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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

2nd Sunday of Lent – 16th March 2025 (YEAR C)

Reflection

An American Jesuit theologian, John Powell, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to Fr Powell, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', Powell replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see John Powell to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. John Powell told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported to John Powell that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. John Powell reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

The problem with love is that we have devalued the currency. We say it too often about things we don't or can't love, like our car, a bottle of wine or our holiday. We say 'I love you' to people we don't love and because we have learnt that actions are more telling than words we don't easily believe others when they tell us they love us.

We can feel unlovable and cynical about the whole experience. But there are three things of which we can be sure: If we feel distant from God, we only have to guess who has moved away from whom. Nothing we do stops God from loving us.

God loves us as we are, not as we like to be. As the old saying goes, 'you don't have to get good to get God. You have to get God to get good.'

Finally, as the song runs, 'You ain't nobody until somebody loves you.'

And so for a Christian, being vulnerable enough to tell those we love that we love them is no sentimental exercise but a participation in the heart of God. By taking the risk of doing this, others may clearly hear the voice of God through us and we may discover ourselves transfigured by the personal love of God for us too.

In the process God may move from being an idea, an abstraction, even an object of curiosity to the focus of a loving experience that can give our lives meaning, purpose and hope.

In this Eucharist then, let's ascend the mountaintop and let's listen to Jesus say, 'You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you.'

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**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 17th March

NO Mass

Funeral 10.00am

(for the late Thomas Hayes)

Tuesday 18th March

Mass 8.00am

Rosary after Mass

NO Samaritans 9.30am

Funeral 10.00am

(for the late Sr Janine Bliss FMM)

Wednesday 19th March

Mass 9.00am

Mass Delamore 4:45pm

Thursday 20th March

Mass 8.00am

NO Perpetual Adoration

Friday 21st March

Mass 8.00am

Stations of the Cross

(straight after Mass)

Christian Meditation 9.00am

Saturday 22nd March

Baptism 10.00am

Reconciliation 4.00pm

Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 23rd March

[Third Sunday of Lent]

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am

Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am

Mass 5.30pm



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent—15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.



Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga.

This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent? **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
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

**Please pray for our recently
deceased:**

Sr Janine Bliss FMM, William Darch, Thomas Hayes, Elizabeth Arthy, Elizabeth Azul, Christine Little, Margaret Ryan, Steven Hughes, Fr Finian Perkins ofm, Angela Rotili Grasso,
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,

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!

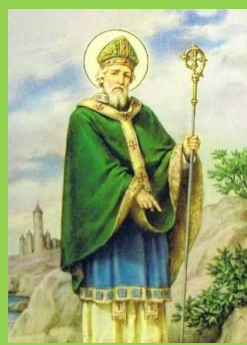
Chance to make new friends - All welcome - transport offered.

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



March 17th—St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

Dear Parents and Guardians

This year we are implementing a new Archdiocesan program called **Flocknote**.

Flocknote enables you to input information for all Sacraments you wish your child/children to receive at the one time. We therefore encourage you to enrol for all three at this time.

The Enrolment process will cover your child's enrolments for the Sacraments of:

- Confirmation
- Reconciliation
- First Holy Communion

There are two simple steps involved in this process:

Step 1. Register your family with **Flocknote** by using this link: <https://kedroncatholic.flocknote.com/register>



or using the **Flocknote URL**

Step 2. Completing the form for Sacramental Enrolment on **Formsite**. Here is the separate link to the form: <https://fs12.formsite.com/archbne/kedronsacpro/signup>

Importantly, if you need to add or attach additional information at a later stage this can be done. **Flocknote** is considered to be a more streamlined system and hopefully will work well for all.

It is the first time **Flocknote** has been used so there may be a few teething problems. If you have **any** questions or queries please call or email.

We look forward to you and your family being part of the Little Flower Parish and the Sacramental program.

Sacramental Team

Laudato Si

Elizabeth A. Johnson in her book, *Come, Have Breakfast – Meditations on God and the Earth, 2024*, (p.118) says, "The dualism of later Christian thought that drove a wedge between body and spirit simply did not occur to him (Jesus). The God of his heart was the Creator of heaven and earth, and everything was encompassed in the good news he announced". Another theologian, Sallie McFague, describes the "christic paradigm – the pattern gleaned from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus which clarifies ... plentitude of life for all, not just for one species or for an elite group in that species by for all, including poor human beings and all living creatures (p.118). In the readings for this the Second Sunday of Lent we hear of the heavens and stars, land, heifers, goats, rams, turtledoves and pigeons (Gen 15:5-12) and visions on mountains for Abram and Jesus and voices from clouds. This is an earthy and bodily religion we inherit with its endless reminders of the Creator and emerging, evolving creatures, earth, wind, water and fire full of mysterious beauty as well as suffering, ever groaning towards a peaceable 'kin-dom'.

Little Flower Church Stations of the Cross 18th April 2025

Once again the parish is doing a re-enactment of the Stations on the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help re-enact the stations.

If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

CONTACT US AT:

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There will be 3 rehearsals plus liturgy

Times and dates to be advised.
Where: Little Flower Church

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SHANE WHEELER (ST ANTHONY'S)
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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

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
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
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tions to the Archdiocese and
the Division of Work Health
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