

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



**10th December 2023—2nd Sunday of Advent—Year B**



## **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**

170 Kedron Brook Road,  
WILSTON

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Parish Priest

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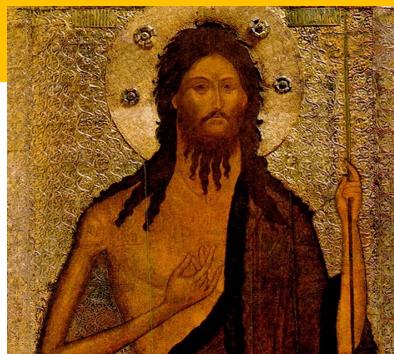
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last Tuesday, we had our annual volunteers' dinner. It was an amazing opportunity for us as a community to thank our many volunteers for the great job they do for us in their different ministries and in the life of our community. As I went around to greet and thank our special volunteers, I was very happy to see the smiles of loving joy radiating from their faces. Every year we use the volunteers' dinner to do two things: to thank our volunteers for the unpayable and unquantifiable gifts they bring to the Kedron Brook Catholic Community (KBCC) and to socialise and connect with other parishioners as companions on the journey. To all our volunteers, Thank you.

What is Advent?

Advent marks the start of a new liturgical year. Advent means **coming**. It was first used by pagans to herald the coming of their gods. It was also used for the visit of a king to a city or for his coronation. Christians borrowed this word and applied its various meanings to describe the coming of Jesus into the world and to identify specifically the period the church sets aside to prepare for the Christ's visit. The traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, limited decoration (dried flowers or plain green plants) and the Advent wreath, all of them remind us that **we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling Him to radiate His love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness in and through us.**

All through Advent, we are invited to meditate on three things about Jesus' coming. Firstly, we reflect on Jesus' first coming as a baby in Bethlehem; secondly, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, and through the worshipping community; and finally his *Second Coming (Parousia)* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked.

Last Sunday we were called to wait, to be alert and watch, as we don't know when Jesus Christ will come. On this second Sunday of Advent year B, John the Baptist throws more light on what the Advent season is all about – a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus; but the question is what kind of preparation are we making? It is easier this day and age for many people to focus only on the external and ostentatious preparation, which are all great like: shopping, decorations, end of year parties, arrangement of gifts or even just to show up at the Christmas mass, but then forget the most important preparation, which is the internal and spiritual preparation.

St John the Baptist came as the voice shouting in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord and make straight and level every rough and high place. This call for repentance as a way of preparation is indispensable and an integral part of Advent and our life as Christians. Without honest effort towards repentance, my brothers and sisters, we will struggle to reflect Christ and live out the values of love, forgiveness, uprightness and humility.

S. Joseph Krempa put the call for preparation beautifully when he said: "Advent calls us to recalibrate our compass, clean our moral glasses, and reboot our spiritual life by following the Gospel light".

God bless you.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

## 10th December 2023 — Year B — Second Sunday of Advent

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 84: 9-14 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Peter 3: 8-14 We wait for new heavens and a new earth.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1: 1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

## 17th December 2023 — Year B — Third Sunday of Advent

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 I exult for joy in the Lord.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1: 6-8, 19-28 There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

### MASS INFORMATION

<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 9:00am Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 8:30am Rosary followed by 9:00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>St John the Baptist</i> 9:00am Mass followed by adoration
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>St Columba's</i> 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>St Columba's</i> 6:30am Mass

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<i>St Columba's</i> 5:00pm Vigil Mass 9:30am Mass (Sun)	<i>St John the Baptist</i> 9:00 am Mass (Sun) 5:30pm Mass (Sun)
<i>Immaculate Conception</i> 7:30am Mass (Sun) Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am Friday after 6:30am Mass	<i>St Carthage's</i> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<i>St Columba's</i> <i>St John the Baptist</i>
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### KBCC Collections 26th November 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$ 252	\$194	\$ 94	\$567
<b>Everton Park</b>	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 572	\$291
<b>Wilston</b>	\$ 1005	\$354	\$ 152	\$250
<b>Gordon Park</b>	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 190	\$ 91



### Christmas 2023— Mass Times

**Tuesday 19th December 6:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
St Columba's Church, Wilston**

**Wednesday 20th December 6:30pm  
KBCC Christmas Service of Carols  
St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera**

### Sunday 24th December

<b>Carols:</b>	<b>Mass:</b>	<b>Church:</b>
5:00pm	5:30pm	St Columba's ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
5:00pm	5:30pm	St John the Baptist ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
7:00pm	7:30pm	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
<b>11:00pm</b>	<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>St Columba's</b>

### Christmas Day Monday 25th December

<b>Mass:</b>	<b>Church:</b>
7:30am	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
8:00am	St Carthage's
9:00am	St John the Baptist
9:30am	St Columba's

### No Weekday Masses from

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th December 23

### New Years Day Monday 1st January 2024

9:00am Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Everton Park

### Australia Day Friday 26th January 2024

9:00am St Columba's Wilston (no 6:30am Mass)

