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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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd March 2025 (YEAR C)

Reflection...

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction.

One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.

St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where you gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts.

Psychologists tell us that there are three main reasons why people habitually gossip, or 'share the news' as Australian men prefer to call it: power, envy and boredom.

To know something about someone else can put us in a more powerful position with friends or colleagues. By being able to share what we have 'just heard', we are seen to be current and interesting. But this type of power is destructive because our friends normally assume that when they are absent they are maltreated in the same way. Gossipers have more alliances than friendships.

The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. The worst of tabloid newspapers, television and radio trades on this destructive vice. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life. Sometimes, when a company or person have to deny the false accusations made about them, we get what we want – their reputations are tarnished and even their business can be in danger. No wonder medieval theologians called envy a 'deadly sin'.

Boredom, however, is a modern cause for gossip. Our relationships and the way in which we hold each other's trust and good name to be paramount, are undermined by images from the media about how exciting life should be for everyone. Scene after scene in novels, television programs and films where confidences are betrayed and lives are raked over for comment and intrigue fill in the boredom in our lives with a distorted portrayal of human behaviour. The more we take it in, the more we mirror it in our own conduct.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others.

May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

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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 March

NO Mass

Reconciliation (Children) 3.30pm

Tuesday 4th March

(Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 5th March

(Ash Wednesday)

Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Finance Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 6th March

Mass 8.00am

NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 7th March

Mass 8.00am

(Anointing)

Stations of the Cross

(straight after Mass)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 8th March

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9th March

[First Sunday of Lent]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am to 11.30am

Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Elizabeth Arthy, Elizabeth Azul,
Christine Little, Margaret Ryan,
Steven Hughes, Fr Finian Perkins
ofm, Angela Rotili Grasso, Merle
Ward,

Benedict Veluz, James McKay,
those whose

Anniversaries occur about now:

Val West, Jack Cuttle, Bernabela
Ferrer, Mario LaRosa, John Currie,
Anthony Colavitti, Dora Fresta, Sa-
rina Caruso, Luigi Pizzica, Ned
McClellan, Cheryl Moran, Sheila
DeZilva, Thomas Brundsen, Dora
Fresta, Pierre Nobin, Ellen Snell

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



"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."

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.





Ash Wednesday Masses - 5th March 2025 at 9.00am and 6.00pm

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Through which we attain redemption.

Everyone is welcome to receive ashes as we begin our Lenten Journey.

Anointing Mass

Due to Ash Wednesday coinciding with our Anointing Mass, we have moved the mass to Friday, March 7th at 8:00 am.



Thank you to everyone who has reached out to express interest in this special pilgrimage planned for 2026. Our first informational

meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 6th, at 6:00 PM in St. Francis's Hall at Padua College**, located next to the church. If you are still interested in joining us, it is not too late to sign up.

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.



Little Flower Church

KEDRON YOUTH RALLY

DATES: 16TH MARCH
VENUE: LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH

STARTING TIME:
5.00PM-5.30PM PRAISE AND WORSHIP
5.30PM - 6.30PM MASS
6.30PM - 7.00PM REFRESHMENTS
7.00PM - 8.00PM RALLY

GUEST RALLY PRESENTER
SIONE MOEHONA

Laudato Si

'The point of Laudato Si' is to be converted, that is, to 'go towards' a new way of thinking, with all creation. Namely, that we are part of, not apart from, our ecosystem. We can see what evil comes from the latter – acquisitiveness, greed, domination, disregard, war, destruction, poverty. Our creation story starts in the heavens with the universe story – gets enfleshed and down to earth – stardust to soil. At our parish, indeed with any place we interact, we can contemplate what has 'taken place' there – what trees remain from the Regional Ecosystems (RE's) pre-clearing, Indigenous use, settler use – 'reading' the soil and the movement of water – over and in and through the soil. (a *permanent Ash Wednesday meditation!*) Prof. Dr. Jörg Müller, Chair of Conservation Biology and Forest Ecology, University of Würzburg, writes that it takes 55 years for rainforest land, cleared for farming, to recover its native biodiversity. <https://www.biozentrum.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/ecological-station/prof-dr-joerg-mueller/>
'For we Christians, to hope is a virtue of the heart that does not close itself in the dark.' (*Hope. The Autobiography of Pope Francis. Viking Press. 2025. p. 291*)
Let's get started.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life .

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

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

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rishioners and visitors are
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to immediately report any
health or safety incident,
injury or damage that occurs
within our Parish. Reporting
assists our Parish to provide
the necessary assistance,
take remedial action and
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tions to the Archdiocese and
the Division of Work Health
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