

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



19th November 2023—33rd Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel parable of the 33rd Sunday Year A, tells us about the Lord's coming again, which will be a time of judgement and accountability. The parable is about three servants (disciples) to whom their master gave talents and went away.

On return he called them to give an account on how they used the talents. Two did the needful and traded with what they were given. The third, who got the least, hid his talent and did not do a thing with it. The teaching in the story tells us that it doesn't matter how many talents/gifts they were given (or that we are given today), the important thing was their honest effort and how they used their talents.

Let us look at what the master says of the good effort of the first two servants: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." This is what all of us Christians will want to hear on the last day. But the question is, are we working towards that and are we doing the things that the Lord wants of us? Most times some people do not use their gifts because they are afraid of taking a risk or are lazy. The parable reminds us that that which we don't use, we lose

A wealthy man once melted his hoard of gold into a single lump, which he then secretly buried in his garden under the cover of the night. Every day he went to look at it in admiration when no one was watching him. One day, one of his servants discovered his secret and came by at night and stole the gold. When the man came to check his treasure, he was shocked and heartbroken on discovery that it was not there and had been stolen. He told his friend about his misfortune, but his friend said to him, "don't take it so hard on yourself, just put a large stone in the hole, and look at it every day. You won't be worse off than before. After all, even when you had the gold you never used it".

All of us have been given a gift by God. Each of us has something to offer and can be fruitful with even the small gift we are given. Jesus has told us what God wants and the way to fruitfulness. He said: "If you love me keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15), and his counsel to us says, whatever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers that you do onto me (Mt. 25: 40). When we listen to Jesus, we will not be moody about the parable of today but will hear with smiles the words of Jesus "Well done, good and faithful servant come into your master's happiness."

Let us not be afraid to take a risk by always playing it safe in our comfort zone. Doing so will only leave us stagnant and lukewarm in faith, which is dangerous, and leads to the slow loss of everything. On the other hand, intentional sowing of the seed of love, using our gifts and carrying our cross after the Lord, being patient, resilient in good works and love draw us closer to the kingdom and into the Lord's happiness.

God bless you.

Fr. Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

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

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19th November 2023 — Year A — Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Give her a share in what she has worked for.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 127:1-5 Happy are those who fear the Lord.
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30 Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

26th November 2023 — Year A — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22:1-3. 5-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46 He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another

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

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

St Carthage's

7:30am Mass (Sun)

8:00am Mass (Sun)

Followed by 24 hr Perpetual

Adoration until Mon 8:30am

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm

St Columba's

Sunday 5:00pm

St John the Baptist

or by appointment

KBCC Collections 12th November 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$ 75	\$372
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 376	\$163
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$ 232	\$417
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 156	\$63



Christmas 2023— Mass Times

**Tuesday 19th December 6:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
St Columba's Church, Wilston**

**Wednesday 20th December 6:30pm
KBCC Christmas Service of Carols
St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera**

Sunday 24th December

<i>Carols:</i>	<i>Mass:</i>	<i>Church:</i>
5:00pm	5:30pm	St Columba's (<i>Family Mass</i>)
5:00pm	5:30pm	St John the Baptist (<i>Family Mass</i>)
7:00pm	7:30pm	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
11:30pm	Midnight	St Columba's

Monday 25th December

<i>Mass:</i>	<i>Church:</i>
7:30am	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
8:00am	St Carthage's
9:00am	St John the Baptist
9:30am	St Columba's

New Years Day Monday 1st January 2024

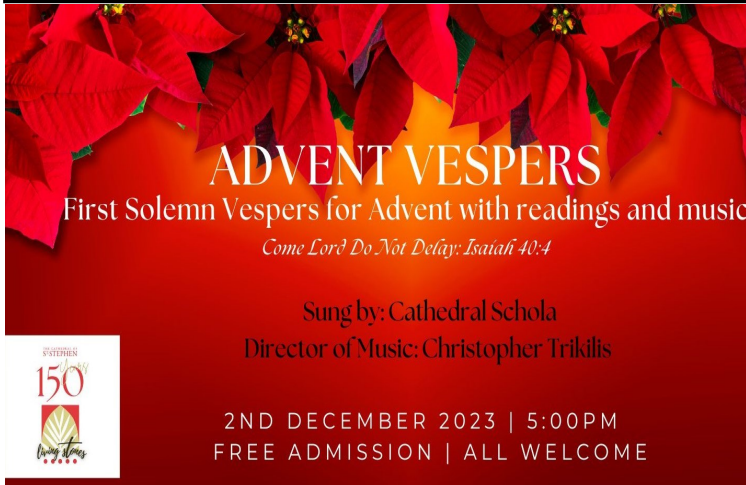
9:00am Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Everton Park

