

# Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



13th August 2023—19th 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**

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

After the death of King Solomon as the Lord declared, the kingdom of Israel divided into the northern and southern kingdoms. Faith in one supreme God - Yahweh - was eroded, and the people took to the worshipping of false gods. This came to an alarming stage when Ahab, the 7th king of Israel (869-850 BC) married Jezebel, the daughter of the pagan king of Tyre. Ahab allowed her to build a temple for her god, Baal, and took part himself in idol worship and immorality. This contributed to turning the hearts of many in Israel away from Yahweh.

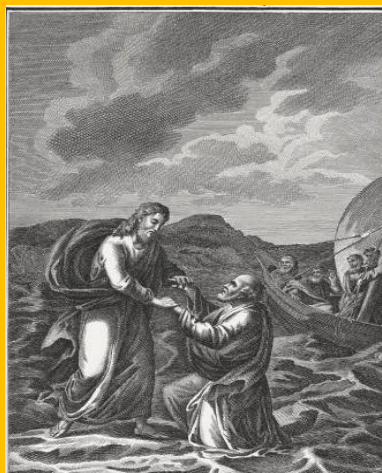
In 1 Kgs. 18:16-40 we see how Elijah, one of the servants of God, was sent to warn the people to change from their evil ways. Elijah challenged the 450 prophets of Baal to a contest to settle definitively the debate on the true religion and on who the supreme living God is – Yahweh or Baal. This took place on Mount Carmel. The prophets of Baal were to prepare a sacrifice without setting fire to it, same with Elijah. The true God is to answer by fire. The prophets of Baal tried unsuccessfully for hours. Afterwards prophet Elijah prepared his own altar of sacrifice with twelve stones standing for the tribes of Israel. He asked the people to pour water on the offering until the altar was drenched. Elijah called upon Yahweh and God answered with fire and consumed all the offering.

The victory led to the execution of the prophets of Baal. At this Elijah incurred the wrath of Queen Jezebel, who hunted him to kill him. Elijah ran away and sheltered in a cave on Mount Horeb. This sets the background for the first reading of today: “Then the LORD said, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.” A great surprise to Elijah, the Lord is not in the strong and mighty wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but rather in the gentle whisper sound. This became a lesson for prophet Elijah that God is everywhere and cannot be confined to a particular space or event. Again, God’s way is different from our ways. God’s way is as gentle as a breeze.

The reading teaches us about faith in God. Elijah’s incredible faith in God led him to a successful challenge against the prophets of Baal. This same faith is what Jesus called on his disciples and on us to have. In the gospel, Peter in faith stepped out of the boat not minding the storms and waves of the sea. But Peter lost it as he was walking on the sea because he took his eyes away from Jesus. When faced with challenges and the storms of life, let us call on Jesus and keep our focus and gaze on Him and we will not drown in the sea of life.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

**W**e have just concluded the Annual Clergy Convocation 2023, 9th –10th August. At the centre of the discussions was the theme “Reshaping of the local faith/parishes Communities, conversation in the Spirit”. The archbishop’s parting words at the end was a call for faith and trust in God who is guiding and leading us into the future, rather than being anxious of losing control. We have to lose control so that the Holy Spirit will lead us into a sustainable local church of communities within a Community. This I think fits into the gospel of today that calls us to look to Jesus in faith and not at the force of the wild wave at sea. *Iheme.*



**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 13th August 2023 - Year A - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| <b>First Reading</b>      | 1 Kings 19:9, 11- 13: Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.    |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> | Ps 84: 9 - 14: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. |
| <b>Second Reading</b>     | Romans 9: 1 - 5: I would willing be condemned if it could help my people.      |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word. Alleluia!         |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | Matthew 14:22-33: Command me to come to you over the water.                    |

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20th August 2023 - Year A - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| <b>First Reading</b>      | Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 I will lead the foreigners to My Holy Mountain.                                       |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> | Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Oh God let all the nations praise you!   |
| <b>Second Reading</b>     | Romans 11:13–15, 29-32 The Gift and call of God are irrevocable.                                       |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> | Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom, & healed all who were sick. Alleluia! |
| <b>Gospel</b>             | Matthew 15:21-28 Women, you have great faith.  |

**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 5th & 6th August 2023**

|                     | Direct Debit       | Credit Card        | Envelopes | Cash  |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|
| <b>Enoggera</b>     | \$482              | \$118              | \$197     | \$337 |
| <b>Everton Park</b> | Inc. with Enoggera | Inc. with Enoggera | \$404     | \$317 |
| <b>Gordon Park</b>  | Inc. with Wilston  | Inc. with Wilston  | \$241     | \$106 |
| <b>Wilston</b>      | \$1015             | \$275              | \$367     | \$231 |

***To further strengthen the authentic and life giving connection between the St John the Baptist Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption School, a children's liturgy will be held on the final Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 27th August at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.***

***These responsive and age-appropriate sessions will assist attendees in breaking open the Gospel through supportive discussion prompts and hands on activities.***

***All are welcome to attend!***



**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

**Queensland Government Community Grant!**

*Not-for-profit and community groups in Queensland can again apply for grants of up to \$35,000 for community projects and events, funding machinery, renovations, training and other equipment.*

*Applications open Monday 17th of July and will close at midnight the 31st of August.*

*For more information on how to apply for a GCBF grant: Please contact the via email at [communications@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:communications@bne.catholic.net.au)*

**RECONCILIATION**

|                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Friday after 6:30am Mass           | <b>St Columba's</b>        |
| Saturday 4:30pm                    | <b>St Columba's</b>        |
| Sunday 5:00pm<br>or by appointment | <b>St John the Baptist</b> |

## PARISH NOTICES

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd September 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 at the Enoggera Hall during 9:00am mass. Please contact the parish office if it is what God is calling you to do for our community and children.
- ◇ Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30am & 10:00am. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786
- ◇ The Annual Catholics Campaign will be taken up at all masses on the 19th and 20th August. Envelopes will be available on the pews.

