

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



25th February 2024 — Year B — 2nd Sunday of Lent



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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Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights



Journeying with Christ: Embracing Transformation

As we reflect upon the Word of God on this Second Sunday of Lent, we are called to embark on a spiritual journey with Jesus, just as Peter, James and John did on Mount Tabor. In the readings, we encounter the theme of transformation - a transformation that requires us to embrace faith, surrender and hope amidst the trials of life.

In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, we are reminded of Abraham's unwavering faith and trust in God's promise. Despite the uncertainty and challenges he faced, Abraham obeyed God's call to leave his homeland and journey to a new land. His faith teaches us to trust in God's providence, even when the path ahead seems unclear.

The Gospel passage presents the transfiguration of Jesus in front of Peter, James and John. Jesus reveals His divine glory, offering them a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom. This profound experience underscores the importance of prayer and contemplation in our journey of faith. Like the disciples, we are invited to draw closer to Jesus through prayer, allowing His light to illuminate our hearts and minds. Besides, the transfiguration narrative foreshadows Jesus' Paschal mystery - His suffering, death and resurrection. It reminds us that true transformation often requires us to embrace the cross.

Lent invites us to reflect on our own crosses and struggles, trusting that through our trials, God is working to bring about new life and redemption. In every step of our lives, God is there to shepherd us, despite the challenges around us. St Paul captures this beautifully in the second reading, Romans 8:31b-34 - "If God is for us, no one and nothing can stand against us". If you think about it, these words echo through the ages, and have offered solace and strength to many who faced, and to many who are facing, adversity and uncertainty today.

Journeying with God involves making the words "For if God is for us, who can be against us?" the corner stone of our faith. In our darkest moments, when the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us, we can find courage in the knowledge that God stands with us, guiding us through the storm. Faithfully accepting these words transforms us in a way that the outside world is unable to provide.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us heed the words of Jesus (Mt. 17:7): "Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us rise above our doubts and fears, placing our trust in God's unfailing love and mercy. May this season of Lent be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation, where we open our hearts to God's grace and allow His light to shine brightly within us as we journey towards the joy of Easter. Amen.

God bless you all.
Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



BRUCE DOWNES
THE CATHOLIC GUY

PARISH MISSION EVENT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
131 South Pine Rd, Enoggera QLD
4-7 March 2024

25th February 2024 - Year B - Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 115-10, 15-19 I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.
2nd Reading	Romans 8: 31-34 God did not spare His own Son.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear Him. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel	Mark 9: 2-10 This is my Son, the beloved; listen to Him.

3rd March 2024 - Year A - Third Sunday of Lent

As our Parish has Elect (Catechumens), the First Scrutiny is celebrated today. Year A readings are to be used when the Scrutinies are celebrated.

First Reading	Ex 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9:R If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel	Jn 2:13-25: Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

MASS INFORMATION

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

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday at 6:00pm
during Lent there will be
Stations of the Cross at
St Columba's Church
Wilston



Is your Safeguarding Training due for renewal?
If so, join the Office for Safeguarding Training on Wednesday the 6th of March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for the first 2024 Safeguarding Training webinar.
Registration and attendance at the webinar will satisfy your Archdiocesan Safeguarding Training requirements.



ONLINE WEBINAR

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

DATE: 6 MARCH 2024 TIME: 6.30PM

REGISTER NOW

[HTTPS://HARLEQUIN-HERRING.WEBINARINJA.COM/LIVE-WEBINARS/0544212/REGISTER](https://harlequin-herring.webinarinja.com/live-webinars/0544212/register)



Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

RECONCILIATION

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

Parish Notices

- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross** next monthly meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church, Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024
- ◇ **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
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ **You're Invited to Coffee with North-West Catholic Singles (35-55)**
Date and Time: Sat 24 Feb, 10:00am Place: Tall Story Cafe in Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Pde, Keperra
RSVP: Text Emma on 0435 262 927 or just turn up!

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH
EASTER RAFFLE
A LARGE HAMPER TO THE VALUE OF \$100
Tickets on sale this weekend
\$2 each or 6 for \$10
All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal**



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

Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati is one of our closest neighbours in the Pacific region. Father Tara-jake Takakia, who looks after The Catholic Parish of St Therese, is appealing to groups and individuals to support their Parish Project on Ronton Kiritimati.

