

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



**24th December 2023—4th Sunday of Advent—Year B**



## **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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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B – Mary's YES

Today, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, our attention is drawn to the person of the blessed Virgin Mary, her deep faith, trust and shining example of obedience. All these are summed up in her YES to the will of God.

Mary's "Yes" changed the course of history and marked the beginning of the age of Christ, that started with Jesus' birth, God becoming human - Emmanuel, which we will celebrate tomorrow. Before the visitation of angel Gabriel, Mary was living her life as every ordinary Jewish girl. She was among those who were in the lowest level of the social ladder of her time, a commoner, but God chose her to be the mother of God.

Let us not forget that the will of God for Mary came with a kind of disruption and legitimate concern for Mary. Hence the question: How could this come about because I am a virgin? In other words, Mary was worried by the fear of the unknown and the consequences it will have on her and her practice of her religion.

In life we are touched and shaped in different ways by our decisions and the 'yes' we had said in life, for instance, a parent yes to marriage, a yes to a job and to friendship. These sometimes have put people under pressure, pain and challenges and even fear of the unknown and of what the future holds for them. Never the less, regardless of the challenges, we must remain hopeful and, like Mary, trust in God.

The word of God from the Angel: "Do not be afraid is a message of hope, that the light will still shine even from the heart of darkness, confusion and fear." So, do not be afraid of your future. God is still in charge of our affairs both temporary and spiritual. God never abandons his people. Rather, like the Virgin Mary, let us say YES to God and continue to say yes. Remember that God's messengers and voices often times come to us in the needs and voices of one's spouse, children, friends, the poor and the church.

Our prayer is that we will move, everyday of our life, with courage and trust in the word of God beyond fear and despair, and cling to Christ, the Emmanuel - God is with us, who longs to come into our lives and affairs in His own terms, and to bring us His peace, a kind that the world cannot give.

Wishing you a happy Christmas.

**Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu**



## 24th December 2023 — Year B — Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>First Reading</b>	2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 16: 25-27 The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: May His will for me be done. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 1: 26-38 You will conceive and bear a son.

## 31st December 2023 — Year B — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

<b>First Reading</b>	Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3 Your own son shall be your heir.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9 The Lord remembers His covenant for ever.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now He speaks to us through His Son. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 2: 22-40 The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

### 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

*St Columba's*

5:00pm Vigil Mass

9:30am Mass (Sun)

*Immaculate Conception*

7:30am Mass (Sun)

Followed by 24 hr Perpetual

Adoration until Mon 8:30am

Friday after 6:30am Mass *St Columba's*

*St John the Baptist*

9:00 am Mass (Sun)

5:30pm Mass (Sun)

*St Carthage's*

8:00am Mass (Sun)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 5:00pm

or by appointment

*St Columba's*

*St John the Baptist*

### Christmas 2023— Mass Times

Both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day have the same ranking and both are what we call days of obligation. The question then arises: what do we celebrate on Sunday evening?

The EVENING of Sunday 24th December will feature celebrations of the **CHRISTMAS SOLEMNITY**, and NOT the Advent Sunday.

At KBCC, the 4th Sunday of Advent masses will therefore be celebrated only on Saturday 23rd at 5:00pm and the morning of Sunday 24 December

#### Sunday 24th December

<i>Carols:</i>	<i>Mass:</i>	<i>Church:</i>
5:00pm	5:30pm	St Columba's ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
5:00pm	5:30pm	St John the Baptist ( <i>Family Mass</i> )
7:00pm	7:30pm	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
11:00pm	11:30pm	St Columba's

#### Christmas Day Monday 25th December

<i>Mass:</i>	<i>Church:</i>
7:30am	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
8:00am	St Carthage's
9:00am	St John the Baptist
9:30am	St Columba's

#### No Weekday Masses from

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th December 2023

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th January 2024

#### New Years Day/World Day of Peace

##### Monday 1st January 2024

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Everton Park


#### Australia Day Friday 26th January 2024

9:00am St Columba's Wilston (no 6:30am Mass)



