

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



10th March 2024 — Year B — 4th Sunday of Lent

My dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel passage from John 9:1-41, we encounter Jesus as the light of life and the light of the world. His words, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world," reveal the profound truth of His divine presence among us as well as the transformative power of encountering Him that cause us to see.

Jesus' encounter with the blind man illustrates two essential aspects of our relationship with Him: touching and listening/hearing. Jesus, the Light, touches the eyes of the blind man with clay and instructs him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. Through this physical act, the blind man receives not only physical sight but also spiritual insight into the reality of Jesus as the Messiah.

We live in a world shrouded in darkness, both external and internal. Like the blind man, we carry within us the darkness of hatred, prejudice, fear and selfishness. We are often blinded by the false allure of material possessions and the illusion of security they provide. Moreover, many are blind to their own sinfulness and the need for God's mercy and grace in their lives.

Despite the depth of darkness and blindness that envelop us, Jesus comes to us daily as the light, offering to lead us out of darkness into His marvellous Light. He penetrates the darkness of our hearts and minds, offering us the gift of new sight and spiritual renewal. However, this transformation can only be complete if we willingly follow Him and allow His light to illuminate our path.

Jesus comes to us in a special way through the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. In the Eucharist, He offers Himself to us as the bread of life, nourishing our souls and filling us with His grace. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, He washes away our sins and restores us to spiritual wholeness.

Just as the blind man listened to Jesus and followed His instructions, we too are called to heed His voice and respond in faith. We are called to go forth into the world, bearing the light of Christ to our families, friends and communities. Through our words and actions, we become beacons of joy, healing and love, reflecting the light of Christ to all those we encounter.

This Gospel passage reminds us that Jesus is the true Light of the world and the source of our life. If we shut Him out of our lives, we remain in darkness. He has come to heal us of our spiritual blindness and to lead us into the fullness of His light.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we open our hearts to the transforming power of Christ's light and allow Him to lead us out of darkness into the radiant splendour of His love. Let us reflect on the words of St Paul in the second reading - Eph 5:8, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as Children of the light." In our life actions and relationships, when we start to love as Jesus did, to care for others and work for the kingdom of God, then we can say 'Now I can see'.

May God bless you abundantly. Amen.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



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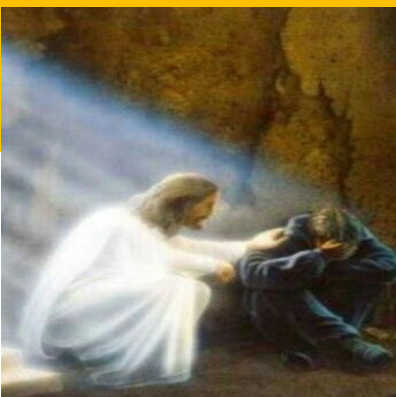
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10th March 2024 - Year A - Fourth Sunday of Lent

As our Parish has Elect (Catechumens), the Second Scrutiny is celebrated today.

Year A readings are to be used when the Scrutinies are celebrated.

First Reading

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading

Eph 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

17th March 2024 - Year A - Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading

Romans 8: 8-11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11: 1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

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

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday at 6:00pm during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at St Columba's Church Wilston



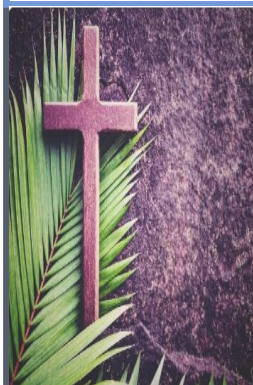
Invitation to Plait Palms for Palm Sunday.

The old tradition of braiding the palms from Passion / Palm Sunday is here for you to learn again! We will be plaiting palms and making crosses.

Please join us in the Enoggera Hall after 9:00am Mass at St John the Baptist Wednesday 20th March .

What to bring:

- * palm fronds, if you are able
- * Plate to share for morning tea



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)

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun) followed by

24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am

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



Kedron Brooke Catholic Community

MULTIPLE PRIZES

Tickets on sale this weekend at St John the Baptist

\$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10

All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal



Kedron Brooke Catholic Community
A LARGE HAMPER TO THE VALUE OF \$100
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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.

KBCC offers prayers and thanks for the generosity of those who have contributed.

We also acknowledge the donations of \$350 on 25th February and \$1000 on 3rd March 2024. May God bless you abundantly. Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

Kedron Brook Catholic Community
PARISHIONERS
SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND
GET TOGETHER

THURSDAY 21 March 2024 11:00AM

St Columba's Wilston

NO 9:00am MASS THIS DAY

Please contact Parish Office with your acceptance for catering purposes OR IF TRANSPORT REQUIRED.

KBCC Collections 2nd/3rd March 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$104	\$447
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$407	\$302
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$452	\$219
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$147	\$ 35

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Kelly Burton,
 Natasha Carlin, Paul Downie, Ave Forzisi,
 Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Joe Santora, Irene Savage,
 Brad Tennant

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

Frances Johnson
 (Mother of Rosa De Jong De Silva)

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

Colin James Savage

RCIA -What are Scrutinies and Why are They Important?

The season of Lent involves a time of deeper examination and preparation for the Elect, who are participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and hopefully for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though the Scrutinies are meant for the RCIA Elect, they can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continual conversion. The Scrutinies are three rites that help prepare the Elect to enter the Catholic Church. These take place during the period of RCIA formation known as Purification and Enlightenment, towards the end of the Elects' formation.

