

# Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



23rd July 2023 — 16th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A

Dear sisters and brothers, in the first and gospel readings of today we see a God who is most powerful and yet calm, patient, compassionate with His creation. He does not hastily intervene, judge, and punish those who disobey His commandments and do all kind of evil against others as we would have done just to fix things without fully weighing the consequences. This is the message of the first parable in the gospel reading - the wheat and weeds. We live in a world where good and evil co-exist. We still have to be patient and wise in the choices we make every day of our life.

A better world can come through spiritual conversion and individual encounter with God the Holy Spirit. This is what St Paul reminds us in the second reading, that God's Spirit constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. By learning patience and loving compassion from our God and praying in the Holy Spirit, the kingdom and reign of God will grow in us like the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven teach us. Dear friends, God recognises that there is evil in the world, but at the same time, He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Jesus calls us through the parables to be open to the power of the Holy Spirit and be patient when our efforts produce little result and with those who seem to us to fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

*Fr. Themelandu Uzuegbu*

*Happy Grandparents & the Elderly Day! Hurray!!!*



Following the Angelus on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Pope Francis announced "World Day for Grand-parents and the Elderly, a day to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of

Saints Joachim and Anne, the grand-parents of Jesus. The celebration is to highlight and celebrate the faith, gift and Wisdom of the senior members of our community. The theme for the III World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50).

This year's celebration taking place this Sunday, July 23, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon, is a way of building on the special relationships between the elderly and young people. Continue reading from page two



## St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,  
ENOGERA

## 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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Let them grow together



**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 23rd July 2023 — Year A – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>First Reading</b>	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 In the place of sin, you give repentance.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Lord, You are good and forgiving.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit Himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones The mysteries of the Kingdom. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13:24-43 Let them grow together until the harvest.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th July 2023 — Year A – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>Reading</b>	1 Kings 3:5. 7-12 You have asked for wisdom.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130 Lord, I love your commands.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8:28-30 He predestined us to become true images of His Son.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 13:44-52 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

**MASS INFORMATION**

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 8:30am Rosary followed by 9:00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b> 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass followed by adoration
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 6:30am Mass

**Collections 8th & 9th July 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$112	\$539
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$417	\$164
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$251	\$112
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$317	\$459

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This is influenced by the biblical story of the meeting between the young Mary and her elderly cousin, Elizabeth – two women who carry within them a promise of the future that is at the centre of both the message addressed to the young people leaving for WYD as well as the one dedicated by His Holiness to the grandparents and the elderly. In part the message according to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life reads: “Mary’s visit and Elizabeth’s greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God’s mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy”. For the full message see link below.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

**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	<b>St Carthage's</b> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

*'SIGNS OF HOPE— PEOPLE OF FAITH ' THREE SEQ CONCERTS  
with PETER KEARNEY  
THE GAP / ST JOHN'S WOOD. MONDAY July 31st, 7.30pm.  
ST JOHN'S WOOD/THE GAP PARISH HALL, 41 Chaprowe Rd. The Gap.  
Donations welcome. Cuppa at conclusion.  
BURLEIGH WATERS. WEDNESDAY August 2nd, 7.00pm.  
MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.  
Donations welcome. Wine & cheese at interval.  
WAVELL HEIGHTS. THURSDAY August 3rd, 6.30pm.  
ST PASCHAL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 30 Warraba Ave.  
Donations welcome.*

**RECONCILIATION**

Friday after 6:30am Mass	<b>St Columba's</b>
Saturday 4:30pm	<b>St Columba's</b>
Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>St John the Baptist</b>

### Parish Notices

On 23rd July our Parishes are celebrating Grandparents day. There will be a blessing in all of our churches that weekend.

The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd August 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall.

Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30 & 10am  
Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786

Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - We will be meeting for one hour on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm in a private home. 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.

*Special Feast Days this week*

St Mary Magdalene

22nd July



### Save The Date

### Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023  
Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo  
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.  
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023

2023  
Catholic Mission  
Church Appeal



## Grandparents

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren  
The strength and wisdom that time  
And experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their Grandparents  
With a youthful vitality and innocence  
That help them stay young at heart forever.

Together they create a chain of love  
Linking the past with the future.  
The chain may lengthen,  
But it will never part...

~Author Unknown~



### 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.

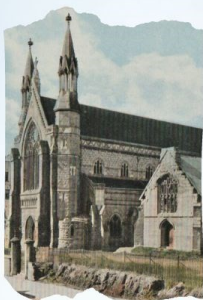
On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

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  
[cathedralobnc.catholic.net.au](http://cathedralobnc.catholic.net.au)  
3324 3030



Our local Conference of SVDP, St John the Baptist, presents a musical afternoon of entertainment provided by the local Second Wind Community Band. All proceeds go to SJB Vinnies.

Tickets on sale now!

**When:** Sunday, 13 August 2023 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

**Where:** Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside St, Everton Park

**Tickets:** \$15 – email to [sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au) or book via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJLWO>

Please see flyers at back of Church  
Catholic Foundations Module Two  
"Understanding Praying & Living  
the Scripture".



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or by contacting STOP line [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au) or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)

## First Holy Communion News

### What does it mean for your child to celebrate his/her First Holy Communion

Now that first Communion time is upon us, families and children will soon be planning for their First Communion outfits, their first communion cake and the party. They will plan to dress up in their fanciest white dresses and crispiest white shirts just for this special occasion while their parents plan for their family gatherings and big celebrations. But... there is more to the event than the pretty white dresses or a smart white suit and a Communion cake and party.

While First Communion is indeed such a beautiful occasion for celebration and should be memorable and special, the true point of that holy and beautiful day must remain the *Sacrament of the Eucharist as the children are welcomed to the Table of the Lord*. We just remind the children and parents that this is this is our focus, this is what is central to our faith and this is why we do it. It can be a challenge to keep focused on the meaning of First Communion rather than all the trimmings. The key is:- good, solid, basic **catechesis**.

I try to tell all parents at meetings if their child's first Communion is their best Communion, then we have failed in what we are doing. True, this is the children's first time, but people seem to forget that the children will be receiving the sacrament every time they go to Communion – that is, every Sunday.

An essential part of First Communion preparation is attending mass especially on the Sundays chosen for the families, as it provides a basis for the children to build up their knowledge and their experience about the mass and its parts. An additional opportunity for catechesis is the retreat (in Retreat and Practice) held for both the children and their parents before the celebration of First Communion. While the retreat brings them together, the follow up is just as important. We give the parents the materials and the books, and they are responsible for going through them with the children at home. We make it clear that they are the first educators in their children's faith. The schools also follow up during religious education classes.

The retreat day for the children — “a Jesus Day” — is geared toward helping them understand the meaning of their first Communion. The entire retreat is focused on Jesus and the Eucharist explained, and it includes different activities focussing on the special day coming up. At the practice session, they also get to sample the bread and, in the days before Covid, the wine too.

I wish all parents to see that they are bringing their children to the Table of the Lord, that they are now initiated into the Eucharistic community, which has the honour and privilege of celebrating the sacrifice of the Lord and our subsequent salvation! That includes the intimate experience of Christ through receiving Jesus' body and blood. There is really no frilly white dress or shirt, cake or the party after that could truly beat that.

*Marie-Louise Singson* Pastoral Co-Ordinator

### ***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, Kerry 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***  
***Michael Hourigan Mary Dunn Andrew Carroll***