### *Spiritual Reflection & Prayer*

*There is nothing worse than to commit spiritual things to argument. It was this that not allowed Nicodemus (in John, 3) to suppose anything great and sublime. For this reason we are called faithful, that having left the weakness of human reasoning here below, we may ascend to the height of faith and commit most of our blessings to its teachings. (St John Chrysostom)*

*A certain holy man has said, and we are glad to repeat it: "The good fish is a godly fish". It lives among the waves and is not broken or dissolved by them. Divine faith lives amidst the temptations and tempests of this world; the world rages, yet it remains uninjured. (St Augustine)*

*Lord, give me faith! To live from day to day, With tranquil heart to do my simple part,  
And, with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.*

*Lord, give me faith! To trust, if not to know, With quite mind in all things Thee to find,  
And, child-like, to go where Thou wouldst have me go.*

*Lord, give me faith! To leave it all to Thee, The future is Thy gift, I would not lift  
The veil Thy love has hung 'twixt it and me. (John Oxenhan)*

### 2023 Annual Catholic Campaign 19-20 August 2023

#### BE THE FACE OF CHRIST FOR OTHERS

Your Gifts are used in supporting these four vital ministries:

Centacare, Mary Mackillop Fund (helping disadvantage children in their education and youth ministries), Training of Seminarians for the priesthood and Priest Foundation (supporting retired priests of the archdiocese).

For more information visit: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/ways-to-help/annual-catholic-campaign/resources/>

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#### SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

- \* Monday 14th August - Memorial: St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe – Red
- \* Tuesday 15th August - Solemnity: The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - White

15th August Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy day of obligation

9:00am *Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Everton Park*

6:00pm *St Columba's, Wilston*

Please see flyers at back of Church Catholic Foundations Module Two  
"Understanding Praying & Living the Scripture".



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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)

## Altar Serving at Church



After Confirmation in late July, after a campaign for Altar Servers, Father IHEME trained and spoke about Altar serving to nine boys and girls. We had two training sessions where we had six new Altar Servers at St Columba's and three Altar Servers at St John The Baptist who were welcomed into traineeship of Altar Serving. We welcome Amelia, Ben, Daniel, Georgia, Henry, Kingston, Lillian, Owen, and Zachary.

An Altar Server is a lay assistant to the priest during mass, he or she is commonly called an Altar boy or Altar girl. An Altar Server attends to supporting tasks at the Altar such as fetching and carrying, ringing the bell, helping in bringing up the gifts, bringing up the book, among other things.

Firstly, they were shown their attire - they wear an Alb and a cincture. Father tutored the children on the proper terms for the attire but after many different versions of the word - *cincture*, Father decided on calling it something easier. For simplicity's sake they called them a "robe" and a "rope". Perhaps you have already noticed the "newbies" in their robe and rope serving up at the altar.

Some of the tasks that the little Altar Servers learnt were how to hold the liturgical books for the priest when he is not at the altar and is proclaiming the prayers with outstretched hands. They bring and hold such things as books, the lavabo water and towel, vessels to hold the consecrated bread, and even how to hold up the electronic candles for the Gospel reading.

They also learnt to process in with the cross... if they are old enough or big enough to hold up the processional crucifix. They all had a turn at carrying the processional crucifix, processing in and bowing at the Altar. There was such excitement about learning the important ways they can serve at the Altar.

One or more servers assist in arranging the corporal, the purificator(s), the chalice(s), the pall(s), and the Missal on the altar, leaving it to the senior Altar Server to take care of the sacred vessels. There were many new terms to learn!

If the bread and wine for the Mass are presented by the faithful, the altar servers assist the priest who receives the gifts and then they help to put these on the altar. They present the cruets of wine and water to the priest to pour some into the chalice. When the priest washes his hands standing at the side of the altar, a server pours the water over them. They also all had a turn with holding the bowl for hand washing, handing the towel to Father and handing him the cruets, the Paten and the Chalice.

At Consecration, they also learnt that an Altar Server rings a bell shortly before the consecration, generally when the epiclesis happens (when the priest extends his hands above the gifts). In accordance with our church custom, an altar server also rings the bell when, after the consecrations of the bread and wine, the priest raises the Host and then the Chalice. With many versions of ringing, strength, intensity and amplification, there is still much hand-eye, fine and gross motor skills and coordination needing practice when ringing the bells. The bell is not an ordinary bell.

At the Recessional, the altar servers also learnt that they lead the priest in a similar fashion to the entrance procession. It won't be long until you see these little trainees become proficient at their job. Congratulate them when you see them and give them a "thumbs up" for a good job

**Marie-Louise Singson** Pastoral Co-Ordinator

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Silva, 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, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

***We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time***



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