The purpose of the Scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (Quotes from Ritual Text for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, paragraph #141). Though the word "scrutinise" sounds rather intimidating — sort of negative, the true meaning is just "to see clearly or inspect closely." The Scrutinies are about *seeing sin in its right aspect, and coming to understand the way we fall victim to it. They are also about the transformative healing possible for us through Christ, as He offers Himself to us.*

Once we see sin for what it is, and understand our own personal weaknesses, we can begin to exercise the freedom we have received through Jesus. With God's grace, we can turn away from the darkness of sin, reject disordered patterns, and step into the light. This is possible for us because we believe in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ, and we entrust ourselves to Him.

During the three-week period of the Scrutinies, the Elect open the eyes of their souls, examine carefully how sin works in their lives, and make the deliberate choice to turn away from sin so they can step joyfully into the light of Christ at their Baptisms.

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent:

- **Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well**, where He offers Himself as the Living Water
- **Jesus healing the man born blind**, where He gives Himself as Light of the World
- **Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead**, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

After the Gospel and Homily, the Elect and their Godparents come forward during each of the three weeks of the Scrutinies. The Priest addresses the whole assembly, asking us to pray for a spirit of repentance, for an awareness of sin and for strength of will for the Elect.

The Priest then lays hands on each of the Elect individually, and he prays silently over them. Among other intentions, he prays an exorcism prayer, asking God to strengthen and protect them from temptation and deceit.

The process of awareness, healing and strengthening takes time and repeated prayer. The Ritual Text says the purpose of the Scrutinies is to *uncover, heal, and then strengthen*. Perhaps that is the symbolic reason behind the three weeks of Scrutinies.

Marie-Louise Singson

Pastoral Coordinator

Refer to: Cheryl Hadley 2022

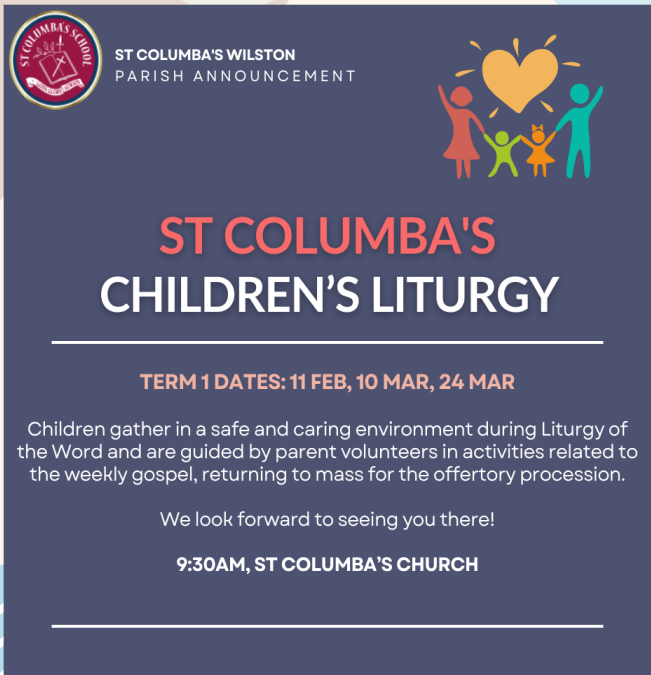
KBCC 28TH - 30TH MARCH 2024: TRIDIUM

Day	Time	Venue
28th HOLY THURSDAY	6:00pm Mass of Last Supper	Wilston
	6:00pm Mass of Last Supper	Everton Park
29th GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 pm - PASSION OF THE LORD	Wilston
GOOD FRIDAY	3:00 pm - PASSION OF THE LORD	Enoggera
HOLY SATURDAY	7:00pm	Wilston
	7:00pm	Enoggera

Day	Time	Venue
Easter Sun	7:30am	Everton Park
Easter Sun	8:00am	Gordon Park
Easter Sun	9:00am	Enoggera
Easter Sun	9:30am	Wilston
Easter Sun	NO MASS	Enoggera

Upcoming Feast Days:

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each canonised **saint** — known as the saint's *feast day*. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading. and symbolises a time of celebration.



ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

**ST COLUMBA'S
CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

TERM 1 DATES: 11 FEB, 10 MAR, 24 MAR

Children gather in a safe and caring environment during Liturgy of the Word and are guided by parent volunteers in activities related to the weekly gospel, returning to mass for the offertory procession.

We look forward to seeing you there!

9:30AM, ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

St Patrick's Day - Invitation to Mass

As St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, the Mass of the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated on Monday 18 March instead. The Mass on the 17th will be of that of the 5th Sunday of Lent and liturgically has precedence.

However, we, of the St Patrick's Day Parade Association who have organised the Mass on St Patrick's Day for some years now, nevertheless wish to acknowledge St Patrick's Day and so we invite you to the 10:00am Mass this year in St Stephen's Cathedral on the 17th to join fellow members of the Irish Community in celebrating Ireland's National Day. While the Mass itself will not have the same "Irish" input as in previous years, it is still an opportunity to come together and pray for the well-being of all those in the Irish diaspora. We will still give you the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends afterwards over the tea/coffee refreshments that we will provide. Also please put in your diary that the Annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place in the City on Saturday 16 March starting at 10:30am.

Parish Notices

- ◇ **Volunteers are required for St Columba's and St John the Baptist's Easter Triduum.** Please see roster at the back of the church for places to be filled. Insert your name and contact details beside the duty with which you are able to assist.
- ◇ **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
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ Is there anyone who would like to donate a BBQ to the St John the Baptist parish? At the recent School Mass, the organisers had trouble using the current BBQ.



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@stoline.com.au or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)