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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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent – 23rd March 2025 (YEAR C)

### Reflection

The resource I use to help couples prepare for marriage has questions for them to think about and discuss in between sessions. One of the questions at the end of one of the chapters is, 'What effect would adultery have on your marriage?'

In one sense this hypothetical question is absurd. Dealing with the consequences of any sin requires time and place, context and contrition. It is even tougher to imagine the effect of any destructive behaviour in one's marriage even before the marriage has begun. Still, it never ceases to amaze me how this question usually leads the couple to have a very fruitful and frank discussion, not about adultery, but about their values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growing old together.

Sometimes, however, I cringe when the prospective bride or groom seems to give the green light to their future spouse by saying, 'Well I guess if he or she went looking elsewhere it would be my fault' or 'I love him or her so much that I know we could go on regardless'. Others say very clearly that it would alter the trust and respect of the relationship, but they hope they could look at the circumstances and rebuild the relationship.

The most mature couples do not wipe over the seriousness of the sinful action, but want to hold on to compassion, forgiveness and a commitment that it will not happen again.

Couples like these have clearly understood the power of today's readings. The third Sunday of Lent is all about second chances. In Exodus we have a bush that is alight but does not burn and in Luke we have a fig tree that does not bear fruit, is earmarked for the chop and saved by the gardener. In both cases where we would expect to find destruction we find new opportunities for growth, nurturance and flowering.

Over the centuries the goodness of God that always gives us another chance has not been proclaimed as vigorously as it should have been. We have focused on God's justice as though it was a once and for all, shape up or ship out sort of message. These ideas can be deduced from today's second reading where Paul seems to argue that God killed the chosen people for their complaining and infidelity.

Paul was a tough man and for him Christian commitment was no picnic. He was aware of how people were suffering and dying for the Gospel, so he was at pains to teach the people of Corinth that the commitment demanded from the Gospel could entail everything they had. His reading of why the Israelites died in the desert, however, needs to be read against the second chances of the other readings, especially the Gospel.

We believe in Lent that we enter a holy time in our year and visit a holy place in ourselves where the fire of God's love should burn brightly within us. We are offered these weeks to re-examine our values, family history, commitment, fidelity and growth so as to chart how best we can grow old with God. To do this sometimes requires facing up to our sinful behaviour and making choices to change our lives. We can only do this when we trust that the fire of God's love is not about destruction, but compassion, forgiveness and a second chance.

May this Eucharist be nurturance for the foundations of our lives and a moment to take stock and to assess with honesty the fruitfulness of how, as a sign of Christ's light within us, we live out our faith in our marriage, at home, at work and in the world.

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**PARISH EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

**Monday 24th March**  
NO Mass

**Tuesday 25th March**  
Mass 8.00am  
Rosary after Mass  
Samaritans 9.30am

**Wednesday 26th March**  
Mass 9.00am  
Funeral Service 11.30am  
(for the late Nancy McLaughlin)  
NO Mass Delamore 4:45pm

**Thursday 27th March**  
Mass 8.00am  
NO Perpetual Adoration

**Friday 28th March**  
Mass 8.00am  
Stations of the Cross  
(straight after Mass)  
Christian Meditation 9.00am

**Saturday 29th March**  
Reconciliation 4.00pm  
Vigil Mass 5.00pm

**Sunday 30th March**  
[Fourth Sunday of Lent]  
Mass 7.30am, 9.30am  
Baptisms 11.00am  
Mass 5.30pm

**Please pray for our recently  
deceased:**

Tim Purcell, 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:**

Dennis Azarraga, Nestor Lomeda,  
Therakam Kuriakose George, Har-  
ry Roy Nanda, Val West, Jack Cut-  
tle, Bernabela Ferrer, Mario  
LaRosa, John Currie, Anthony  
Colavitti, Dora Fresta,

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

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Come and enjoy a fun based morning in  
air-conditioned comfort in the Parish Hall  
(next to church)

Contact 0405241644 for further infor-  
mation



Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites you to the annual  
**CHRISM MASS**  
Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7:00pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000  
A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE  
ALL WELCOME  
CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM  
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS



SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION  
OF THE LORD  
March 25th

**The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25th)**

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

**Reflection**

*Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.*

**Laudato Si**

In this Lent we are hearing about time-out for meditation and conversion then action all involving dry and wet landscapes and real-world pilgrims seeking hope there - buildings falling and fig trees getting second chances. This Jubilee Year of Hope does not come without Biblical scale calamities one of which is the fact that 2024 was the hottest year on record (see: [Tropical Cyclone Alfred's destruction driven by climate change | Climate Council](#)) and we continue to be horrified by images of buildings purposely brought down on people by bombs. At a local 'grounded' level we see trees righted after storms and we study and act to manage and restore land flooded with storm water. Locally look even into the chemistry of soil and how it has changed with deforestation and we work with the knowledge to preserve and restore remnant Regional Ecosystem habitats. Besides devastation, water brings new life. For rigor in Catholic social thought about seeing, judging and acting out of sacred and natural spiritualities we can look to the Jesuit eBook *Healing Earth* for guidance and hope (see: [Water and Spirituality – Healing Earth](#)).



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

# Little Flower Church

## Stations of the Cross

18th April 2025  
10.00am

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.

**Monday 14th April 9.00 - 12.00noon**  
[Rehearsal]

**Friday 18th April 7.00am -8.00am**  
[Rehearsal]

**8.00am -9. 00am**  
[Breakfast]

**9.00am - 9.45am**  
[Final Preparation]

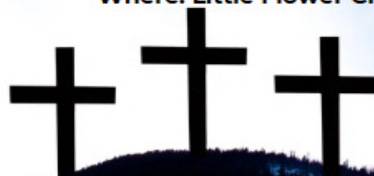
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**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.



Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives. Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?

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

## Everyone's Welcome!



Fundraising event for the 2026 Padua Football Tour

It will be an afternoon of live music, drinks and fun in the sun!

Saturday, 5 April  
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Padua College Kedron, Greccio Oval

Scan the QR Code to secure your tickets



### 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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