

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



18th February 2024 — Year B — 1st Sunday of Lent

My dear brothers and sisters,

Just few days ago we celebrated Ash Wednesday, and as we were signed with the ashes on our forehead, we were called to “repent and believe the Gospel”. With that, the Lenten season, a season of preparation, fasting and prayer was set into motion. Lent commemorates the forty days and forty nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and praying after His baptism.

As we embark on this sacred journey of Lent, we are drawn into the wilderness alongside Jesus, who was led by the Spirit to face temptation and to prepare for His ministry. The Gospel passage this first Sunday of Lent (from Mark 1:12-15) invites us to reflect deeply on the significance of this season and the spiritual truths it reveals.

In the wilderness, Jesus confronts the allure of worldly power and the temptations of the flesh. For forty days and nights, He fasts and prays, wrestling with the forces of darkness that seek to undermine His mission. Yet, amidst adversity, Jesus emerges victorious, steadfast in His commitment to God's will and the proclamation of the kingdom.

The wilderness experience of Jesus resonates deeply with our own journey through Lent. Like Jesus, we are called to enter into a period of self-examination and spiritual renewal, to confront our own vulnerabilities and the temptations that threaten to lead us astray. Lent provides us with a sacred space to deepen our relationship with God, to purify our hearts, and to realign our priorities with the values of the Gospel.

Central to the message of Lent is the call to repentance and conversion. As Jesus proclaims, "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). This call echoes through the ages, inviting us to turn away from sin and embrace the abundant life offered to us through Christ. Repentance is not merely a solemn acknowledgment of wrongdoing, but a transformative act of turning towards God's mercy and grace. It is a journey of reconciliation and healing, where we surrender our brokenness and receive the promise of redemption. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we encounter the boundless mercy of God, who welcomes us with open arms and restores us to wholeness.

As we journey through Lent, let us heed the call to repentance with humble and contrite hearts. Let us embrace the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as ways to resist the pull of materialism and power, plus the desire to seek vain glory. Additionally it is a means of drawing closer to God and deepening our commitment to discipleship. Let us walk with Jesus through the wilderness, trusting in His ever-abiding presence and the promise of new life that awaits us on the other side.

May this season of Lent be a time of profound spiritual growth and renewal, as we open our hearts to the transforming power of God's love. May we emerge from the wilderness, strengthened in faith, and ready to proclaim the Good News to all the world. Amen.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu**



**BRUCE DOWNES**  
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,  
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

## PASTOR

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu  
Parish Priest

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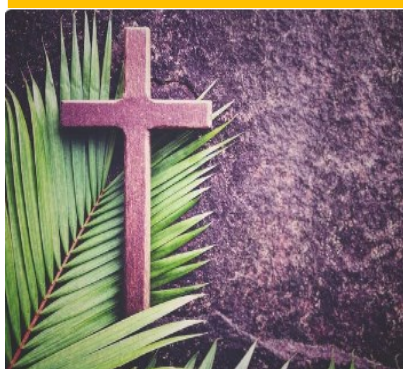
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## 18th February 2024 - Year B - First Sunday of Lent

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 9: 8-15</b> I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 24: 4-9</b> Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>1 Peter 3: 18-22</b> The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on ever word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 1: 12-15</b> He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after Him.

## 25th February 2024 - Year B - Second Sunday of Lent

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18</b> The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 115-10, 15-19</b> I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Romans 8: 31-34</b> God did not spare His own Son.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear Him. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 9: 2-10</b> This is my Son, the beloved; listen to Him.

### 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

### STATIONS of the CROSS

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



**Is your Safeguarding Training due for renewal?**  
If so, join the Office for Safeguarding Training on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for the first 2024 Safeguarding Training webinar.

Registration and attendance at the webinar will satisfy your Archdiocesan Safeguarding Training requirements.



**ONLINE WEBINAR**

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

DATE: 6 MARCH 2024    TIME: 6.30PM

[REGISTER NOW](https://marlequin-herring.webinar ninja.com/live-webinars/10544212/register)

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Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

### 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*

### RECONCILIATION

Friday after 6:30am Mass **St Columba's**

Saturday 4:30pm **St Columba's**

Sunday 5:00pm

or by appointment

**St John the Baptist**

### Parish Notices

- ◇ ***Knights of the Southern Cross*** next monthly meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church, Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024
- ◇ ***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'.
- ◇ ***You're Invited to Coffee with North-West Catholic Singles (35-55)***  
**Date and Time: Sat 24 Feb, 10am Place: Tall Story Cafe in Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Pde, Keperra**  
**RSVP: Text Emma on 0435 262 927 or just turn up!**



**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH  
EASTER RAFFLE  
A LARGE HAMPER TO THE VALUE OF \$100  
Tickets on sale this weekend  
\$2 each or 6 for \$10  
All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal**

**KBCC Solidarity with the Catholic Parish of St Therese, Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati**

Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati is one of our closest neighbours in the Pacific region. Father Tara-jake Takakia, who looks after The Catholic Parish of St Therese, is appealing to groups and individuals to support their Parish Project on Ronton Kiritimati.

