

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



1st October 2023—26th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

## 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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**Which of the two sons did his father's will?**



Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Scripture passages tell us of our relationship with God as we respond to His call in our life and God's fairness and loving compassion. We are free to say 'yes' or 'no' to God. However, the readings forewarn us that even though it is on us to make the ultimate decision for or against God at every moment in our life, we have to be aware that we are accountable for the decisions and life that we live. In the first reading, Ezekiel replies to the objection raised by the Jewish slaves in Babylon, "Our ancestors sinned, but we are punished, and so God is not fair!" Thus, God's message through His prophet is that His mercy overrules strict justice, and He doesn't hold our past against us. Hence, if God is "not fair," it is to our advantage, because as He doesn't hold the past against us, he always gives us another chance. In the same chapter of Ezekiel, God returns this "not fair" accusation, asking the House of Israel if their ways are "fair" when they turn from God's love to serve false gods and their own false sense of what life is.

**"Which of the two sons did his father's will?"** In the gospel reading of today, we are called to reflect on the father and owner of the vineyard who asked his two sons, "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today" (Mt. 21:29). The first said "no", I will not go" and but later went after he repented. The second son said "yes" for sure, I will go", but did not go.

Dear friends, what we say and do are very important in life. Our *yes* should be yes at all times. However, if we have not been honest with ourselves, with others and with God, and if we have not been the man or woman of our words, it is never too late to have a change of heart, to repent, to ask for mercy and begin a new life of loving obedience. Our baptism calls us to be completely obedience to God. Above all, though, God is love. As disciples of Jesus, we are to demonstrate our obedience to God, and still be the loving compassionate face of God.

**Trouble under obedience:** "A companion of Francis of Assisi, Brother Juniper is remembered as a 'fool for Christ,' and there are all sorts of wild stories about his antics. He was notorious for constantly giving his possessions away and living with a winsomeness that sometimes got him in trouble. At one point he was ordered by a superior not to give away his outer garment to the beggars anymore. But it wasn't long before he met someone in need who asked him for some clothing. He said, 'My superior has told me under obedience not to give my clothing to anyone. But if you pull it off my back, I certainly will not prevent you.' " (Another version: "I can't give, but you can take.") (<https://frtonysbomilies.com/>).

May we continue to be the sheep who hear the voice of the Lord Jesus, may we have an inspired eye of the heart to see and recognise Christ in the events of life and follow him. Amen.

Have a wonderful week,

Fr Ithemelandu Uzuegbu

1st October 2023 — Year A — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

<b>First Reading</b>	Ezekiel 18:25-28 The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	P2 24: 4-9 Remember your mercies, O Lord.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:28-32 He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the Kingdom of God.

8th October 2023 — Year A — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 4:6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:33-43 He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

**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 23rd & 24th September 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$252	\$194	\$45	\$300
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$352	\$203
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$153	\$176
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$482	\$419

*Rosary in the Park please come*  
and join in the public praying of the Rosary on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00 am at Teralba Park, Mitchelton.

Morning Tea will be served after.



For enquiries : 3353 2846 - Juliet



Flower Arranging at Enoggera

Come and have some fun creating your own floral arrangement. It may be for your own tables at home or for special occasion. Come And learn and whatever you arrange.... you take home. Bring your own flowers, leaves and vases or containers. Bring some scissors too. Come and join us on : 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10:15am  
at: the St. John The Baptist Hall  
for information: Annette 0413 134 430 or

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

<b>St Columba's</b> 5:00pm Vigil Mass 9:30am Mass (Sun)	<b>St John the Baptist</b> 9:00 am Mass (Sun) 5:30pm Mass (Sun)
<b>Immaculate Conception</b> 7:30am Mass (Sun) Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am Friday after 6:30am Mass	<b>St Carthage's</b> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>St Columba's</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b>
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## Parish Notices

The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 7th October 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.
  - ◇ Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour" Jesus Christ
  - ◇ Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting Thursday 12th October in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm. Nev Wells sends a welcome to all current members and visitors.
- 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 : 11.30 for 12 lunch. Rsvp: formbyd@iprimus.com.au by 7th October.

Restoration work (Roof-work) will commence on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be scaffold set up on each side of the church at the front end, the week before 16th.



### ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE

is a progressive multicultural Catholic coeducational college for students in Years 5 – 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition.

**ENROLLING FOR YEAR 5 IN 2023 NOW.**

Attend the upcoming **ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday 10th October at 6:00pm.** Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries and scholarships available.

ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, 3230 8600 or [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au). [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



### Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd, email: [todd@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bne.catholic.net.au) telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023 [cathedralabne.catholic.net.au](http://cathedralabne.catholic.net.au) 3324 3030

## The proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

### Background to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years, their cultural and spiritual connection to country expressed through their history, music, language, songs, art and dancing. Their custodianship is not recognised in the Australian Constitution, and a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this. This proposal was requested by those who gathered at Uluru and presented the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by all levels of Catholic leadership, including the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

### What can you do? Please prayerfully consider your own position

*Archbishop Mark certainly acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response.* The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding this referendum.

All Catholics are urged to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives.

Another important step you can take is to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

The conversations about reconciliation are sometimes difficult and there are many considerations in this complex situation. Please also remember our Indigenous brothers and sisters in prayer during this time.

## SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

2nd Monday The Holy Guardian Angels – colour: white

4th Wednesday St Francis of Assisi – colour: white

7th Saturday Our Lady of the Rosary=white



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)



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**



***“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.” ~ Matthew 11:28-30***

**RCIA** stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church’s way of initiating new members. RCIA is much more than a programme. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart bring one to Jesus Christ.

**RCIA** is an opportunity:

- for those who have not been baptised
- for those who have been baptised, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic Religion
- for those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

Through weekly meetings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic.

Feel free to invite:

- those who may be searching
- those who have never been baptised as Christians
- those who have been baptised in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith
- those who were baptised in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation
- those Catholics who have been away and now might have questions about the Catholic Faith.

***Please call the Parish Office 3352 1730 for more information or come and have a chat with us at the Wilston Parish Office 23 Lovedale St, Wilston.***

*What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and what does it have to do with you?*

The RCIA is a journey - a process of conversion both for a person who is interested in becoming Catholic or for a baptised Catholic who would like to refresh their journey of faith.

Most Catholics experienced the process of becoming Catholic in a gradual way: baptised as an infant, we grew up in Catholic homes, with a Catholic education, and came to share in the Sacramental life of the Church as we grew up. The RCIA becomes an opportunity to ask ourselves what the real meaning of our faith is - and how we share that faith with others. Others come to the Catholic Church as adults. Some are already baptised Catholic, but without religious formation; some are baptised in another faith tradition; and some have never been baptised. Adults interested in the Catholic Church come to us because they were invited by a spouse, a fiancée, friend, neighbour or parishioner. Some are reluctant to take that first step - to approach the priest, or deacon, or call the Parish Office - but often they do come when someone is willing to INVITE them. So please start inviting. Alternately, if you’d prefer, let us know and we can contact them on your behalf.

*Marie-Louise Singson* Pastoral Co-Ordinator

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Chris Burton, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Silva, 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, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry 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***  
Sharon Barnes, John Murphy