



# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



10th September 2023—23rd Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

### St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,  
ENOGERA

### 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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When 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there too.



## True Love Is A Debt All Of Us Owe

In the second reading, St Paul says; "Owe no one anything, except mutual love... Love your Neighbour as yourself. Love does no wrong to a Neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

Here St Paul simply reiterated what Jesus had commanded everyone to do in Matthew 22:36-40, which was inspired by "The Shema" of the old testament (Deut. 6:4-9): "A man came to Jesus and asked Him: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the First and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your Neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

In alluding to the instruction of Jesus, St Paul persuasively encouraged members of the Roman community to let their faith transcend rhetoric and become practical and complete in their love.

We all desire to be loved, but do we love others as much too? From what is happening in our world today some people talk of love when it suits them but not when the demands of love challenge them. When Jesus summarised the commandments as Love, what actually does it practically mean in my everyday live? From what Jesus said, we can see that love actual begins with "Loving God above every other thing or person". It also implies that any love that does not put God and His words first is incomplete and will amount to us building a house on a shaky foundation. On the other hand, when our love is devoid of human touch, compassion and care, it becomes an empty wishful utopia. We can do both through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The teaching here is that true love goes deeper than emotion and cannot be reduced to mere feeling without moral compass. True love must be driven by life led by the Holy Spirit. That was why Jesus told His disciples that practical love for God is shown in obedience to God. In Jn. 14:15, 23 -24, He said: "If you love me keep my commands... obey my teachings". It teaches us that love is intertwined with forgiveness and fairness. True love is a debt that all of us owe to each other

Have a beautiful week. Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

### Safeguarding Sunday 2023

This weekend September 10th, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

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**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 10th September 2023 — Year A – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9	I will lead the foreigners to my Holy Mountain.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9	O God let all the nations praise you!
Second Reading	Romans 13:8–10	Love is the fulfilment of the Law.
Gospel Acclamation	2 Cor. 5:19	Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 18:15–20	If your brother or sister listens to you, you have won that person back.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th September 2023 - Year A - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading	Sirach 27:30 - 28:7	Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12	The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
Second Reading	Romans 14: 7-9	Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	John 13: 34	Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; Love one another as I have loved you.
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35	Alleluia! I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

**MASS INFORMATION**

**MONDAY**  
*Immaculate Conception*  
9:00am Mass

**TUESDAY**  
*Immaculate Conception*  
8:30am Rosary followed by  
9:00am Mass

**WEDNESDAY**  
*St John the Baptist*  
8:40am Rosary  
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

**Collections 2nd & 3rd September 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$141	\$411
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$430	\$172
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$184	\$66
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$227	\$349



**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

**MULTICULTURAL MASS**  
"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"  
POPE FRANCIS

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Annual Multicultural Mass in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be celebrated in September. The Event is aimed at celebrating as a community of faith the various Cultural Communities and the diversity within the Catholic Church and our Archdiocese.

Date: Sunday 24th September 2023

Time: Mass at 2:30pm followed by refreshments and performances

Location: St Stephen’s Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>St Columba’s</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b>
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## Parish Notices

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 7th October 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 131 South Pine Road Enoggera.
- ◇ **Volunteers needed:** We wish to appeal to parishioners who can help in running St John the Baptist Children's Liturgy during 9:00am mass in the Enoggera Hall. Please contact the parish office if it is what God is calling you to do for our community and children.
- ◇ Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30 & 10:00am. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786.
- ◇ **Senior's Mass with Anointing Thurs, 28th Sept 2023, Time 11:00am St Columba's Church Wilston.**
- ◇ "Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting Thursday 14th September in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm. Nev Wells sends a welcome to all current and visitors.
- ◇ Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - We meet for one hour once a month - Monday. Date to be confirmed. If you are interested in future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.



ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON  
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



### ST COLUMBA'S FAMILY MASS

WE INVITE ALL ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR TERM 3  
FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT ST COLUMBA'S.

We would also like to invite volunteers to help with reading, liturgical dance or offertory procession. Please email [stcolumbas.family.mass@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbas.family.mass@gmail.com) with your preferred role by 3 September.

We look forward to seeing you there.

TIME: 9:30AM WITH MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW



### Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.  
email: [todd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023  
[cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
3324 3030

## The proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

### Background to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years, their cultural and spiritual connection to country expressed through their history, music, language, songs, art and dancing. Their custodianship is not recognised in the Australian Constitution, and a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this. This proposal was requested by those who gathered at Uluru and presented the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by all levels of Catholic leadership, including the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

### What can you do? Please prayerfully consider your own position

Archbishop Mark certainly acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding this referendum.

All Catholics are urged to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives.

Another important step you can take is to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

The conversations about reconciliation are sometimes difficult and there are many considerations in this complex situation. Please also remember our Indigenous brothers and sisters in prayer during this time.

### SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

13th September 2023 - St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor colour: white

16th September 2023 - Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr colour: red



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](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)



**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO**

- \* Has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic?
- \* Has been Baptised in another faith and would like to learn about the Catholic faith?
- \* Has a child over the age of eight who has not been Baptised?
- \* Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer you an opportunity to meet in a tiny group to learn more about our faith. The sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church, and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

Becoming Catholic means undertaking a spiritual journey. This will normally take about 6-9 months depending on the readiness of each individual. It is called Christian Initiation and there are ceremonies or 'Rites' at each stage to mark the steps along the way. The whole journey is called the 'Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults' or RCIA for short.

The RCIA is the process established for the Universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA is centred on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church that He founded. The journey is a gradual process of realising God's call and becoming aware of God's presence in your life. This would be through a series of conversations and it is okay to ask for, and enquire about, more information and clarification at any stage of this journey of initiation into the Christian Catholic Faith Community. This journey takes place through distinct phases over a period of time suitable for the participant, through weekly learning sessions, meeting the Parish community, attending Mass and gaining an understanding of the Faith life of Catholic faithful.

The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the Era of the Apostles. The beginning of this process is called the Catechumenate. This will ultimately lead you to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. If, however, you have already been baptised in another Christian tradition, you will be following a slightly different process of continuing conversion leading up to Reception (not Baptism), Confirmation and First Communion.

The culmination of all these preparations is celebrated with the whole community at Mass on the Easter Vigil where you will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

The RCIA programme results in your becoming part of a community of faith: hence you will be accompanied along the way by the RCIA team who will share with you their own Faith. There is no cost for this programme.

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 07 33 52 17 30 or email us at [kbcc.catholic.net.au](mailto:kbcc.catholic.net.au).

*Marie-Louise Singson*

Pastoral Co-ordinator

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
SENIORS ANOINTING MASS AND GET TOGETHER  
THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 11AM**

*Followed by morning tea in Parish Office  
Transport arranged if required.*



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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Zilva, Bidy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Sherry Henriksen, Mary Hewitt, Kathleen Hicks, Colleen Jackson, Gordon Jackson, Pietro Jacuzzo, Fran Johnson, Bevan Johnson, Lesley Keleher, Troy Kemp, Raechel Mansfield, Ann Mansfield, Dawn Marano, Joy McGowan, Michael McGowan, K McCarthy, Cristina Neroni, Moira O'Sullivan, Joshua Price, Janet Quirk, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

***We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time  
Marie Mc Ginley 11th September 2022***

***We extend our sympathy and support to all families who have recently lost a loved one***

Sharon Barnes, John Murphy, Dr Lawrence Paul Brunello