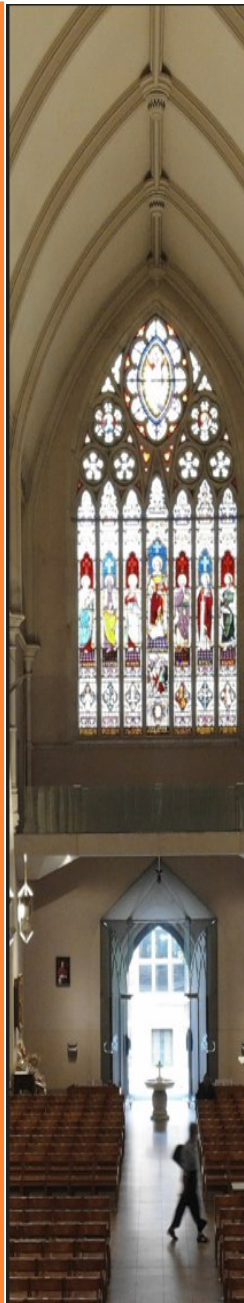
The project dream is to erect some Eco-friendly single house units or Bungalows (called Little Flower Guest House) over the lagoon in Ronton, which will serve as guest houses for tourists or fish anglers. This dream will be a source of revenue for the Kiritimati Parish Catholic Church. It will also provide employment opportunities to the people who will work as tour guides, boatmen, cleaners, chefs and drivers.

I appeal to our generous parishioners, for the love of God, to help a sister parish in need. Phase one of the project is to construct the first five units of the "Guest House" estimated to cost \$120,000AUD.

The Catholic Parish in Kiritimati has saved \$20,000AUD and is seeking interested donors and supporters to come to their aid to make the dream a reality by 2024-2025. Our combined Pastoral Council, with the support of the Finance Councils, has agreed to support this endeavour and raise at least \$10,000 AUD in 2024.

*Fr Ithema*

*(Donations currently total approximately \$1,220)*



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen  
*The Queensland Symphony Orchestra  
conducted by Umberto Clerici*

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm  
Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's  
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara Maclver - soprano  
Sofia Troncoso - soprano  
Andrew Goodwin - tenor  
David Greco - baritone  
St Stephen's Schola  
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website  
<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

**Upcoming Feast Days:**

Thursday 22 February: The Chair of St Peter, apostle - White

**KBCC Collections 10th/11th February 2024**

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$102	\$606
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$375	\$226
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$767	\$366
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$317	\$ 85

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISHIONERS  
SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND  
GET TOGETHER**

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

Please contact Parish Office with your acceptance for catering purposes  
OR IF TRANSPORT REQUIRED.

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

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

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

*Sheila De Silva*

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

Angus Burke, Joseph Flor, Regan Carr



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@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au) or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

## LENTEN EVENT 2024

**The Catholic Guy is Coming to Kedron Brook Catholic Community!**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.  
131 South Pine Road, Enoggera QLD.

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

**Session 1 Monday 4th March 7:30 pm or Tuesday 5th March 10 :00am**

**Session 2 Tuesday 5th March 7:30 pm or Wednesday 6th March 10:00 am**

**Session 3 Wednesday 6th March 7:30 pm or Thursday 7th March 10:00 am**

**Session 4 Thursday 7th March 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.

Refer to the following link for the video

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/KKCC/Promo%20Videos?preview=Kedron+%232+++Why+We+Give+Something+Up+for+Lent.mp4>

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](mailto:Kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 0733521730.

Cheers! **Fr Ihemelandu L. Uzuegbu** (Parish Priest & Administrator)

## WELL MAY YOU ASK “WHAT IS THE CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD?”

The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday church assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to the children’s level of understanding.

Here in our Parish, we gather together children - aged from four years (especially if they have an older sibling) to 12 years - so they can have a special time to understand the gospel with their peers. The children leave the assembly after the opening prayer and process to a separate area to celebrate a liturgy of the word that is more appropriate to their age level. There are adults who accompany the group and, most of the time, these are parents of the children who attend. The adults have a love, and an understanding, of the gospel. Some are teachers, some are retired people who love God’s word, some have a good relationship with children and some just simply love serving the community.

Both St Columba’s and St John the Baptist celebrate the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. St Columba’s regularly holds the Children’s liturgy of the Word on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, and St John the Baptist every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. When you are at mass with your children, try the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. If you would like, you are welcome to accompany the children .

The activities surround the gospel for the day. The Leader (an adult) reads the Gospel from the Children’s Lectionary. The children experience the “word” being read to them. They hear the scriptures proclaimed and Explained, and respond in prayer, action and song. That is followed by discussions and questions and specific clarification of the “lesson” of the gospel in children’s language, understanding and age level. As far as possible the readings follow those in the Lectionary for Mass but the simplified language is easier for children to understand.

A liturgy of the word is never simply a verbal experience. Just as in adult liturgy, the use of symbol, colour, gesture, movement and singing heightens the children’s experience of the scriptures. They do activities in relation to the gospel such as a colouring-in sheet, a game or an art and craft activity.

This is what we provide - a worthy place of celebration, a Lectionary which is attractive and handled with respect, and the scriptures proclaimed well - all this conveys clearly to the children the sacredness of God’s word which altogether influence how they accept, grow and live by it.

Marie-Louise Singson  
Pastoral coordinator

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and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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