

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



5th May 2024 - Year B - 6th Sunday of Easter



St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,
ENOGGERA

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

18 Halle Street,
EVERTON PARK

St Carthage's

115 Beaconsfield Tce
GORDON PARK

St Columba's

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As the Father has Loved Me, so I have Loved You

In its nature, this Sunday's gospel is warm, thoughtful and sincere. It follows the Gospel in which Jesus taught His disciples that He was the vine and they were the branches. From that, we learn that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading expounds on this teaching, describing *service* as something that we are called upon to offer to others. Jesus spoke with great affection, inviting the disciples into the ceaseless flow of love that He and the Father exchange. To dwell in this love is to be richly blessed with joy, friendship and fruitfulness.

Today's gospel reading describes "loving" service. Laying down one's life for a friend is one part of the definition of love in the Bible. Jesus says: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." We are able to love because we have been loved. The second reading says: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God loved us and sent His Son to die for our sins." We each have love to give because we have been loved first. Happiness is from giving what we have received as a gift, and that is love.

The second reading extends the definition of love: "...everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, because God is love." To know God, we need to encounter God, because to know God, we must exist in God's world and be with God. Consequently, this is what occurs when we love God and love other people. We can read a great deal of books and listen to a wide range of speakers about God, but still we can remain ignorant of Him. When we lay down our life in some way for someone, we experience moving into God's realm and we get a taste, at least a little, of what it is to be truly with God, that is, to be in His presence. It is like what happens when you willingly give up a vacation to take care of children, or stay at work. We learn that Godliness is filled with love. The essence of John's teaching is clear. God is love and He loved us first. That has been revealed to the world in God's Son. The Son's saving death has freed us from sin. Therefore, we must love one another.

In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that He is known by the Father and that His disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, Jesus reminds His disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—like His disciples—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which then leads to action. John reminds His community that Jesus taught us that love is the sign of true discipleship, a true Christian. Moreso, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love – sacrificial love.

Two Sundays ago, we heard the good Shepherd speak repeatedly of laying down his life for his sheep. He prompted that the disciples are His "Friends" – not servants. Jesus called Himself their Master when He washed their feet, but in the process turned the relationship upside down. Now He fulfils what John declared so beautifully: "No-one has ever seen God; it is only the Son, who is nearest the Father's heart, who has made Him known." Jesus transforms the terms of His relationship with His disciples and redefines their relationship with God. Jesus teaches that His relationship to His disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is chosen—by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus is not to be special, but to be sent to serve the world as Jesus did. Jesus chose His disciples and sent them out to bear fruit by serving others with love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. We know that Jesus gave the greatest example of love and service. He laid down His life for His friends, His disciples, and for us. Through His Death and Resurrection, we received the grace to love others as Jesus commanded.

Marie-Louise Singson Pastoral Coordinator

Ref: Fr. Bernard Bourgeois, 2024. Break Open the Word, US Catholic.org, 6th Sunday of Easter 2024



Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2024 -Year B

First Reading Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 97: 1-4 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-10 God is love.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Gospel John 15: 9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

The ASCENSION of the LORD - 12th May 2024 - Year B

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9 God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading Ephesians 1: 17-23 He made Jesus to sit at His right hand in heaven.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people My gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
Gospel Mark 16: 15-20 The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY

Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY

Immaculate Conception

8:30am Rosary followed by

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

St John the Baptist

9:00am Mass followed by adoration

THURSDAY

St Columba's

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass

FRIDAY

St Columba's

6:30am Mass

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Columba's

5:00pm Vigil Mass

9:30am Mass (Sun)

St John the Baptist

9:00 am Mass (Sun)

5:30pm Mass (Sun)

Immaculate Conception

7:30am Mass (Sun) followed by

24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun) followed by

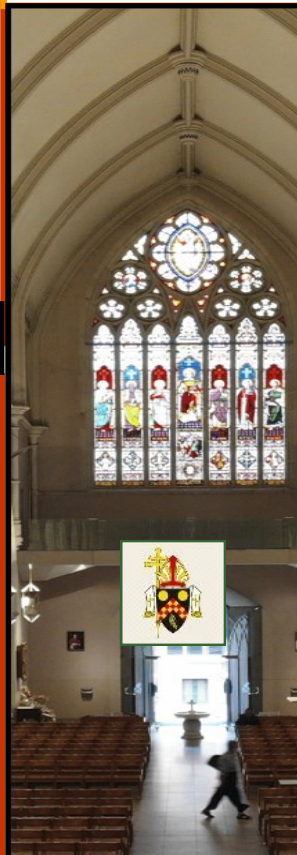
24 hr adoration

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, David Beattie, Yvonne Boyle, Kelly Burton, Natasha Carlin, Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Joe Santora, Irene Savage, John Gorringer

We extend our sympathy to all families who have recently lost loved ones

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

RECONCILIATION

Friday after 6:30am Mass **St Columba's**
 Saturday 4:30pm **St Columba's**
 Sunday 5:00pm **St John the Baptist**
 or by appointment

Upcoming Feast Days:

10th May (white) **St John de Avila - (1499-1569) Doctor of the Church**
 Saint John of Avila's quotes: - 'He who relies on God does not let himself be overwhelmed by sufferings, anguish, death, or hell, He who does not lean on Him, how much fear he feels, how worried he walks! '

Attention: Year 3 students who have been Baptised and those above Yr 3 who have been Baptised and have postponed celebrating Confirmation:

Please Remember these Important Confirmation Dates:

17th & 19th May for Wilston and 24th & 26th May for Enoggera.

