

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



20th August 2023—20th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

INCLUSIVITY IN GOD'S ECONOMY OF SALVATION

Dear brothers and sisters,

On this 20th Sunday in ordinary time, the readings especially the first and gospel readings amplify the theme of inclusivity in God's Economy of salvation. This is in stark contrast to the prevailing mentality and people's way of life at the time of prophet Isaiah. The people of Israel continued with this mindset that they have an exclusive claim to salvation until the time of Jesus. No doubt they are the chosen race and a people chosen by God to launch the plan of human redemption, but little did they know that salvation is a gift and not a right, and not theirs alone to inherit, but one that is universal. Our first reading is from the third-part of the book of Isaiah (chapter 56-66), which was written around the Jews returning home from the Babylonian exile. There were many foreigners living in Israel at this time, hence arose the question whether the benefits of salvation should be extended to them.

In responding to this question, prophet Isaiah revealed God's plan that the gentiles have a role and place in the coming Messianic Kingdom. This marked a new and radical shift from what used to be the requirement for those who came to embrace the God of Israel. According to Isaiah, the Lord God declares: "...The foreigners, who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, to love the name of Lord, and to be His servants . . . these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer . . . for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." With this response, Isaiah made it clear that the people of other nations and race are descendants of Abraham in faith and heirs to the Messianic Kingdom promised by God. In the gospel we see how Jesus shattered the barriers and wall between the Jews and gentiles. Regardless that His mission was restricted to the house of Israel, Jesus generously reached out to the faithful Canaanite woman who was in desperate need and in search for solution to her daughter's problems. Here Jesus teaches us that regardless of where we come from and our positions in the Church and society, faith, humility, perseverance, courage and love are the things needed to be a member of God's kingdom (salvation). The reading warns us to be careful to rid ourselves of prejudices and bias towards other people that do not look like us. Fr. IHEME

Congratulations!

This weekend, the first group among our 70 children who have prepared for the reception of Holy Communion will receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. We congratulate them on this achievement. First Holy Communion is the final sacrament of initiation after baptism and confirmation. However this does not mean that it is a

"Goodbye" celebration. In fact it is now that the call to discipleship is to take full swing through your acts of witnessing to the faith that you have received. The Eucharist is called the food for the journey, a spiritual nourishment gift of God to us for the soul. We pray God's blessings upon you all.

Fr Ihemelandu uzuegbu

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St Carthage's

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GORDON PARK

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 20th August 2023 - Year A - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 I will lead the foreigners to My Holy Mountain.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Oh God let all the nations praise you!
Second Reading	Romans 11:13–15, 29-32 The Gift and call of God are irrevocable.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28 Woman, you have great faith.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th August 2023 - Year A - 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 137:1-3, 6.8 Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.
Second Reading	Romans 11:33-36 From Him, through Him, and in Him are all things.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church; The gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of kingdom of heaven.

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 12th & 13th August 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$123	\$414
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$422	\$167
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$211	\$94
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$495	\$437

To further strengthen the authentic and life giving connection between the St John the Baptist Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption School, a children's liturgy will be held on the final Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 27th August at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

These responsive and age-appropriate sessions will assist attendees in breaking open the Gospel through supportive discussion prompts and hands on activities.

Volunteer co-ordinators needed please!

All are welcome to attend!



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Columba's 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Sat) 9:30am Mass (Sun) NB: Mass (Sat) 2nd Sept 5:30pm	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)

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

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE
 INVITES YOU TO
 RIVERFIRE
 on SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023
 AFTER THE SPECIAL TIME OF
 5:30 PM MASS**

List at back of the church for parishioners attending

**We will provide DRINKS, NIBBLES AND PIZZAS
 Fireworks commence at 6:45pm
 GOLD COIN DONATION
 ALL WELCOME**

PARISH NOTICES

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd September 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 at the Enoggera Hall during 9:00am mass. Please contact the parish office if it is what God is calling you to do for our community and children.
- ◇ Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30am & 10:00am. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786
- ◇ Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - If you are interested in, or interested in being advised of, future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.

Archdiocese of Brisbane's Vision of Inclusion

The vision for the **Inclusion initiative** is that **every person** from every 'tribe and nation' and from every perspective, situation and orientation **is welcomed, included and represented in the Catholic Church.**

This means developing intentional pathways of inclusion that invite people from all walks of life to journey toward the Eucharistic centre, and for those that don't wish to walk this journey, we are intentional about listening and understanding their stories so they know that they are loved and valued. We invite you to join with us in creating an inviting, inclusive church by engaging with the projects and initiatives we have on offer. [https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/inclusion/?mc_cid=75b4f3829e&mc_eid=a5d31c25c0]



2023 Annual Catholic Campaign 19-20 August 2023

Theme: **BE THE FACE OF CHRIST FOR OTHERS**

Your Gifts are used in supporting these four vital ministries: Centacare, Mary Mackillop Fund (helping disadvantage children in their education and youth ministries), Training of Seminarians for the priesthood and Priest Foundation (supporting retired priests of the archdiocese).

For more information visit <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/ways-to-help/annual-catholic-campaign/>

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

- * Monday 20th August—St Pius X, Pope -- Colour White
- * Tuesday 22nd August—The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary - Colour White
- * Thursday 24th August— St Bartholomew, Apostle - Colour Red



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)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 37 (OF 70) CHILDREN DOING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS WEEK-END

What is EUCHARIST – It is Thanksgiving

The Eucharist is another name for Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper. The term comes from the Greek by way of Latin. It means "thanksgiving." It often refers to the consecration of the body and blood of Christ or its representation through bread and wine.

For us Catholics, the term is used in three ways:

1. to refer to the real presence of Christ
2. to refer to Christ's continuing action as High Priest (He "gave thanks" at the Last Supper, which began the consecration of the bread and wine)
3. to refer to the Sacrament of Holy Communion itself.

The New Testament tells us that Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist during his Last Supper. Before His crucifixion, He shared a final meal of bread and wine with His disciples during the Passover meal and Jesus instructed His disciples that the bread was "my body" and the wine was "my blood." Then He commanded them to eat these and "do this in memory of me." He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of His death and resurrection. [Matthew 26:26-30](#); [Mark 14:22-26](#); [Luke 22:14-20](#); [John 6:22-59 \(The Bread of Life Discourse\)](#). "And He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19, Christian Standard Bible).

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity under the appearances of bread and wine, is here present- the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist! We believe that the priest consecrates the wine and the bread and it is actually transformed and changed into the body and blood of Christ. This process is known as transubstantiation.

Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because He loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to His divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to our source of life.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word "*eucharistia*", meaning thanksgiving. According to the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324). This means that Christian spirituality flows from the Eucharist (the source) and so Christian actions should be directed towards it (the summit). Every other sacrament is linked to the Eucharist.

At our preparation for First Communion, this information is discussed with the children in their language and at their level and when they come to mass, this becomes an awareness, experience and a realisation for them. Last week at Retreat and practice, we unpacked for them the benefits of receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist and how special this Sacrament is what Jesus himself created.

We would like to ask you all to continue to keep the children in your prayers as two groups of Children make their First Communion at our Churches in the Parish this weekend. Next weekend another two more groups.

Marie-Louise Singson

Pastoral coordinator

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris 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, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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