



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd February 2025 (YEAR C)



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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

Reflection...

Some years ago I was at an annual parents' dinner for a Catholic school for profoundly disabled children.

A well-known local politician, whose child was in the school, was asked to speak. This is what he said:

'I would like to pay tribute to the staff at this school. Only parents and teachers know what a joy and a heartbreak it is to have a profoundly disabled child. I always wanted the perfect child, but where is the perfection in my son David? We are told that God looked at the world and it was perfect, but my son cannot understand things as other children do. David cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. David walks with difficulty and cannot speak. How can God be filled with joy at David?'

The audience was shocked by this pained question from an anguished father.

'I believe', the father continued, 'that when God allows a world in which David can now live for 50 years, perfection is found in the way people react to children like him.'

'Just recently David and I were walking in our local park. Some boys had been there most of the day playing cricket. They were serious about this competition. David was very excited and I knew he wanted to join in. David has terrible physical co-ordination, but I approached one of the boys on the pitch and asked if David could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his mates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "Things are tight, we have to get six runs to win but we'll try and give him a bat". David smiled broadly. After scoring three more runs the next boy got out. David was put up the batting order and called to the wicket. I helped him get out there.'

'Everyone knew that it was all but impossible for my son to help them win the game. He didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. The bowler, however, sent down a soft ball so David could at least make contact. The second similar ball came and David swung clumsily and missed it. One of David's team mates came up to him and together they held the bat and faced the bowler waiting for the next ball.'

'As the ball came down, David and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a strong ground shot to the boundary. At his captain's urging David stumbled up the pitch as quickly as he could. Never in his life has David run so fast. He came back for a second run as the fielder saved the ball from being four runs and so the team was screaming for a third run. The fielder could have thrown the ball to David's stumps and got him out. On the winning third run, however, he threw the ball to the other end where the other batsman was safely home. The keeper casually sent it up to David's end, just as David was completing the third, winning run.'

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'those boys showed me why God always looks at creation and knows it is very good.'

Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive'.

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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 24th February
NO Mass

Tuesday 25th February
(Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Padua Leadership Day Liturgy 2.00pm
(Yr 6)

Padua Eucharist 6.30pm
[Leo House]

Wednesday 26th February
Mass 9.00am

NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 27th February
Mass 8.00am
Perpetual Adoration

Friday 28th February
Mass 8.00am

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 1st March

Baptismal Information 11.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd March

[8th Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Christine Little, 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:

Jack Cuttle, Bernabela Ferrer, Mario
LaRosa, John Currie, Anthony
Colavitti, Dora Fresta, Sarina Caruso,
Luigi Pizzica, Ned McClean, Cheryl
Moran, Sheila DeZilva, Thomas Brund-
sen, Dora Fresta, Pierre Nobin, Ellen
Snell, Millicent Gomes, Dick Akers,
Gaston Yenkoodoo, Tracey Ihle, Mi-
chael Kelliher,

SAMARITANS, a parish based organisa-
tion 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 wel-
come - 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 infor-
mation



**Seventh Sun-
day
in Ordinary
Time**

*"But rather,
love your enemies and do good to them,
and lend expecting nothing back; then
your reward will be great and you will be
children of the Most High, for he himself
is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Be merciful, just as your Father is merci-
ful." Luke 6: 35-36*

Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love
God has for you. It is beyond what you
could ever comprehend. Reflect, also,
upon the great benefit there is in open-
ing yourself to God's perfect love, kind-
ness, generosity and mercy. The benefit
is that you are able to be filled with that
which you receive.

And as you receive this love of God, it
necessarily overflows into the lives of
everyone you encounter, the good and
the wicked. Everyone must always be
offered this love. Do not hesitate, for
God does not hesitate with you.



"World Day of
Prayer this year is
Friday 7th March
and the Prayer Ser-
vice will focus on
**The Cook Is-
lands. The venue
is St Gerard
Majella Church,
146 Maundrell**

**Terrace, Chermside West and will
commence at 10.30am.** All parish-
ioners, 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 denomina-
tions for the people of The Cook Is-
lands. 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 con-
tact: Mary Anne Lucas on 0412 323
669 or Marie Jones
on 0407756662."



The Story of the Chair of Saint Peter (February 22)

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his
place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.
After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt, and self-torment, Peter
hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene,
"The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter." John relates
that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced
the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings
on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John
saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: "...[T]hey did not yet
understand the scripture that he had to rise from the
dead" (John 20:9). They went home. There the slowly exploding,
impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they
waited fearfully behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he said (John 20:21b), and they
rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. "...[T]hey were all filled
with the holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4a) and began to express themselves in foreign tongues and
make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.
Only then can Peter fulfill the task Jesus had given him: "... [O]nce you have turned back, you
must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the
Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to
quash their preaching, before the Council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of
Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing
power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the
crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow
might fall on them.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile
converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says,
"...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong... [T]hey were not on the right road
in line with the truth of the gospel..." (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were
younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you
will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not
want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to
glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a
martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.
Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century,
the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.

Reflection

*Like the committee chair, this chair refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Its first occupant
stumbled a bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome gentiles into the new
Church. Some of its later occupants have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scan-
daloously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular pope has let us down. Still, the
office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal
Church.*

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)**

Two Minutes Homilies...

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis now.

To view or listen to a podcast please visit <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/ultimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

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

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

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!

A prayer for POPE FRANCIS

by James Martin, S.J.

Loving God,

We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.



Laudato Si

'EMIGRATION AND WAR are two sides of a single coin...the greatest producer of migrants is war - war in one guise or another, since climate change and poverty are, essentially, the sick fruit of a blind war that humans have declared – against a fairer distribution of resources, against nature, against our own planet.' (*Hope – Pope Francis, The Autobiography, 2025, p 15.*)

Elizabeth Johnson writes about the good fruit of the cross and God's astonishing relationship with creation, 'I am with you.' The hope we have despite suffering, pain, sickness, war, the bleakest experiences of life on earth, we have because of the cross and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. The implications for those who suffer and die, both humans and others, are profound. 'The sheer fact that Jesus died, means that he shared the fate of all who die, which is every living thing.' 'Impelled by the Spirit, the divine mission is to go and make every effort to take crucified people and species down from the cross through awakening consciousness, communal resistance to wrongs, and action on behalf of justice for social transformation.' (*Come, Have Breakfast, 2024, p. 121, 123.*)

Bruce D. Prewer writes, 'here we are again, ephemeral creatures, like fireflies in the night, offending reasonable people by daring to rejoice in the rising of the dead and YOUR life everlasting!' (*More Australian Psalms, 1996, p.47*)



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
forms of abuse & is committed to
safeguarding everyone involved in its
activities, ministries & services.

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

WHS Incident Report. Pa-
rishioners and visitors are
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to immediately report any
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injury or damage that occurs
within our Parish. Reporting
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