## Parish Notices

- ◇ **Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed from 1:00pm Friday 22nd December 2023 until 9:00am Thursday 4th January 2024
- ◇ **St John the Baptist will be presenting a Christmas pageant** this year before the Vigil Mass on 24th Dec.
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **CATHOLIC LEADERS:** Please note that as from January, 2024, our churches will no longer be receiving Catholic Leaders to sell. The Catholic Leader is moving to a subscribe only model. Once you have subscribed, your Catholic Leader will be delivered to your front door each month. Please collect an envelope from your church regarding subscription to the Catholic Leader so you can continue reading this valuable paper. Details on how you can subscribe are in these envelopes.
- ◇ **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](mailto: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 searching for their next leader. Please call the Parish Office for more information.
- ◇ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (QLD)** is offering a marriage enrichment seminar for all couples - to encourage heartfelt commitment and improved connection - based on Gary Chapman's "5 Languages of Love"
 



**Who:** All couples, married, engaged or thinking about commitment, who want to strengthen their relationship. There is always more" Come and join us.  
**What:** Witness talks based on Gary Chapman's book "The 5 Love Languages."  
**When:** 13th January 2024 from 9-12  
**RSVP (very important)** 10th January 2024 –[formbyd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:formbyd@iprimus.com.au)  
**Where:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel community room. 312 Cavendish Road Coorparoo.  
 Have a very blessed Christmas. Please encourage as many couples as possible to attend our seminar.  
 God Bless, Paul & Lynda Roberts

### To all our dear Fellow Parishioners and Co-Volunteers in the Parish,

Please allow us to thank you very much for your time, talent and treasure which you have willingly shared with the Parish without question or return. We thank you and honour you for the gift of yourselves in big and little ways. Thank you so much.

Together with our gratitude, we also wish to extend our good wishes for a good holiday and extend our happy wishes for the Christmas season. May the love, peace and joy that the Christ-child brings be with you and your family this Christmas.

May our Lord Jesus, whose love we embrace this season be with you all through the coming year. God bless you all.  
 Marie-Louise Pastoral Coordinator

### KBCC Collections 16th & 17th December 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$ 252	\$194	\$ 104	\$581
<b>Everton Park</b>	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 243	\$235
<b>Wilston</b>	\$ 1005	\$354	\$ 287	\$421
<b>Gordon Park</b>	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 248	\$ 79

### Enoggera 2023 Christmas Raffle—WINNERS

- 1st - Lavina
- 2nd - Christine Burgin
- 3rd - Christine Burgin



**Thank you for your generous support, it is very much appreciated by the Parish**



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)

## **KBCC Solidarity with the Catholic Parish of St Therese, Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati**

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, I would like to inform you that our community, Kedron Brook Catholic Community, has decided to journey in solidarity with the Kiritimati Catholic Parish Project on Kiritimati. This community is one of our closest neighbours in the Pacific region. In a letter from Father Tara-jake Takakia, who looks after the church, the parish is appealing to groups and individuals to support their Parish Project on Ronton Kiritimati. The project is to erect some Eco-friendly single house units or Bungalows (called Little Flower Guest House) over the lagoon in Ronton, which will serve as guest houses for tourists or fish anglers. If this dream is realised, it will be a source of revenue for the Kiritimati Parish Catholic Church. It will also provide employment opportunities to the people who will work as tour guides, boatmen, cleaners, chefs and drivers.

The first phase of the project is to construct the first five units of the "Guest House" estimated to cost \$120,000 AUD. The Catholic Parish in Kiritimati has saved \$20,000 AUD and is seeking interested donors and supporters to come to their aid to make the dream a reality by 2024-2025. As a parish community, our combined Pastoral Council, with the support of the Finance Councils, has agreed to support this endeavour and raise at least \$10,000 AUD in 2024. As a result, all money raised in our Christmas raffles will go to this project. Also, we are looking at other ways of raising the money and would appreciate donations to the Kiritimati appeal fund. *Fr Itheme*

### *Our dear Fellow Parishioners*

*We would like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May the baby Jesus in the crib, who comes to us on this happy and holy celebration bringing Hope, Peace, Love and Joy also bring rest and family time to all! We pray that all of these fill your lives in every way this Christmas and the coming year. Let us be so grateful to our mighty God!*

*The office closes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 and re-opens on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.  
A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to one and all!*

*From all in the Parish Office*

*Fr. Ithemelandu, Cherylann, Majella, Joan, and Marie-Louise*



Sincere thanks to the generous team who put together our Parish Carols night last Wednesday evening. An amazing night of Carols and Readings was enjoyed by all. To the Choir members and accompanying Musicians, the musical ensemble "Intermezzo", the Planning Committee of Paula, Sue & Jo and to the very talented Co-ordinator and Choir leader, Yhollie, we offer our thanks for all that you did to bring our Parishes together in such a special way.

### ***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, 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, 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, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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

*Joy McGowan*

***We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time***