

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



24th September 2023—25th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A



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

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WILSTON

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So the LAST
will be
FIRST
and the FIRST
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable in the gospel of this Sunday is not a teaching about economics nor an economic guide, neither is it a divine proposal and teaching about justice. Rather it is about God's call in our life and our response to the call.

Two things that stand out in this parable are the equal payment that the owner of the vineyard paid the latecomers who did just an hour's work and those that started first at the beginning of the day. The second stand-out point is the protest of the early-hour workers who saw the action of the owner of the vineyard as injustice against them ("we bore the day's burden and the heat" Mt 20:12).

If one is looking to see the justice of God, one must go past this parable. The parable is meant to teach us of a generous God, who is always calling people to come to Him and inherit the Kingdom. It is about a God who welcomes anyone whenever one comes to Him. According to Fr Joseph Krempa, in his book "Captured Fire", there is an historical background to the parable and contemporary view of it. He noted that "Through this story, the Lord explains why the Gentiles were entering the Kingdom and experiencing the forgiveness and grace of God. They were offered salvation and redemption as much as were the Jewish people who struggled to stay faithful to their conventions for centuries. The Jewish people were the ones, of course, who worked from morning hours. The Gentiles were the latecomers. The Lord teaches us that God's goodness and generosity invites all people to life in His presence. What is important in the parable is not how long they worked but that they answered the call when it comes." On the contemporary level "we have to apply this parable to ourselves. First it shows that people are called to Christ at different times in their lives. Some are baptised in the 'morning' as babies. Others experienced a call from the Lord in their teenage years, in 'mid-morning', in the 'mid-afternoon' as adults, or even in the 'evening' as seniors citizens. At any one age we can be drawn to Christ or called closer to Christ. God calls people at any hour of their life". A look at part of the reading says: "Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'" (Matthew 20:6-7). This tells us that it was not really that the people didn't want to work but no one had hired them.

Dear friends, the parable is not about economic guideline nor a teaching on justice and fairness, but of God's call and invitation into a relationship with Him and the human response to this call. He has called us individually and sent us into His vineyard and will continue to call others 'til the end of time. We are to keep living the life of faith, listening to God's voice (Word) and do our best to live a life of love and compassion, avoiding the trap of comparing ourselves or using others to measure our level of spiritual engagement. This is because people's situations are different, and we don't know their stories and the circumstances of their life. As St Pope John Paul II said "Each of us has a story of our life that is our own; and each of us has a story of our soul that is ours."

Have a Beautiful week.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

24th September 2023 — Year A — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 The Lord is near to all who call Him.
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27 For me to live is Christ.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
 Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son.
 Alleluia!
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 Why are you jealous because I am generous?

1st October 2023 — Year A — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28 The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.
Responsorial Psalm P2 24: 4-9 Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
 My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
 Alleluia!
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and Prostitutes will precede you into the Kingdom of God.

MASS INFORMATION

Collections 16th & 17th September 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

THURSDAY
St Columba's
 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:40am Rosary
 11:00am Anointing Mass - all welcome

FRIDAY
St Columba's
 6:30am Mass

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$42	\$612
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$397	\$192
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$241	\$100
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$132	\$150

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE
 INVITES YOU TO THE
 SENIORS ANOINTING MASS AND GET TOGETHER
 THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 11:00AM
 ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

*Followed by morning tea
 in Parish Office.*

Transport arranged if required.



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) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>	St Carthage's 8:00am Mass (Sun)

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

MULTICULTURAL MASS
 "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"
 POPE FRANCIS

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Multicultural Mass in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be celebrated in September. The Event is aimed at celebrating as a community of faith the various Cultural Communities and the diversity within the Catholic Church and our Archdiocese.

Date: Sunday 24th September 2023

Time: Mass at 2:30pm followed by refreshments and performances

Location: St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City

RECONCILIATION

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

Parish Notices

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 7th October 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 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.
- ◇ Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour" Jesus Christ,
- ◇ Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting Thursday 12th October in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm. Nev Wells sends a welcome to all current members and visitors.
- ◇ Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - We meet for one hour once a month - Monday. Date to be confirmed. If you are interested in future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.
- ◇ The top windows of St Columba's Church are now closed and the nesting birds removed. These windows must be left permanently closed until repairs are completed. Considering the warmer weather, some lower windows might need to be opened, so please check all are shut before leaving the church. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.



ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE

is a progressive multicultural Catholic coeducational college for students in Years 5 – 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition.

ENROLLING FOR YEAR 5 IN 2023 NOW.

Attend the upcoming **ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION Monday, 9 October at 6:00pm.** Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries and scholarships available.

ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, 3230 8600 or MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au. www.jta.link/SJC.



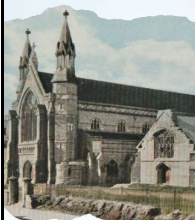
Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

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 telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023 cathedralabne.catholic.net.au 3324 3030

The proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Background to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years, their cultural and spiritual connection to country expressed through their history, music, language, songs, art and dancing. Their custodianship is not recognised in the Australian Constitution, and a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this. This proposal was requested by those who gathered at Uluru and presented the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by all levels of Catholic leadership, including the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

What can you do? Please prayerfully consider your own position

Archbishop Mark certainly acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding this referendum.

All Catholics are urged to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives.

Another important step you can take is to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

The conversations about reconciliation are sometimes difficult and there are many considerations in this complex situation. Please also remember our Indigenous brothers and sisters in prayer during this time.

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

Saint Vincent de Paul Priest - Colour: White



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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Holy Saturday every year during the Easter Vigil, thousands of people are baptised into the Catholic Church all over the world. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Before starting the process of becoming a Christian, a person comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers a relationship with Jesus Christ and is somehow interested in the Catholic Church. This time is known as the Period of Evangelisation. For some, this time involves a long period of searching; but for others, perhaps a shorter time. For many there is contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience will lead people to enquire about the Catholic Church. After a chat with a priest or a parish team or a contact who knows about the process of Christian Initiation, the person may seek acceptance into the Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer is presented to the parish community as someone who would like to become a baptised member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen.

The Period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several months (or years). It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they have along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the Catechumens are baptised, they have a special relationship with the Church.

The Rite of Election includes the enrolment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the Cathedral. The Catechumens publicly express to the diocesan bishop their desire for baptism. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, also prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and their education continues in the Period of the Post-Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called *Mystagogy*. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptised members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments and the teachings of the Catholic Church. They will also reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

Marie-Louise Singson Pastoral Co-Ordinator

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Chris Burton, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Zilva, 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, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

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

Sharon Barnes, John Murphy