I appeal to our generous parishioners, for the love of God, to help a sister parish in need. Phase one of the project is to construct the first five units of the "Guest House" estimated to cost \$120,000AUD.

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.

Fr Ithema

THE GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Music Department Presents:

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

31ST MARCH 2024 AT 9:30 AM

FEATURING LITURGICAL MUSIC PERFORMED BY:

THE QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM
CHAMBER BRASS ENSEMBLE



THE JOINT SCHOLA COMPRISING ALUMNI FROM
ST. LAURENCE'S COLLEGE &
ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL

DIRECTED BY

DANIEL JONJIC



Upcoming Feast Days:

1st March: Autumn Ember Day Special Day of Prayer and Penance
(Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)

KBCC Collections 17th/18th February 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$ 56	\$1165
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$395	\$268
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$272	\$538
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$203	\$ 82

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISHIONERS
SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND
GET TOGETHER**

THURSDAY 21 March 2024 11:00AM
at
St Columba's Wilston

Please contact Parish Office with your acceptance for catering purposes
OR IF TRANSPORT REQUIRED.

We pray for those who are unwell

*Kelly Burton, Paul Downie, Joe Santora, Brad Tennant,
Donn Anderson, Fran & Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano,
Yvonne Boyle, Natasha Carlin*

***We extend our sympathy to all families who have recently
lost loved ones:***

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

Angus Burke, Joseph Flor, Regan Carr



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)

LENTEN EVENT 2024

The Catholic Guy is Coming to Kedron Brook Catholic Community!

Date: 4th – 7th March 2024, at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

131 South Pine Road, Enoggera QLD.

“BE CHANGED...BE RENEWED... BE INSPIRED”

Session 1 Monday 4th March 7:30 pm repeated Tuesday 5th March 10:00am

Session 2 Tuesday 5th March 7:30 pm repeated Wednesday 6th March 10:00 am

Session 3 Wednesday 6th March 7:30 pm repeated Thursday 7th March 10:00 am

Session 4 Thursday 7th March 7:30 pm.

The Catholic Guy Parish Mission/Event has two objectives through an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual growth:

1. to inspire, renew and strengthen those who attend church
2. to reach out to, connect to and attract non-Church attending people of God, those disconnected Catholics and those searching for God.

You will be enriched and blessed. I encourage us to pass the word around and invite family and friends to this Lenten event.

If you want to help as one of the parish facilitators, please contact the parish office at Kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au

or call 0733521730.

Cheers! **Fr Ihemelandu L. Uzuegbu** (Parish Priest & Administrator)

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Lent is 40 days

Lent is a period of [penitential preparation for Easter](#) in Christianity. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the wilderness. During Lent, Christians focus on [fasting, prayer, and almsgiving](#). It is a period of reflection and preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Where Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion.

Christian churches that observe Lent in this century (not all do) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Very few people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some continue to practice fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular “indulgent habit” such as eating favourite foods like chocolate or perhaps smoking. Many of us fast and deny ourselves of certain social activities or withdraw from excesses and other indulgent habits to replicate Christ's fasting and withdrawal into the desert. Whatever the sacrifice, it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

The six Sundays of the Lenten season are seen as a unity. The usual liturgical colours for the first three Sundays are purple or Lenten array (red, black and calico). Purple is used for two reasons: firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty. In the middle of the Lenten season, the church colours shift to *pink*. The third Sunday, known as [Gaudete Sunday](#), celebrates the halfway point of Lent and emphasises rejoicing in the anticipation of Easter; and it changes back to purple until Palm Sunday. The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) colour again changes from purple to red without the Pentecost symbols, and it can be appropriate for red to remain through to Good Friday. So, during our Lenten journey, we wear purple as a reminder of our need for redemption, and on those special Sundays, a touch of pink reminds us of the coming celebration of Christ's resurrection.

During Lent, we take stock of our lives. A sort of “tidying up” of behaviour that leads us away from Christ. As part of this spiritual self-reflection, we pray and repent for our sins and focusing on our mortality and dependence on God. Many Christians give alms or volunteer their time during Lent as a way of following Jesus' command to love others as ourselves ([Matthew 22:39](#)). Lent is also a time of renewal in which we take steps to recommit ourselves to Christ and to pave the triumphant way for Easter.

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral coordinator)

Sources: TheCatholicSpirit.com, ChristianityToday.com, CatholicEducation.com

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Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today
and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

