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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

**1st Sunday of Lent – 2nd March 2025 (YEAR C)**

**Reflection...**(The preacher can use this personal story by beginning, 'I came across this story the other day which seems to be appropriate for the First Sunday of Lent'.)

In the second year of the Jesuit novitiate, the Jesuit novices are dropped around 140km from their first house in Australia at Sevenhill in South Australia. He has eight days to walk the distance and beg for food and accommodation. He cannot tell anyone who he is or what he is doing.

One Jesuit writes,

'It's the only time in my life I've been remotely in what we could call a wilderness and I have known hunger.

'There were many knockbacks, but there were a few occasions when people were extraordinarily generous.

'We are told that we cannot trade off being a Jesuit, but if we are invited into someone's home we can tell them who we are, so that they will not be frightened that they have welcomed Jack the Ripper to stay the night. If the person has offered the garage and a sandwich, however, we cannot use our being a Jesuit to get an upgrade from economy to first class!

'One woman who welcomed me into her home questioned me at length about where was I from, where was I going and how I got here. Then she declared, "I think I can trust ya". So she ushered me into her home, offered a meal that night, breakfast the next day and her guest room.

'I told this woman who I was and complimented her on her extraordinary generosity.

"Well listen sunshine", she said, "let's face it, I knew you were OK, 'cause you're the most beautifully spoken, articulate beggar I've ever met."

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, there are four things we need to remember:

Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has in Reconciliation, we never have to 'confess' them as though they are sinful actions.

When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive. We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences.

The more we give into temptation, the more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is 'not that bad'.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in *The Spiritual Exercises* that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently.

As John B. Metz, says, 'We can say that the three temptations in the desert are three assaults on the poverty of Jesus ... What Satan fears most is the powerlessness of God in the humanity he assumed ... so he appeals to Jesus' divinity, he wants God to remain God ...but Jesus subjected himself to our plight and opted for us as we are.'

We should take great comfort from this: there is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.

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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 March**

**NO Mass**

**Padua Blazer Ceremony 6.30pm**  
(Yr 10)

**Tuesday 11th March**

**(Mass 8.00am**

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

**Wednesday 12th March**

**(Mass 9.00am**

**NO Mass Delamore 4.45pm**

**Thursday 13th March**

**Mass 8.00am**

**NO Perpetual Adoration**  
**Funeral 10.00am**  
(for the late Elizabeth Arthy)

**Friday 14th March**

**Mass 8.00am**

**Stations of the Cross**  
(straight after Mass)  
**Christian Meditation 9.00am**

**Saturday 15th March**

**Reconciliation 4.00pm**

**Vigil Mass 5.00pm**

**Sunday 16th March**

[Second Sunday of Lent]

**Mass 7.30am, 9.30am**

**SFO 9.30am**

**Mass 5.30pm**

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Thomas Hayes, Elizabeth Arthy,  
Elizabeth Azul, Christine Little,  
Margaret Ryan, Steven Hughes, Fr Fini-  
an Perkins ofm, Angela Rotili  
Grasso, Merle Ward,  
Benedict Veluz, James McKay,

**those whose**

**Anniversaries occur about now:**

Therakam Kuriakose George, Harry  
Roy Nanda, Val West, Jack Cuttle,  
Bernabela Ferrer, Mario LaRosa,  
John Currie, Anthony Colavitti, Dora  
Fresta, Sarina Caruso, Luigi Pizzica,  
Ned McClean, Cheryl Moran, Sheila  
DeZilva, Thomas Brundsen,

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



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**First Sunday of Lent—8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2025**

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.



And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

**The FIRST Mass Collection** supports the Franciscan-\* Friars and their work. You can also use the "Tap & Go" at the church entrance, or the **Parish Giving Portal**, or **Direct Deposit** (see below).

**The SECOND Mass Collection** all goes for Parish expenses. You can also use "Tap & Go," your **Envelopes, Direct Deposit, or Direct Debit**. **A percentage of both the 1st and 2nd Collections is also required to be sent to the Archdiocese for various needs.**

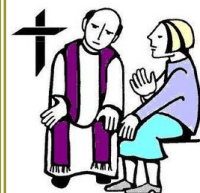
For **Direct Deposit** please use your first initial and surname. Your deposit will be split equally between the 1st and 2nd Collections, unless you let the parish office know otherwise.

Account Name: **Kedron Parish** BSB: **064 786**

Account Number: **100003991**

Bank: CBA Reference: **1st Initial, Surname, Envelope No. (if you have one)** eg. J Blogs 579

If you use **Direct Debit (Planned Giving)**, **all this amount goes towards Parish expenses**. For enquiries or if you wish to join Direct Debit, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



**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.





Thank you to everyone who has reached out to express interest in this special pilgrimage planned for 2026. Due to the weather situation our meeting has now been moved to **Thursday, March 13th, 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.

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

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### 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.

### 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

This year, Lent invites us to a profound conversion, not only of the heart, but also in our relationship with Creation.

"Ecological conversion: pray and reflect on our role as stewards of the earth.

Take action: raise your voice for climate and ecological justice.

Full sustainability: fast from over-consumption." (See *Laudato Si' Movement on Instagram.*)

Temptations to power and greed, to acquisitiveness, to exploitation of each other and the earth abound. We too can be tempted in the desert, 'I will give you all this.' We always know it will involve manipulation, coercion and violence, even absurdity as in war – on each other and to the earth.

We can be heartened by Hope, Mercy, Love - particularly when tested by fire. We have the Lenten journey gift ever with us. And the Universe Story and our personal stories of pain and resurrection.

"Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light." (LS 246)





## 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  
reminded of the requirement  
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  
provide mandatory notifica-  
tions to the Archdiocese and  
the Division of Work Health  
and Safety QLD.

COME AND TRY!



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