

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



21st January 2024 — Year B — 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



St John the Baptist

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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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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the major theme of the readings is the human response to the call of God and what should characterise such a response. Last Sunday, St John the Baptist showed his disciples Jesus and described Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Jn1:29). Today, as Jesus starts His public ministry, His initial message is **“the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.”** Thus, the call for repentance is very important as it is both the first step and the basis of an authentic relationship with God.

To repent is to accept that one has sinned and is in need of redemption and is the first step towards making a real and lasting change in one's life. Repentance is more than words and promise, it is about change of heart and attitude. The story of the first reading gives us an example of repentance. Nineveh was a great pagan city with many people living their lives as they wanted, and God was not in their scheme of things. But when they heard the message of God through Jonah, they (both big and small) dramatically demonstrated, without hesitation, repentance and a transformative change of heart in humility. As we are aware, God relented from the destruction He had threatened. Here we learn that God's love and mercy have no limit and they are boundless.

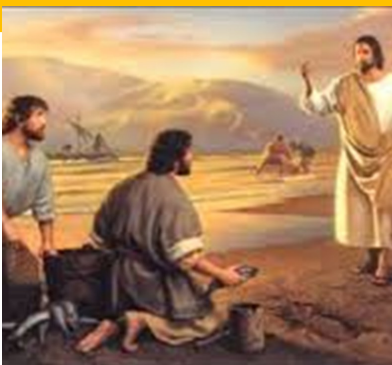
The story teaches us also that no matter our state and condition, no matter where we are on the journey of life and how estranged we might have been from God, God loves us, He thirsts for our soul and seeks for our friendship.

The Gospel story adds another dimension to the call for repentance, as Jesus began by stressing the importance and immediacy of God's kingdom. Jesus draws our attention to the need for not only conversion, but also discipleship, which is a way of demonstrating authentic conversion. What is expected of us then is the same promptness with which Andrew, Peter, James and John responded to Jesus' call. This is crucial as tomorrow might be too late. Stories abound of people who put off the call to conversion to then become followers of Christ. Like the man in Luke 12:15-21, they assumed there was plenty of time for that call or they placed all their hope in material possessions, then death struck without warning. The second reading (1 Cor. 7: 29-31) tells us that the “form of this world is passing away”, an awareness as relevant today as it was then. Can we heed the call and turn back to God?

The bible tells us that now is the acceptable time to embrace conversion and a new life. The first sets of disciples in the gospel pericope have shown us that our response to the call of God in our lives ought to be immediate and everyday conversion. My dear friends, there is nothing to lose in honestly embracing the call of Christ and following Him, there is everything to gain (Lk. 12: 22-31).

Happy Australia Day ahead and God bless you.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



21 January 2024—Year B—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Jonah 3:1-5. 10* The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.
Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9* Teach me your ways, O Lord.
2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31* The world as we know it is passing away.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
 Alleluia!
Gospel *Mark 1:14-20* Repent, and believe the Good News.

28 January 2024—Year B—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* I will put my words into the prophet’s mouth, and he will tell them all I command.
Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2. 6-9 R* If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading *1 Corinthians 7:32-35* The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!
Gospel *Mark 1:21-28* This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

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

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

St Columba’s

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm **St Columba’s**
 Sunday 5:00pm **St John the Baptist**
 or by appointment

**Cultural Immersion opportunity for parishes and communities
 - Trip to Cherbourg Ration Shed in 2024**

In light of Archbishop Mark’s powerful call to action and the outcome of the recent referendum, we need now, more than ever, to be the voice of change and help parishes, communities and church agencies to continue to develop and strengthen respectful relationships with first nations peoples. Opportunities are available in April (9, 10, 17), May (8, 14, 15), June (11, 12), July (16, 17, 23, 24), September (17, 24, 25) but these are not exhaustive and other dates can be pursued. Please contact Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry) Email waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au Landline : 3891 1931 or mobile 0408 707 101 or Joni McCourt (Evangelisation Brisbane) Email mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au or mobiles 0417 352 240 or 0406 032 668 for bookings or further details.



Upcoming Feast Days:

St Francis de Sales—Francis played a major part in the renewal of 17th century French Catholicism. He founded the Visitation order with St Jane Frances de Chantal.
The Conversion of St Paul—celebrates the work of God’s grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul and in the history of the infant church.

