



Catholic Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Kieran

Moe – Newborough

26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Year A, Weekday cycle 1



O God, the Creator and Giver of all good things, bless our Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Kieran. Strengthen our faith, grant us a spirit of mission so that, through our service of neighbor, we will praise and glorify you.
Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Pray for us.* St Kieran: *Pray for us.*

Mission Statement

Inspired by the Gospel as members of this Oblate missionary community, we celebrate and live out our Catholic faith.

Under the pastoral care of the

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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We are a Child Safe Parish

Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe.

If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Safeguarding Officer.

Contact via the
Parish Office.

From the desk (and the heart) of Fr Daniel omi
L. J. C. et M. I.

Dear Parishioners

A few day ago I visited the Foundation children from St Kieran's School.

The children were inquisitive. Later I was given some feedback. They were saying that I lived in the church and that my job was to carry God stuck behind my black belt (btw I was wearing my Oblate cassock at the time). At first I found it cute but after some further thinking it appeared to me how powerful children's perception was. It isn't just limited to the clergy. Shouldn't we, followers of Christ, come across as people for whom their church and their faith community are their home? The home which Jesus Christ shares with us. After all, the red light in the sanctuary reminds us of his constant presence there. That's what makes a church building homely. Jesus dwells there in a sacramental way. Don't you think that we should speak more clearly that St Mary's and St Kieran's are our homes? The home Jesus shares with us. Another perception about me by the little children was concerning carrying God around. We are Catholics not only at Mass, but come to Mass to allow Jesus to make us into his likeness. The First Reading for this Sunday presents the creation of the first people. What Jesus did for us by his Cross and Resurrection has furthered God's creation. By virtue of our baptism we are united with Jesus' Death and Resurrection so much that as St Paul put it: **We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.** It is a beautiful and powerful sign to wear a crucifix and to bear witness to it by what we say and do.

Last Thursday our Oblate Provincial informed us of the death of Fr Brian Harris OMI. I count it as a blessing that when I was appointed to Sefton in NSW Fr Brian was there, although it took me some time to get used to phone calls like this: 'Can I talk to Grandpa please?' Fr Brian before joining the Oblates was married for 22 years and had 6 children and many grandchildren. When his wife died he was 47. Eight years later when all his children became independent he joined the Oblates. For more than a year when I lived with him in Sefton I was able to witness that his life was united to Jesus. When my mum came to spend some time with me in Sefton, though she couldn't speak English, she said: *Fr Brian is a holy man.* Fr Brian loved Jesus dearly and he wanted others to come to love Jesus. In the letter announcing his death the Provincial wrote that Fr Brian died surrounded by his children who were praying the Rosary at the time. I am confident that this scene of his children united in prayer made him depart this world with a smile on his face.

I keep you in my prayers.

Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate

Fr Daniel omi

Sunday Masses

St Kieran's: 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month - 5pm
St Mary's: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 5pm
St Mary's: Sunday - 9:30am
St Kieran's: Sunday - 11am
St Kieran's: Sunday - 5pm

Weekday Masses.

St Kieran's: Monday, Thursday, Friday – 9am
St Kieran's: Wednesday (5pm - Holy Hour: evening prayer, silent adoration, devotion to Mary Immaculate. Mass 6pm).
St Mary's: Tuesday 9am
St Kieran's: 1st Saturday of the month – 9am.

**Reconciliation: 9.30am Saturday, St Kieran's.
 And by appointment.**

Calvary Narracan Gardens: 10.30am, 1st /3rd Tues. monthly
Latrobe Valley Village: 10am, Thursdays.
Royal Freemasons: 10.30am, 4th Monday each month.
Masses not open to other parishioners. (Covid restrictions).

Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday evening 5pm)

February 25, St Mary's, Newborough
 March 4, St Kieran's, Moe
 March 11, St Mary's, Newborough
 March 19, St Kieran's, Moe

Prayer Requests

Bill Stephens, Anita Herley, Claire Oram, Louise, Cristina Disisto, Teresa Mullins, Joe Krawec, Mary R., Shirley, Ray Jackiw, Frank McNamara (Marie Rooney's brother) & Dermot Murphy.

Recently Deceased

Fr Brian Harris OMI and Lucy Krawec.
 May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in the peace of God's Kingdom.

Parish Liturgies and Intentions for the coming week

1st Sunday of Lent February 25 & 26		Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion
4. Saturday 25th 5pm	Claire Scott RIP	Carol W.	Renee L.	Ann B.	
4. Sunday 26th 9.30am	Parishioners	Janet M.	Cathy D.	Kerrie V.	Marinus D.
11am	Junior Trinidad RIP	Terry / Mena U.	Volunteer.	Terry U.	Mena U.
5pm		Volunteer	? Andrew T.	Lorraine D.	

Monday 27th: 9am, Mass at St Kieran's. Fr Tom O'Connell RIP

Tuesday 28th: 9am, Mass at St Mary's. Domenico Battista RIP Anniv

Wednesday 1st March: St Kieran's 5pm. Adoration & devotions. 6pm Mass. Larry Vella RIP

Thursday 2nd: 9am. Mass St Kieran's. Margaret Ballingall RIP

Friday 3rd: 9am Mass St Kieran's. Henry & Barbara Hackenberger RIP

Saturday 4th: 9am (First Saturday) Mass St Kieran's. MAMI. Followed by Devotions and Reconciliation

2nd Sunday of Lent February 4 & 5 March		Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion
1. Saturday 4th 5pm	Con Vella RIP	Margaret C.	Volunteer	Anna F.	Rita E
1. Sunday 5th 9.30am	Noelle McKenna RIP	Janet M.	Cathy D.	Katy Z.	Maurice C.
11am	Giovanni Celima RIP	Volunteer	Gerardine S.	Amparo M.	C. De D.
5pm	Parishioners	Volunteer	Volunteer.	Em M.	

