, but we must face up to the responsibilities they give us.

It is not good enough to be simply appalled at the widening gap between rich and poor in our own country and around the world. Today's Gospel places at our feet the challenge to do something about it, in our prayer, in our careful use of resources, in what we spend our money on and how we vote for governments which might affect international change.

The Beatitudes and warnings call us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people that what others see in the followers of Christ is precisely what they get.

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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 17th February**

**NO Mass**  
Choir Practice 7.15pm

**Tuesday 18th February**

(Mass 8.00am)

**Rosary after Mass**  
**Samaritans 9.30am**

**Wednesday 19th February**

**Mass 9.00am**

**Funeral Service 10.00am**  
(for the late Steven Hughes)  
**Mass Delamore 4.45pm**

**Thursday 20th February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Perpetual Adoration**

**Friday 21st February**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

**Saturday 22nd February**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 23rd February**

[7th Sunday in Ordinary Time]

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**Baptisms 11.00am & 11.45am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Margaret Ryan, Steven Hughes, Fr  
Finian Perkins ofm, Angela Rotili  
Grasso, Merle Ward, Benedict Veluz,  
James McKay, Anne Green, Michael  
Sheehan, Zosima Calingasan,  
**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**  
Bernabela Ferrer, Mario LaRosa,  
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,

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.

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



**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

**The Jubilee Logo**

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

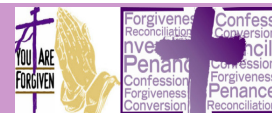
*"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false*

*prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26*

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.



## 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

"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

Speaking about trust in God and hope, the prophet Jeremiah says, "Like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream; when the heat comes it feels not alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit". Thinking like a tree as it turns out, was not only of use to a prophet and mystic in the terrible times of the Babylonian conquest but to we moderns now. (<https://thinklikeatree.co.uk/>) Prophets and mystics are at home around grief – for land and for peoples (see: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/the-path-of-the-prophet-weekly-summary/>)

We learned recently of the term 'pericope' a 'cut out' (for pasting) like of this Jeremiah reading into the Lucan gospel of the Beatitudes on this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary (?) time. As we contemplate how we might be converted out of our greed and extractive human relationship to our planet, wholistic, systems-based compassionate thinking is modelled by this ancient prophet and Jesus. We can also look to prophets from the margins today. (See: Julia Watson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oxpH359P6U>).

### 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.

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### 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!



## 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.

*Francis*



## Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all  
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*The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is  
paramount.*

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