

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



11th February 2024 — Year B — 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The readings of this Sunday, especially the first and gospel readings, tell us stories about lepers. They are a group of people before and during the time of Jesus who were the untouchables and were inhumanely discriminated upon.

But in the gospel, Mark 1:40-45, we encounter a profound moment where Jesus heals a leper, an act that transcends mere physical restoration and delves into the depths of cultural and spiritual healing and transformation. Mark's Gospel passage, central to our reflection on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, challenges us to re-evaluate our perceptions of societal norms and embrace the radical inclusivity exemplified by Jesus.

Who are the people – the untouchables in your life?

Jesus' encounter with the leper is not merely a demonstration of His divinity, but a profound statement on the power of compassion and the dismantling of societal barriers. In reaching out to touch the leper, Jesus defies cultural taboo, stereotype, and religious conventions, affirming the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, regardless of their perceived status or condition.

The significance of Jesus' action lies not only in the physical healing of the leper but also in the relational healing that takes place. By touching the untouchable, Jesus not only restores the leper's health but also restores his sense of belonging within the community. However, in doing so, Jesus Himself becomes an outsider, highlighting the radical nature of His Inclusive love.

Dear friends, as we reflect on this Gospel passage, we are challenged to examine our own attitudes towards those whom society deems as 'untouchable' or marginalised. Who are the individuals or groups that we tend to overlook or exclude? Who are the ones in our midst who long for acceptance and compassion?

Jesus' example compels us to break down the barriers of prejudice and discrimination, to extend a hand of welcome and inclusion to all who are marginalised or ostracised. Like Jesus, we are called to embrace the outcast, to stand in solidarity with the marginalised, and to advocate for justice and equality in our communities.

In a world marked by division and exclusion, the Gospel message of radical love and inclusivity shines as a beacon of hope. We are called to be light of hope for others, let our light shine onto others Mt 5:14-16. As followers of Christ, we are called to embody this love in our words and actions, to create spaces of belonging and acceptance where all are valued and respected.

May we heed the call of Jesus to embrace the 'untouchables' of 'our' world, to extend compassion and hospitality to all, and to work tirelessly for the establishment of God's kingdom of love and justice here on earth. Amen.

Have a blessed week.
Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



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THE CATHOLIC GUY

PARISH MISSION EVENT
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
131 South Pine Rd, Enoggera QLD
4-7 March 2024



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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11th February 2024 - Year B - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11 I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. Alleluia!
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left him and he was cured.

18th February 2024 - Year B - First Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Genesis 9: 8-15 I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 24: 4-9 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3: 18-22 The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.
Gospel Acclamation	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!
Gospel	Mark 1: 12-15 He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

MASS INFORMATION

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



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

14th February 2024

9:00am St John the Baptist, Enoggera

6:00pm St Columba's, Wilston

STATIONS of the CROSS

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



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) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>

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	

Parish Notices

- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ **Expressions of interest** are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges at 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.



LENTEN EVENT 2024

The Catholic Guy is Coming to Kedron Brook Catholic Community!

Date: 4th – 7th March 2024, at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

131 South Pine Road, Enoggera QLD.

“BE CHANGED...BE RENEWED... BE INSPIRED”

Dear Friends,

As we know, Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. It is a journey of 40 days with the Lord in the wilderness of our lives. What makes Lent special is Jesus and us walking together. To help us to prepare further for 2024 Lent is the Catholic Guy Lenten Event.

For 40 days, a short, practical, and inspiring video will be delivered to inboxes every morning to help make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This programme is FREE and one can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Please pass this invitation on to parishioners, families and friends and we pray this will be a time of great renewal for you personally and in the people whom you lead.

Remember, this event is for all, both those who attend mass and those who do not, and it equally seeks to find ways to proclaim it to people who have grown away from the Church. This event will feature four (4) inspiring sessions led by Bruce Downes and his team:

Session 1 Monday 4th March 7:30 pm

Session 2 Tuesday 5th March 10 :00am and 7:30 pm

Session 3 Wednesday 6th March 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Session 4 Thursday 7th March 10:00 am and 7:30 pm.

The Catholic Guy Parish Mission/Event has two objectives through an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth:

1. to inspire, renew and strengthen those who attend church
2. to reach out to, connect to and attract non-Church attending people of God, those disconnected Catholics and those searching for God.

This is an event for the whole parish, so let us all support it and attend. You will be enriched and blessed. I encourage us to pass the word around and invite family and friends to this Lenten event.

If you want to help as one of the parish facilitators, please contact the parish office at Kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au or call 0733521730.