Baptism: Imogen Victoria Falzon will be baptised during the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. Please remember Imogen and her parents, Benjamin & Nicole, in your prayers.

Combined Parish Choir for Holy Week & Easter
 Enjoy singing? We're inviting you to join our combined choir (St Mary's & St Kieran's) to learn the music for Holy Week & the Easter ceremonies. Come along and join in! **4pm Mondays** (starting Monday 27th February) St Mary's, Newborough. Further info: Sophy 0413 590 007 or smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

**First Reconciliation
 Commitment Sunday**

March 4: 5pm, St Kieran's.
March 5: 9.30am, St Mary's
March 5: 11am, St Kieran's
 Celebration of the Sacrament
March 30, 5pm, St Mary's.
 Enrolment forms available in our foyers.

St Kieran's Flowers
 Feb. Anna F. March Em. M.
St Kieran's Cleaning
 27.2: Tony & Mary, Harry.
 6.3: Anton & Vivie.
 13.3: Pat & Jo.
 20.3: Louis & Gerardine
St Mary's 1st Sunday Cuppa
 5.3 Nina & Janet.
 2.4 Krys & Jackie



Thank you to the parishioners who came to Working Bee last week at St Kieran's. Your care for our church is inspirational. God bless you.

Our Parish AGM, with lunch will be held at St Kieran's Parish Hall on March 5 after 11am Mass.

Please write your name on the list provided in the foyer. If you are bringing a plate to share you can indicate this on the list as well. Items for the AGM:

1. Commissioning of two paintings (St Kieran and St Eugene de Mazenod) for St Kieran's church.
2. Commissioning of a painting or a statue of St Mary of the Cross for St Mary's church.
3. Enhancement of the Memorial Garden at St Mary's.
4. Addressing human and financial resources of the parish. How do we envisage the mission of our parish? How can we minister together considering the number of volunteers we have at the moment? How can our weekly contributions sustain the mission of the parish?
5. Possibility of relocation of unused font from St Mary's foyer to replace current font at St Kieran's.

LENT Calendar 2023

Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 6pm)
March 4 at St Mary's

Lenten Reconciliation
7pm, Tuesday 28 March at St Mary's

Holy Thursday
6 April, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm, St Kieran's

Good Friday
7 April. Passion of the Lord 3pm, St Kieran's.

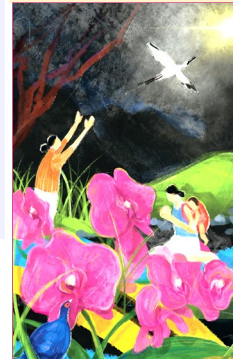
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Vigil: 7pm, 8th April, St Mary's.

Project Compassion: Boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

Prayer supporters for First Reconciliation Candidates.

Parishioners are invited to pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 30. Write your details on the sheets provided in the foyer of the church. Next week you will receive a letter from a child asking for your prayers.

Parish Pastoral Council meets next Thursday, February 2, in the Ryan Room at St Kieran's. If you have items to be tabled please submit them to the parish office.



World Day of Prayer 2023

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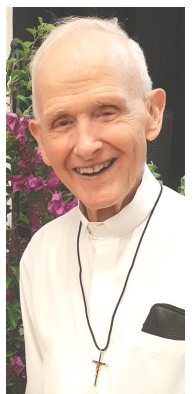
Friday 3rd March at 10am

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Fowler St Moe

Contact person Lynette Seccombe:
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The third season of the Chosen in our parish. Every Sunday in Lent 6pm – 7.30pm in St Kieran's Parish Hall. Come along to watch, pray and discuss the beautiful production on the life of Jesus.

Fr Brian Harris was born in Ipswich on 11th April, 1934, into a Catholic but non-practicing family. He encountered the church in his late teens. He attended schools in Brisbane and then studied at Teacher Training College. After a couple of years as a primary teacher he entered the public service as an industrial inspector. He tried to join the Oblates in his early 20s but it was discerned he was not yet ready to pursue a vocation. It was suggested he marry instead. Brian married Kathleen Mahoney in 1959, and had 6 children. He worked for the Department of Industrial Development in various locations in Queensland, finally becoming a Regional Officer. After the death of his wife in 1981 he felt the call of his vocation again and joined the Oblates in 1989. His children and grandchildren have been supportive of his vocation. Ordained in 1993, he served as Assistant Priest at Eagle Vale for 4 1/2 years, then 6 months assisting at Massey New Zealand. This was followed by two short terms - St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle as Hospital Chaplain, then 18 months at St David's, Tea Tree Gully. Next he became Novice Master, St Mary's Seminary Mulgrave, for 3 years. The next 4 years were spent assisting at St Eugene de Mazenod, Burpengary then 4 years at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton, before returning to assist at Burpengary. In 2020 he underwent cancer treatment and in 2021 retired but remained at Burpengary. Fr Brian was a gentle, prayerful, very pastoral priest with a love of serving the sick. He was quietly determined, very respectful of people, and loved Our Lady and the Eucharist. His great ability to care attracted people. Through his experience as a married man, parent and grandparent he was able to build bonds with people of all ages. Fr Brian Harris OMI passed away on 23rd February, 2023. May he rest in peace.



1st Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 **A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's

fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Mt 4:1-11 **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

*Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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