

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



17th March 2024 — Year B — 5th Sunday of Lent



St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,
ENOGGERA

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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Today's readings confront us with the stark reality of death, yet they resound with the vibrant promise of LIFE. Reflecting on all the readings, we find a common thread of hope and life woven throughout. In the first reading, God's declaration rings out: "I will raise you from our graves ... I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live." This assurance of new life extends into the second reading from Romans 8:8-26, "...But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His spirit who dwells in you." Here St Paul elucidates the dichotomy between spiritual death and vitality. He underscores that despite the mortality of our bodies due to sin, the presence of Christ within us breathes life into our spirits. Thus, through the indwelling of the Spirit, we are imbued with the promise of resurrection.

Indeed, death encompasses both the physical cessation of life and the spiritual decay wrought by sin. St Paul, in Ephesians 2:1-6, delineates spiritual death as being ensnared in transgressions and worldly pursuits thereby making us ignore the commands of God and the call to love through service. Lent is a sacred season inviting us to confront and dismantle these barriers to faith, beckoning us to repent and cast off the shackles of spiritual death. The pivotal question arises: *What impedes the life of faith and the spirit within us?* The presence of God can break that yoke of darkness of sin in you and me if we give ourselves to Him.

Lazarus, in his miraculous resurrection, symbolises our collective spiritual awakening. As Bishop Barron astutely observed, each of us to some extent experiences spiritual death. We may feel entombed in hopelessness, akin to Lazarus lingering for four days in the tomb. However, the voice of Jesus transcends even the deepest despair, capable of drawing us from the tomb into His radiant light. Through this awakening, joy, peace and the tangible presence of God envelop us.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospel narrative of Lazarus serves not merely to inspire but also to fortify our faith. Jesus himself acknowledges the purpose behind his delayed arrival, affirming that belief might blossom. Through the resurrection of Lazarus, many witness and believe in Him, recognising Jesus as the beacon of hope and the source of life.

Let us earnestly beseech Him to heal and revive the dormant faith within us, fostering a spirit alive with holiness and love. As Matthew Arnold aptly expressed, "life transcends mere acquisition; it is a state of being and becoming." May the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead breathe new life into our souls, now and forevermore. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



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)

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

As our Parish has Elect (Catechumens), the Third Scrutiny is celebrated today. Year A readings are to be used when the Scrutinies are celebrated.

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.

24th March 2024 - Year B - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Entrance Reading	Mark 11:1-10 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
First Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
2nd Reading	Philippians 2: 6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel	Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

25th March 2024 at 7:00pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St John the Baptist, Enoggera

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

KBCC PARISHIONERS SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND GET TOGETHER

THURSDAY 21 March 2024 11:00AM St Columba's Wilston

Monday is the last day to register your acceptance

Please contact the Parish Office

for catering purposes OR IF TRANSPORT IS REQUIRED.



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

STATIONS of the CROSS

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



We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, David Beatif, Yvonne Boyle, Kelly Burton, Natasha Carlin,
Paul Downie, Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Joe Santora, Irene Savage

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

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

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



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

7 March 2024

Dear brothers,

Module Three: Being Sacramental

An invitation is now extended for people to participate in the third unit offering from the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation.

This module, Being Sacramental, will explore with participants what it means to live in a sacramental world. It will address the broader notion of sacramentality, the importance of signs and symbols in the liturgy and the character of each of the seven sacraments of the Church. The module will also focus on the approach of the participant to the sacraments, recognising that our relationship with God fundamentally influences how we experience the sacraments. Participants will develop their ability to listen to the voice of God in and through the sacraments, seeing more clearly the grace received in each rite and moving closer to full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.

I am asking Parish Priests and Chaplains to promote this formation opportunity in their parish or community and personally to invite people to register. Enclosed are a number of brochures you might provide to those you invite to attend. More information can be found at www.catholicformation.au.

The module will run for ten consecutive Monday, commencing on **Monday 15 April**, at Holy Spirit Seminary, and the chief presenter will be Deacon Peter Pellican.

For those who live beyond the Brisbane region there is an option to register as a regional hub where you can gather locally and participate together via an online link. If you are interested in hosting a regional hub, you might contact Evangelisation Brisbane.

May this offering lead to a deeper knowledge and love of the sacraments in the minds and hearts of our people.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane.

Upcoming Feast Days Celebrated: 18th March - St Patrick, Bishop (White)
19th March—St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)

Kedron Brook Catholic Community
MULTIPLE PRIZES
Tickets on sale this weekend at **St John the Baptist**
\$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10



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.

All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal



Kedron Brook Catholic Community
A LARGE HAMPER TO THE VALUE OF \$100
Tickets on sale this weekend at **St Columba's**

KBCC Collections 9th/10th March 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$101	\$567
Everton Park	inc w Enoggera		\$365	\$280
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$170	\$315
Gordon Park	inc w Wilston		\$237	\$ 51

Attention: Year 3 students who have been Baptised and those above who have been Baptised and have postponed celebrating Confirmation:

Please Remember these Important Confirmations Dates: 17th & 19th May for Wilston and 24th & 26th May for Enoggera.

1. Sacramental Information Session for Parents for the CONFIRMATION - Attend on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at St Columba's Church Wilston at 10:30am OR 7:00pm, OR Thursday 18th April 2024 at St John The Baptist, Enoggera at 7:00pm. You must bring your Child's Birth & Baptismal Certificates to the meeting. We are required to have a copy of these certificates to be part of the Programme. As we lack the personnel to collect these certificates later, it is difficult to do so.

2. Rite of Enrolment & Family Workshops – Saturday 27th April 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass OR Sunday 28th April 2024 St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am workshop OR at St John the Baptist Church 9:00am Mass only OR the last one also at SJB Enoggera 3:30pm workshop and 5:30pm for Mass.

3. Retreat and Practice - Saturday 11th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass OR Sunday 12th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am Retreat & Practice OR at St John the Baptist Church 9:00am Mass only OR the last one also at SJB Enoggera 3:30pm Retreat & Practice and 5:30pm for Mass.

With peace and blessings,
Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

28th - 30th March 2024: TRIDIULM

Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue
28th March	Holy Thursday	Mass of Last Supper	6:00pm	Everton Park
			6:00pm	Wilston
29th March	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	10:00am	Gordon Park
			10:00am	Everton Park
			10:00am	Wilston
29th March	Good Friday	Passion of the Lord	3:00pm	Enoggera Wilston
30th March	Holy Saturday		7:00pm	Enoggera Wilston
31st March	Easter Sunday		7:30am	Everton Park
			8:00am	Gordon Park
			9:00am	Enoggera
			9:30am	Wilston
31st March	Easter Sunday	NO MASS	5:30pm	Enoggera

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.

◇ **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.

◇ **Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group**
We will be meeting for one hour on Monday 18th March at 7:00pm in a private home. If you are interested, or interested in being advised of future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or (other) Michael 0414 742 742.

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights

