

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



15th October 2023—28th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

The Banquet To Which We All Are Invited

On this 28th Sunday in the Ordinary Time Year A, we read of the great banquet to which we all are invited. In the first reading from Isaiah 25:6-10a, we read that God will put a great Party on the mountain for all people, a banquet of rich food, and a banquet of juicy fine strained wines. It will be a banquet party of joy, happiness and merriment, because God will wipe the tears from his people's eyes, remove all pain and the mourning veil covering all peoples and nations, and will destroy death forever.

The gospel parable from Matthew 22:1-14 strikes a similar tone with the first reading too. There is a wedding party that a king provided for his son. Rich food and fine wines were prepared. The difference between the banquets of the first reading and the gospel is that in the first reading all people were invited from the beginning, while in the gospel, few were initially invited, and when they refused, all people were invited to the wedding banquet. The second contrast is that a dress code was given for all attendees in the gospel, but nothing of such in the first reading.

Jesus crafted the parable, highlighting the contrast mentioned to shed light on the special relationship of the Jews with God and how the rejection led to God's extension of the same special relationship to all people of the world.

What are the lessons for us to take from the readings?

Firstly, salvation and God's love are available to all people regardless of life stories, background or deeds. We are all invited to a special loving relationship with God, for the Lord is a God of inclusion. *Secondly*, just like the people in the readings, we sometimes neglect and miss opportunities that call us to attend to divine calls in our lives and to be Christ to others.

Finally, as the new people of God, it is not just "okay and enough" to show up. We must be prepared, spiritually and mentally, to continually be God's signs of love and compassion in the world. It's a call for hope and for us to keep our eyes on the bigger picture of heavenly union with God – that is the banquet to which we all are invited.

Have a Blessed week.

Themelandu Uzuegbu

NOTICE!!! PARISH COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

The feast of All Souls 2nd November. It's a day we as a church, pray and remember the souls of our loved ones and all those who have died. As usual we will have the names of our loved ones, relatives & parishioners that have died displayed on the projector during the mass. WE ASK YOU TO SEND US THE NAMES OF THOSE FOR WHOM YOU WANT TO PRAY TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023. The November mass envelopes are available. Pick and COMPLETE the November mass envelope if you want to request mass and please include the name(s) of the person(s) for whom you want mass celebrated. If you complete the envelope, you don't need to send any email to the office for the names for the overhead

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St Carthage's

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GORDON PARK

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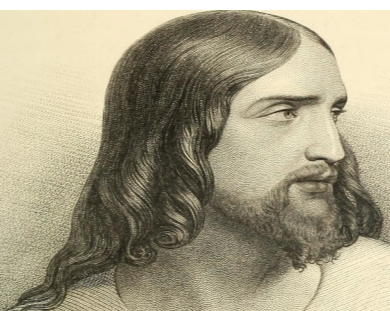
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The first will be last and the last will be first.



15th October 2023 —Year A — Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading	Isaiah 25: 6-10 The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 I am able to do all things in Him who strengthens me.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 21:1-14 Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

22th October 2023 —Year A — Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading	Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10 Give the Lord glory and honour.
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are the offering it the word of life. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21 Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

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> 8:40am Rosary 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

Collections 7th and 8th October 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$187	\$535
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$470	\$207
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$245	\$60
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$287	\$475

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) Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am	St Carthage's 8:00am Mass (Sun)
Friday after 6:30am Mass St Columba's	

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	St Columba's St John the Baptist
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The protagonist of the Synod isn't us, but the Holy Spirit

The XVI ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops "For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation And Mission" opened on Wednesday 4th in the Vatican and will end on 29th October 2023. In his address at the Opening session, Pope Francis, quoting the text of Saint Basil, told the General Assembly of the Synod that: "The Holy Spirit confirms us in faith. It is He who does so continually... This is a *syn-odos*: walking together is the programme... I insist on this: please, do not sadden the Spirit. He continued, "The protagonist of the Synod isn't us, but the Holy Spirit," says Pope Francis, insisting that if the Spirit is in charge, it is a good synod, and if He is not, "it is not."... The Holy Father called for working toward "harmony," highlighting that harmony inevitably will leave a space for "nuances." To read the full address click the link



<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2023/october/documents/20231004-apertura-sinodo.html>

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

Tues. 17/10/23 - St. Ignatius of Antioch (Red) - Memorial
Wed. 18/10/23 - St. Luke, Evangelist (Red) - Feast

Parish Notices

- ◇ **The Baptism Preparation Session** for next month will be held on Saturday 4th November 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.
- ◇ **"Knights of the Southern Cross** next meeting in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm. Nev sends welcome to all current members and visitors.
- ◇ Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church. Please contact Fiona and Roy on 61 412802122 'You will see the change for the better in your lives'.
- ◇ **Everton Park Community** - Please us after mass for a prayer for the repose of the souls of Peter Nally, a former parishioner and his e three grandchildren, who passed away in a recent plane crash.
- ◇ **Engaged and Married Encounter** invite you to World Priest Day. Date : 21/10/2023 Venue : St John the Baptist parish hall. 131 South Pine Rd Enoggera. Time : 11.30am for 12 lunch. RSVP: formbyd@iprimus.com.au by 7th October.
- ◇ **Restoration work on the Wilston church** (Roof-work) will commence on 16th October.
- ◇ Scaffolding have been set up on each sides of the church at the front end, please use the main drive way.