## Parish Notices

- ◇ **Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed from 1:00pm Friday 22nd December 2023 until 9:00am Thursday 4th January 2024
- ◇ **St John the Baptist will be presenting a Christmas pageant** this year before the Vigil Mass on 24th Dec. All children are invited to attend. We will have a practice at 4:00pm on Thursday 21st December. If you are unable to attend the practice, come along as angels or shepherds. For more information phone Cecilia Formby 0447 176 760.
- ◇ **SVDP NOTES:** Christmas Cards are for sale in all Churches. Packs of 5 cost \$3. A basket for donated Christmas fare will be at St John the Baptist for next few weeks.
- ◇ **Expressions of interest** are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information.
- ◇ **CATHOLIC LEADERS:** Please note that as from January, 2024, our churches will no longer be receiving Catholic Leaders to sell. The Catholic Leader is moving to a subscribe only model. Once you have subscribed, your Catholic Leader will be delivered to your front door each month. Please collect an envelope from your church regarding subscription to the Catholic Leader so you can continue reading this valuable paper. Details on how you can subscribe are in these envelopes.
- ◇ **St Vincent's Brisbane** is in need of Eucharistic Ministers/volunteers for its Pastoral Care Department. Shifts would be only 1-2 hours per week. If you are able to help, please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Maureen Hansen on [maureen.hansen@svha.org.au](mailto:maureen.hansen@svha.org.au)
- ◇ **Volunteers required to assist adoration** at Everton Park Church. Please contact Fiona and Roy on 0412 802 122 'You will see the change for the better in your lives'.
- ◇ **Wilston Church Morning Tea group** are searching for their next leader. Please call the Parish Office for more information.
- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross** next meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church at Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14 December. Visitors welcome.
- ◇ **Christmas Service of Carols**  
KBCC Christmas Service of Carols is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We will begin with dinner together at 6:30pm followed by the Carols starting at 7:00pm. This Christmas event promises to gather and engage all four church communities. We're inviting you and your loved ones to come together and sing Christmas Carols at St John the Baptist Catholic Church. Practice sessions at Enoggera church 6:30pm, are on the following dates—Tues Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Monday 18th December, for catering purposes.**
- ◇ **Preparing for Christmas**  
Bruce Downs (The Catholic Guy) invites you to subscribe to his daily devotional emails that will help you experience God in new ways and help you in your spiritual walk. To sign up go to [https://brucedownes.org/fp\\_daily\\_reg/](https://brucedownes.org/fp_daily_reg/) and you will start receiving the Advent emails daily starting this Sunday!

### **Wilston Christmas Raffle**

First prize - B&W printer. Other prizes include; hampers, pastry chef maker, wine glasses, salad bowls and lots more gifts.

**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10**

Drawn by Fr Ithema before Christmas.



### **Vocation Views Second Sunday in Advent - B**

The people's cry: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today? **Scan the QR code** to find out more, or call 1300 133 544

Follow us on **vocationbrisane**



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[lsr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au)

or by contacting STOP line [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au) or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

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

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, I would like to inform you that our community, Kedron Brook Catholic Community, has decided to journey in solidarity with the Kiritimati Catholic Parish Project on Kiritimati. This community is one of our closest neighbours in the Pacific region. In a letter from Father Tara-jake Takakia, who looks after the church, the parish is appealing to groups and individuals to support their Parish Project on Ronton Kiritimati. The project is to erect some Eco-friendly single house units or Bungalows (called Little Flower Guest House) over the lagoon in Ronton, which will serve as guest houses for tourists or fish anglers. If this dream is realised, it will be a source of revenue for the Kiritimati Parish Catholic Church. It will also provide employment opportunities to the people who will work as tour guides, boatmen, cleaners, chefs and drivers.

The first phase of the project is to construct the first five units of the "Guest House" estimated to cost \$120,000 AUD. The Catholic Parish in Kiritimati has saved \$20,000 AUD and is seeking interested donors and supporters to come to their aid to make the dream a reality by 2024-2025. As a parish community, our combined Pastoral Council, with the support of the Finance Councils, has agreed to support this endeavour and raise at least \$10,000 AUD in 2024. As a result, all money raised in our Christmas raffles will go to this project. Also, we are looking at other ways of raising the money and would appreciate donations to the Kiritimati appeal fund. *Fr Iheme*

### **The Season of Advent**

Advent is the traditional season in our Catholic faith to prepare for the arrival of Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath or Advent crown, is used to symbolically commemorate eternal life, death and resurrection of the promised Messiah. The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolises the passage of four weeks in our Liturgical calendar. The wreath itself is made of various evergreens which signifies newness of life while the circle of the wreath symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life we have with Christ. The Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God incarnate.

The lighting of the Advent wreath is a custom that began in 16th-century Germany among Catholics as well as the Lutherans. The original purpose of the wreath was to bring focus on Christmas rather than on Advent as being a distinct season in the church.

In our Christian tradition, Advent begins on the four Sundays before Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts right through to Christmas Eve, or December 24.

Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. A more modern tradition has a white candle placed in the centre of the wreath. As a whole, these coloured advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. In the Catholic tradition, it states that the four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Saviour.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolising Christ's manger. On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-coloured, candle is lit. This pink candle is usually called the "Shepherds Candle," and it represents joy. This Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday. The fourth and last purple candle is often called the "Angels Candle," and it represents peace. This is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, the white centre candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Saviour. Those who receive Christ as Saviour are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

Marie-Louise Singson  
Pastoral coordinator

### ***We pray for those who are unwell***

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Baby Amelia Cross, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Zilva, Biddy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Sherry Henricksen, Mary Hewitt, Kathleen Hicks, Colleen Jackson, Gordon Jackson, Pietro Jacuzzo, Fran Johnson, Bevan Johnson, Lesley Keleher, Troy Kemp, Raechel Mansfield, Ann Mansfield, Dawn Marano, Michael McGowan, K McCarthy, Cristina Neroni, Moira O'Sullivan, Joshua Price, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Brad Tennant, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

***We extend our sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one  
We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time***