Parish Notices

- ◇ **Expressions of interest** are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley. If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Ph 3324 3193 for more information.
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ **Wilston Church Morning Tea group** is still searching for their next leader. Please call the Parish Office for more information.
- ◇ **CATHOLIC LEADERS:** Please note that as from January, 2024, our churches will no longer be receiving Catholic Leaders to sell. Please collect an envelope from the church, details of how you can subscribe are in these envelopes. \$59 Subscribe to The Catholic Leader newspaper is for the 2024 calendar year delivered to your nominated postal address.
- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross** next monthly meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church at Everton Park at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 February. Visitors welcome. Thanking you, Nev Well
- ◇ **Verse for Vinnies Concerts in 2024.** Thank you for your support for our Verse for Vinnies Concerts in 2023. With your assistance we were able to give Vinnies over \$18,000. We have our Feature Poets for our six concerts in 2024 and hope for another successful year. **67 Dawson Parade Grovely 1.30pm \$15 Cash Only Sunday January 28 Book using noel@noelstallard.com**
- ◇ **An information day** for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen will be held on **Thursday 1st February from 9:30am until 1:00pm** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
- ◇ **Administrator - Holy Spirit Seminary** Located in Banyo in the northern suburbs of Brisbane, the Holy Spirit Seminary QLD serves the five dioceses of QLD. The role of the Administrator is to provide effective and efficient administrative and secretarial support primarily to the Rector and subsequently all others working at the Seminary. To be successful in the permanent 38hrs/wk full time role the applicant will require: + High level communication and interpersonal skills, +Sound time management skills, +Ability to operate in a unique organisational environment, +Microsoft Office proficiency, +Significant experience in, knowledge of and commitment to the Roman Catholic Church.
- ◇ **REMINDER** to collect your Christmas Raffle prizes: Mary wants to re-donate them.

KBCC Christmas Envelops Collections for KIRIBATI

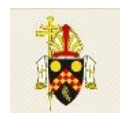
Enoggera & Everton Park	\$504.50
Wilston & Gordon Park	\$650.00

KBCC Collections 14th January 2024

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$ 252	\$194	\$ 124	\$924
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 377	\$231
Wilston	\$ 1005	\$354	\$ 192	\$339
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 158	\$ 182

Kedron Brook Catholic Community
SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND GET TOGETHER
THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 11:00AM at
EVERTON PARK
**Please contact Parish Office with your acceptance
for catering purposes or if transport is required.**

Australia Day Friday 26th January 2024
9:00am St Columba's Wilston (no 6:30am Mass)



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)

The Xavier School of Mission

The School aims to equip and form leaders in evangelisation at the service of the Dioceses of Queensland and beyond. It is a dynamic and flexible resource that places the Church's mission to evangelise at the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary's formation.

The 2024 theme is 'One Word, emerging voices: Is mission the key to a synodal Church?'

Pope Francis is guiding us on the journey of becoming what he calls "a synodal Church", a Church that listens, dialogues, walks and grows together. But what does that look like?

In Australia, our Church is rich and diverse in cultures and generations.

- How do we listen to all the voices in the body of Christ? How do we have respectful conversations with people with diverse opinions?
- How do we understand our own 'call to mission' and that of other people and groups?
- How can looking outward help us to face the challenges we face within our groups and communities? These and other questions will frame the experience of our week together.

EVENT DATES Sunday 9 June – Friday 14 June 2024. The event begins with a light dinner at 6:00pm Sunday and concludes with lunch at 11:00am on Friday .

The Very Rev. Fr Neil Muir,

Dr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF Rector, Holy Spirit Provincial Seminary Director, Xavier Centre for Theolo

Welcome Back to the 2024 school year!!



To our Principals and Staff of St. Columba's School and Our Lady of The Assumption School. A warm welcome back to the children and their families!! Welcome to the new members of staff and the new families in our parishes!!

The Children & Families Team

The team invites State School Religious Instructors, assistants, helpers, supporters and those who want to know more about this ministry to attend our SSRI Networking Morning. Join us before the busyness of the school year begins as we connect with each other, share ideas and support one another.

Contact: eb@bne.catholic.net.au 07 3324 3440

Date: Tuesday 23 January 2024

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am (morning tea included)

Cost: \$15 or \$25 for a printed copy of *Getting to Know Jesus* **RSVP:** extended to Monday 22 January 2024

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)

What to bring: an idea or resource that you have used in your class. If you would like help making copies of your idea/resource to share with everyone on the day, please let us know by 10:00am on Monday 22 January 2024.

Getting there: please note there is no visitor access to the Cathedral of St Stephen Car Park during business hours, however street and paid secure parking are available in the surrounding areas. The Cathedral is also a short walk from Central train station, Riverside ferry terminal and many bus stops.

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 Zilva, Bidy 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, Michael McGowan, K McCarthy, Cristina Neroni, Moira O'Sullivan, Joshua Price, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Brad Tennant, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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

Sr Ann Murphy, Sr Margaret Murphy, Anne Carter

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time