Invitation to our Singles/Over-35s: Let's have a coffee and chat to discuss what we might do now and into the future to meet our needs as Thirty-five Plus Catholics in the NW of Brisbane. Bring your ideas - and a friend, if you like. **Who:** Newly single, Long-term/Committed Single, Open to being Not-Single! **When: Saturday 28 October from 10:30am** (*til about 12noon) **Where: Cafe Ion, 5 Irvine St, Mitchelton** - on the back deck (A large table in the corner is booked in the name of Michele-with-1-L.) Just turn up. No need to register in advance - but you can, if you like. **Questions?** Call/text Michele on 0418708638

OUR MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS ON AGAIN!

The Social Committee is looking for any donations that would be suitable for prizes. Please leave at Parish Office – Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Many thanks.

All proceeds of the raffle to go to a charity of Fr Ihemelandu's choosing.

Vatican News

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, expresses the Pope's sorrow for the outbreak of war in the Holy Land, expressing hopes that reason will prevail over violence. In his opening address at a three-day conference starting on Monday at the Pontifical Gregorian University entitled "The New Documents from the Pontificate of Pope Pius XII and their Meaning for Jewish-Christian Relations." Cardinal Parolin said, "I would have never thought to begin, today, my speech with the dutiful, sad obligation to share and convey the sorrow that the Holy Father expressed yesterday at what is happening in Israel. Two days ago, on the day of the Sabbath, on the feast of Simchat Torah, the joy of the Torah, in Israel, many Israeli brothers and sisters were awakened by a terrible and despicable attack. We are close to the families of the victims, to the thousands of wounded, to those who are missing and kidnapped and now in grave danger."...

Foundation for peaceful coexistence in a report from Salvatore Cernuzio:

Just ahead of the event, Cardinal Parolin spoke to journalists outside the Pontifical Gregorian University. He called for a solution that finds ways "to lay the foundation" for addressing the challenge of coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis by implementing "the instruments of diplomacy" that the international community has available. "Until that problem is resolved, until a roadmap for peace is found, these things will always risk repeating themselves and always with greater ferocity," he warned.

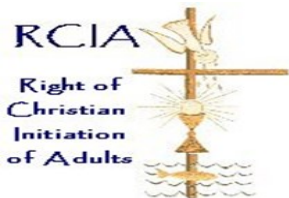
Living with justice: Cardinal Parolin finally appealed that, "we must find the conditions that allow us to live with justice," because as Pope Pius XII said in the past "peace is the fruit of justice."... Therefore, we need to "find the way to resolve this tragic problem of relations between Palestinians and Israelis on the basis of justice. Only this can ensure a stable peace and a peaceful and fruitful coexistence between the two peoples." {for the full article, see the link: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/cardinal-parolin-decries-terrible-attack-against-israel.html>}



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)



RCIA INVITATION



Please come and meet us and say hello to the RCIA team. Please join us for morning tea or coffee from 11:00 am Sunday on the 26th November 2023. (after the 9:30 – 10:30 mass at St. Columba's Church, Wilston)
At the St. Columba's Parish Office, 23 Lovedale St. Wilston.

*It is the first building on the right as you drive into the driveway.

Meanwhile, if there is anything you would like to have a short chat about before the meeting in November, please feel free to ring the office. God bless. Marie-Louise Singson

(Pastoral Coordinator)

November Liturgy of the Word

You are invited to a 30-minute liturgy to be held at St Carthage's Church at 5pm on Friday 17 November.

During November, there is an increased focus on prayer in the Catholic tradition, particularly for the souls of those who have died. Consequently, we would like to take this time to remember our communion in the Body of Christ, and pray into all the emotions we experience as those who mourn the loss of loved ones – including grief, regret, letting go. We hope this will be a refreshing and blessed time for all. The Liturgy of the Word will conclude by 5.30pm, but the church will be open for a further half-an-hour for personal prayer. All are welcome; feel free to invite friends.

2023 KBCC All Souls Day Commemoration Mass

Call to Submit Names of deceased Love Ones

Before All Souls Day, we will celebrate on Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1023, tells us is a day to remember those who have died "in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified" and have attained heaven. The feast of "All Souls Day" on 2nd November is around the corner. It's a day we as a church, pray and remember the souls of our loved ones and all those who have died. We also pray for those whose venial sin has caught them in purgatory.

To commemorate All Souls our parish will use it as we have been doing to celebrate our parishioners who have died. In our community, at the two masses for All-Souls' Day, we will create a special prayer space beside the altar for people who want to place the pictures of their loved ones during the mass to do so. This will help us carry them in our thoughts and we will end the mass with a special prayer for the dead.

As usual we will have the names of our loved ones, relatives and parishioners that have died displayed on the projector during the mass. **WE WILL WANT YOU TO SEND US THE NAMES OF THOSE YOU WANT TO PRAY FOR TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023.** This will give the parish staff time to compile the names. The November mass envelope will be available in our churches this weekend and next. Pick up an envelope if you want to request mass and please write the name of the person or persons for whom you want to mass celebrated, and complete the other details on the envelope. If you complete the envelope, you don't need to send any email to the office. To pray for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy and the mass as the highest form of prayer, connects the living, the saints, and the dead. Remember, prayer is the only best gift of love that we can give our loved ones who have passed as they cannot pray for themselves. I encourage us to attend the mass too on that day.

Fr. Iheme.

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 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, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

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

Chris Burton The Nally Family