Australia Day Friday 26th January 2024

9:00am St Columba's Wilston (no 6.30am Mass)

Parish Notices

- ◇ **Requiem Mass for Tess (Marie Therese) Irvine will be held at 11:00am Monday 20 November, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church, Everton Park.**
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ **Verse for Vinnies final concert 2023.** Sunday Nov. 26 1:30pm Cost \$15 Cash Only St Williams School 67 Dawson Parade Grovely. Book using noel@noelstallard.com
- ◇ **We are searching for the next leader of our Wilston Church Morning Tea group.** Please call the Parish Office for more information.
- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church at Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14 December.** Visitors welcome




ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music
Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola
Director of Music: Christopher Trkilis

2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00PM
FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME



Wilston Christmas Raffle

First prize - B&W printer. Other prizes include; hampers, pastry chef maker, wine glasses, salad bowls and lots more gifts.

TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10

Drawn by Fr Ithene before Christmas.



Communing with the God who Comes to Us

This quiet weekend is an opportunity to reflect upon the God who constantly chooses to come to us in loving relationship.

Hosted and Facilitated by: Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

When: Friday 15 December 2023 at 6pm – Sunday 17 December 2023 at 3pm
OR
Friday 12 January 2024 at 6pm – Sunday 14 January 2024 at 3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$400 (\$380 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for complex special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

To register or enquire: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283

Attention all Volunteers of the KBCC Parish.



Our annual Volunteers "Appreciation" Dinner will be held this year on Tuesday 5th December in Kedron-Wavell Club at 6:30pm. We would love to see all of our much valued volunteers from both Parishes attend this evening. Please register your attendance and any dietary requirements, to the Parish Office no later than **Monday 27th November.**

SENIORS' GET TOGETHER and MASS

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11:00AM

Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church Everton Park with morning tea to follow in church hall. Good Samaritan Parishioners wishing to attend please phone the office. Transport will be provided if required. **Everton Park Parishioners please bring a plate to share.**



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 A0B@stoline.com.au or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

Thanksgiving Mass for newly ordained Deacon Bradley Davis

The KBCC Parishes will receive Bradley in the Parish for a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 19th November 2023 at St John the Baptist Church Enoggera at 9:00am. Morning Tea will follow after mass.

From the KBCC Music Ministry

Fr Iheme has planned to have KBCC Christmas Service of Carols on Wednesday 20th December 6:30pm for a light supper then the Service will begin at 7:00pm. The KBCC Music Ministry supports Fr Iheme in this wonderful Christmas event. Apart from the second yearly Multicultural celebration, this Christmas event promises to gather and engage all four church communities. We're inviting you and your loved ones and friends to come together and sing Christmas Carols at what will undoubtedly be a memorable occasion for everyone in the KBCC community. The carols will be held at St John the Baptist Catholic Church. We are still looking for enthusiastic parishioners who love to sing or play instruments. Let us meet you and enjoy singing the Christmas Carols together! Our next practice sessions are on the following dates:

Friday November 17th at 6:30pm, Wednesday November 22nd at 6:30pm, Wednesday November 29th at 6:30pm,
Wednesday December 6th at 6:30pm, Tuesday December 12th at 6:30pm, Friday December 15th at 6:30pm.
We practise at St John the Baptist Catholic Church (133 South Pine Rd, Enoggera).

Thank you and we hope to see you soon! Yhollie

Parish Advent Preparation

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A PREPARATION DISCUSSION GROUP DURING ADVENT?

From the beginning of Advent, we will have a weekly preparation and discussion group here at the Parish Office in Wilston every Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30 am or at St John The Baptist Hall, Enoggera every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00am. It is a 22-day reflection for Advent during the 2023-2024 liturgical year.

IT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADVENT RESOURCE " WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS."

Please let us know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like to attend any of the Discussion Groups and we will put your name down and get a Resource book for you. They cost \$6.00 each. Last year we had very enjoyable and successful groups, prayerful, peaceful and very powerful. If you can't join us but would like to prepare on your own, we can get you a book so you can prepare at home.

RCIA Invitation to a Meet & Greet

Please come, meet and say hello to the RCIA team. Join us for morning tea or coffee at 11:00am Sunday 26th November 2023 (after the 9:30am Mass at St Columba's Church, Wilston) in the Parish Office, 23 Lovedale St Wilston. Meanwhile, if there is anything about which you would like to have a short chat before the meeting in November, please feel free to ring the office. God bless.

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

Feast Days this week

21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white)

22nd St Cecilia, virgin, martyr (red)

24th Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs (red).

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 Silva, Biddy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Sherry Henricksen, 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, William & Oliver Peauril-Crew, Joshua Price, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Brad Tennant, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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

Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Tess (Marie Therese) Irvine.

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time