

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God

25 December 2023 - The Nativity of Our Lord



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St Carthage's

115 Beaconsfield Tce
GORDON PARK

St Columba's

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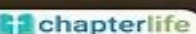
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A Stare Full Of
Forgiveness
and Love



Christmas is about God's Love and Gift of Joy & Peace

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One startling thing about the event and nativity of Jesus is that, in history, God chose to become vulnerable, weak, and helpless in the form of a little baby.

However, the reason why His story is so essential is because it turned the world upside down. The gospel of last night tells us that the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Luke 2:10-14.

Prior to the coming of Jesus, humanity was filled with darkness and hatred, but the birth of Jesus according to the gospel of this morning (Jn 1:1-18) throws light onto the darkness that exists in us the world and ourselves. God's unfathomable love for His creation was unleashed because the light swallowed the darkness. Hence, Christmas is an event that carries a promise of what can happen to us individually.

Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. Christmas is a love story that basically tells us that: "God so loved the world, that He sent His Only Son to us as a helpless, vulnerable, and needy baby as our saviour. And He said to the human race: "This is my Son whom I love. He is my gift to you. Open now your hearts and take him in." God's love is revealed in this little baby in a manger at Bethlehem. It is a revelation that has in it the promise of new life — a life of love, joy, humility, and peace to all who receive it.

Dear friends, "Christmas" is not a mere season, nor a time, but a state of mind. It is the willingness to allow the Holy baby of Nazareth to be born in one's life. The gospel tells us that "to all who received Christ, who believed in His name, is given the power to be children of God (Jn 1:12-13). May the light of Jesus the Messiah enter our hearts, and may Jesus be born in us, so that we will always see others through the lens of God love, fostering joy in people's lives and peace in our world. Amen!

Merry Christmas
Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

May the new born Christ Child, on this happy and holy celebration, bring you Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. We pray that all four of these would fill your lives in every way this Christmas and the coming year. Let us be grateful to God.



25th December 2023 — The Nativity of Our Lord

First Reading	Isaiah 52: 7-10 All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97: 1-6 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
2nd Reading	Hebrews 1: 1-6 In our own time, God speaks to us through His Son.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 1: 1-18 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY

Immaculate Conception 9:00am Mass

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 Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception
Everton Park



Australia Day Friday 26th January 2024

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

Seniors' Anointing Mass and Get Together

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
Everton Park

11:00am Mass Thursday
25th January 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

RECONCILIATION

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

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth
our Saviour holy.
And through all his wondrous childhood day by day
like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles I
like us he knew:
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him through
his own redeeming love,
for that Child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above:
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
where like stars his children crowned, all in white shall stand
around.

Words: Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818-95)
Music: *Irby*, melody by H. J. Gauntlett (1805-76);
harmony by A. H. Mann (1850-1929) NEH 34

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 9:00am-12noon

RSVP (very important) 10th January 2024 — 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



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