

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



22nd October 2023—29th 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

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**Anyone who wants to
be great among you
must be your servant.**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is Mission Sunday, but in Australia the month of October is designated for a month to rally together and support those in great need. The Church by nature is missionary, as she is called to make God known and to help save souls. Today the church calls on her children to be part of the mission of giving hope to the hopeless among us. The readings of today are centred on the nature of our obligations towards God and to our country as we are citizens of both the world and Heaven.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we discover that God, who has infinite knowledge and power, can anoint and support earthly leaders such as Cyrus. God went on to remind the people that the prosperities and success and comfort they have had in life are all His grace. "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I clothe you, though you do not know me..." This calls for humility on our part and knowledge that our success in life is God's grace which needs to be shared with the needy. It is God who gives the strength with which we work and the wisdom with which we dream and plan. The highest gift of God to us is life.

In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" by stating, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Here, according to Tony Kadavil, Jesus reminds His questioners that if they are that concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord.

Dear friends, we are citizens not only of the world but also of heaven, hence we must consider what God wants of us in every action we take in life and must avoid following the crowd or experiencing everyday activities where other people live differently than God intended. That is why in his letter to the Philippians 3:17 -21, St Paul gave a guide to his community on how to live out their life well, as citizens of the world and of heaven by saying:

"Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."

Have a beautiful weekend. Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

STATEMENT ON THE VOTE

A message from Archbishop of Brisbane

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

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22nd October 2023 —Year A — Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading	Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10 Give the Lord glory and honour.
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21 Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

29th October 2023 —Year A — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading	Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51 I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 You turned away from idols to serve God and await His Son.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 22:34-40 You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

MASS INFORMATION

Collections 14th and 15th October 2023

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

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$278	\$626
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$413	\$223
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$282	\$176
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$287	\$203

THURSDAY
St Columba's
8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:40am Rosary
9:00am Mass

FRIDAY
St Columba's

PLEASE JOIN US AT ST COLUMBA'S

TERM 4 FAMILY MASS

OCTOBER 29 9:30AM

WITH MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW

We invite volunteers to help with reading and offertory procession.

Please email your child's preferred role to stcolumbas.family.mass@gmail.com by October 22



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) Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am Friday after 6:30am Mass	St Carthage's 8:00am Mass (Sun) St Columba's

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	St Columba's St John the Baptist
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All Saints Day Masses
Wednesday 1st Nov:

9:00am at Enoggera & 6:00pm at Wilston.

All Souls Day Masses
Thursday 2nd Nov:

9:00am at Enoggera & 6:00pm at Wilston.

Parish Notices

- ◇ **Requiem Mass** for Glyn Patrick Joseph Netto to be held at St Columba's Parish Wilston Friday 27th October 2023 10:00am.
- ◇ **This Sunday 22nd is Mission Sunday** so there will be donations taken at all Masses.
- ◇ **Give Away Organ.** A Gordon Park parishioner has a small working, electric organ in good order. Pls contact the parish office for queries.
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **"Knights of the Southern Cross** next meeting in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm Thursday 9th November. All current members and visitors are welcome
- ◇ **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'.



150th Anniversary Message Stick

The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

This journey is designed to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane.

The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.

**The Message Stick will be in our Parishes
on 7th, 8th & 9th November**



Our Mega Christmas Raffle is on again!

The Wilston Social Committee is looking for any donations that would be suitable for prizes. Please leave at Parish Office.

Many Thanks.

All proceeds of the raffle to go to a charity of Fr Itheme's choosing.

Dear Parishioners,
I wish to inform you that Lyn Peuril has finished her role as Parish Secretary of the KBCC Parish Office. We thank her for her work and wish her well for the future. *Fr Itheme*

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One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



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

RCIA Invitation to a Meet & Greet

Please come, meet and say hello to the RCIA team. Join us for morning tea or coffee at 11:00 am Sunday 26th November 2023 (after the 9:30 am 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)

November Liturgy of the Word

You are invited to a 30-minute liturgy to be held at St Carthage's Church at 5:00pm on Friday 17 November.

During November, there is an increased focus on prayer in the Catholic tradition, particularly for the souls of those who have died. Consequently, we would like to take this time to remember our communion in the Body of Christ, and pray into all the emotions we experience as those who mourn the loss of loved ones – including grief, regret, letting go. We hope this will be a refreshing and blessed time for all. The Liturgy of the Word will conclude by 5:30pm, but the church will be open for a further half-an-hour for personal prayer. All are welcome; feel free to invite friends.

2023 KBCC All Souls Day Commemoration Mass

Call to Submit Names of deceased Love Ones

Before All Souls Day, we will celebrate on Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1023, tells us is a day to remember those who have died "in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified" and have attained heaven. The feast of "All Souls Day" on 2nd November is around the corner. It's a day we as a church pray and remember the souls of our loved ones and all those who have died. We also pray for those whose venial sin has caught them in purgatory.

To commemorate All Souls, our parish will use the format as in previous years to celebrate our parishioners who have died. In our community, at the two masses for All-Souls' Day, we will create a special prayer space beside the altar for people who want to place the pictures of their loved ones during the mass to do so. This will help us carry them in our thoughts and we will end the mass with a special prayer for the dead.

As usual we will have the names of our loved ones, relatives and parishioners that have died displayed on the projector during the mass. **WE WILL WANT YOU TO SEND US THE NAMES OF THOSE FOR WHOM YOU WANT TO PRAY TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023.** This will give the parish staff time to compile the names. The November mass envelope will be available in our churches this weekend and next. Pick up an envelope if you want to request mass and please write the name of the person or persons for whom you want to mass celebrated, and complete the other details on the envelope. If you complete the envelope, you don't need to send any email to the office. To pray for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy and the mass as the highest form of prayer as it connects the living, the saints, and the dead. Remember, prayer is the ultimate gift of love that we can give our loved ones who have passed as they cannot pray for themselves. I encourage us to attend the mass too on that day.

Fr. Ithene

We pray for those who are unwell

Jack who has recently had brain surgery (relative of Pat Brown), Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Baby Amelia Cross, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Silva, Bidy 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, 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, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

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

Dot Drinkwater, The Nally Family, The Netto Family