KBCC Collections 5th February 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$77	\$376
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$432	\$241
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$277	\$412
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$185	\$ 77

The Holy See has dedicated the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time as World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Project Compassion Donation Envelopes will be available next weekend.

We pray for those who are unwell

Kelly Burton, Paul Downie, Joe Santora, Brad Tennant, Donn Anderson, Fran & Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Gordon Platt

We extend our sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved ones: *Sheila De Zilva*

Sheila's funeral service will be held on Monday 19th February commencing at 10:00am, at The Little Flower Catholic Church, Kedron. (Parking will be a problem)
The family wishes to inform the burial will be for immediate family only.

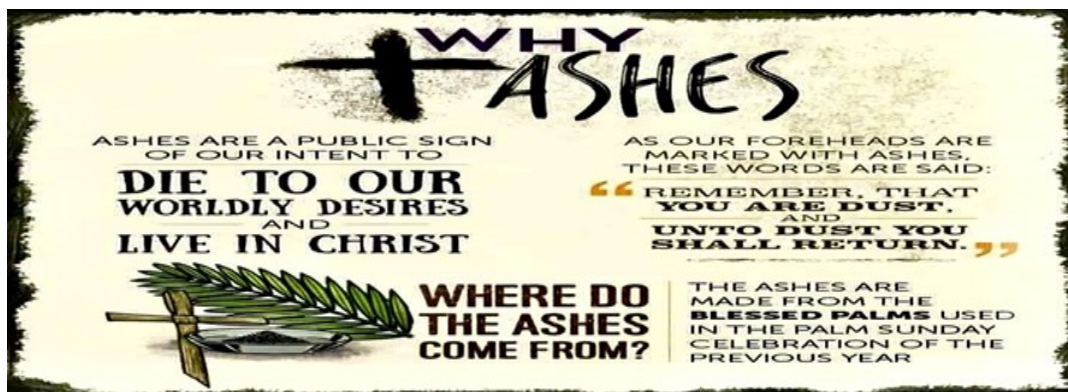
We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time
Angus Burke, Joseph Flor



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)



LENT begins on ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter - forty days of preparation. Lent means waiting - for the cross. God does not need Lent, but we do. The elements of fasting and feasting tap into some of our spiritual needs, where denial creates longings to be filled with the appreciation of God's great gifts.

The name "Ash Wednesday" is derived from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of believers in the shape of a cross. The ashes are typically obtained by burning the palms blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday. The imposition of ashes is often accompanied by the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," emphasising mortality and the need for repentance.

The tradition of the start of Lent has been documented for centuries (see sources below). The source states as early as 1000AD, "*In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive [hears confession and administers penance] him as he then may hear by his deeds what he is to do in the way of penance*". Later on and continuing for many centuries, the celebration of Shrovetide was a tradition in many societies. This celebration includes eating pancakes or other foods made with the butter, flour and eggs that would need to be used up before the beginning of Lent. Along with its emphasis on feasting, another theme of Shrove Tuesday involves Christians repenting for their sins in preparation for Lent in the Christian liturgical calendar. In many Christian churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition is the ringing of the church bells (on this day, the toll is known as the Shrivng Bell) "to call people to confession for the season of Lent".

The fact that Lent lasts approximately 40 days is no accident, as the number 40 in Scripture is significant. Biblical events grouped by 40 represent a period of testing of faithful people, and put God first in spite of tests and trials. We see examples of the number 40 in the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert before entering the Promised Land (*Numbers 14*), and, most importantly, in the 40 days Jesus spent fasting and facing temptation in the wilderness before embarking on His public ministry (*Matthew 4:1-11*).

Lent is also a time for preparing catechumens (i.e., baptismal candidates for Easter baptism) and candidates (i.e., those preparing to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion). It has its origins in the fact that preparation of catechumens is a process by which the whole Christian community is renewed.

So, Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. It marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season.

Marie-Louise Singson
Pastoral Coordinator

Sources: TheCatholicSpirit.com, ChristianityToday.com, CatholicEducation.com

North-West Catholic Singles (roughly 35-55)

You're invited to a get-together with other singles - from the Catholic Parishes of Grovely-Samford & Mitchelton and from all the surrounding parishes in the NW of Brisbane.

Date and Time: Sat 24 Feb, 10am

Place: Tall Story Cafe in Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Pde, Keperra

It's a relaxed coffee catch-up & discussion of possible activities for 2024. All welcome. Feel free to invite others, too. **RSVP:** Text Emma on 0435 262 927 or just turn up!