Retreat and Practice:

- **Saturday 11th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass OR**
- **Sunday 12th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am Retreat & Practice OR**
- **Sunday 12th May 2024 at St John the Baptist Church 9:00am Mass only OR**
- **Sunday 12th May 2024 at St John the Baptist Enoggera 3:30pm Retreat & Practice and 5:30pm for Mass.**

With peace and blessings,

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

KBCC Collections

28th April 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$44	\$705
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$480	\$291
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$252	\$395
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$222	\$157

Archdiocese of Brisbane Mass Attendance Count

1st Mass Counts will be conducted this weekend Sunday 5th May, and be repeated Sunday 12th May, Sunday 19th May and Sunday 26th May.

Data collected provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.

Included in the count will be Communion Services in all of your Mass Centres including places such as Universities, hospitals, schools and aged care facilities.

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary is happening again this year on **Saturday 25th May**. It will be held in Churches across Australia from 2 - 4pm.



THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU
To a SAUSAGE SIZZLE on SUNDAY 26 MAY, 2024
after 9:30am mass
\$3.50 per sausage
ALL MONIES GOING TO KIRIBATI MISSION APPEAL

(Cash Only)

KBCC THE GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH DINNER

IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR ON

Friday 14th June 2024

6:30pm for 7:00pm

St Columba's School Hall

(BYO drinks)

\$30 Adult \$15 Child (under 13)

(Cash Only)

KBCC Solidarity with the Catholic Parish of St Therese, Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati

Our sister parish St Therese in Kiritimati, is undertaking a Project to construct five units of the "Guest House" and our Councils have agreed to support this endeavour by raising at least \$10,000 AUD in 2024. The appeal to our generous parishioners to help our sister parish has resulted in most generous donations.

All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal

Planned Giving

There are boxes of envelopes at the back of the church for the 24/25 financial year for Parishioners who are currently in our Planned Giving Programme.

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Programme and receive your own box of envelopes dated for each week throughout the year, please contact the Parish Office. 3352 1730 Email: kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au



Our parish has implemented the **Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy.**

For any matters relating to Safeguarding issues, please contact our Safeguarding representatives at lsr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au or by contacting STOP line AOB@stopline.com.au or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

When requesting School References, please email the following information to the Parish Office and you will be forwarded a "School Reference Checklist":

Child's full name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____
Which school(s)/college(s) is this reference for: _____ Closing Date(s) _____
Mother's name _____ Father's name _____
Address _____
Phone/Mob: _____ Email: _____

Baptism Enquiry

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at St John the Baptist and at St Columba's churches on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month. St Carthage's and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception are by appointment only. Please note due to Father's other commitments, these days may change. Baptism unless otherwise arranged is at 11:00am Sunday.

Our Baptism preparation session is held at St John the Baptist Church Hall, 131 South Pine Road, Enoggera (right next to the St John the Baptist Church) 10:00am on the first Saturday of every month. All are welcome to attend. No need to book in – just turn up.

Due to large numbers of Baptism requests, we do not take bookings prior to attending the preparation session. Please do not request a baptism date that is within one week of submitting your form – unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If you have your own Priest or your child is 8 years or older, please let the facilitator know and call the Parish Office to make specific arrangements.

Please access KBCC web site for online forms, etc.

Prayer to our Loving God to End Domestic Violence

We thank you for inviting us to end domestic violence in our community. We ask for your wisdom, courage, and guidance. We pray for a society where all people are safe in their homes and close relationships, where each person is respected, in their equality and dignity. We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing. We pray that all women, men and children will find a place and life free from violence, and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways. We pray for young men and women, that they may find models of respectful relationships and reject the violent and demeaning images of manhood and womanhood current in our society. We ask for the courage to confront the causes of domestic violence, including the prevalence of violence in our society, any abuses of power, and the unequal positioning of women in the community. We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms. We long for the time you have promised, when violence is banished, women and men are open to being loved and to loving others, children are protected, and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from Catholic Social Services Victoria Domestic Violence Parish Kit)

Parish Notices

Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church, currently adorers are needed for Sundays at 10:00am. Please contact Fiona and Roy on 0412 802 122. You will see a change for the better in your lives.

The next Senior's Mass with anointing will be held at 11:00am on Thursday 27th June 2024 at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church, Everton Park. Morning tea will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you.

Knights of the Southern Cross next monthly meeting will be held in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church at Everton Park at **7:30pm on Thursday 9 May**. Visitors welcome. Nev Wells

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Live-Out weekend at Good Shepherd Hub, Springfield, Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June.

For bookings/details contact Lisha and Joseph 0481 307 821

qldbookings@wwme.org.au

In-depth witness stories <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/family-discovering-coupleness>

