

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



26th November 2023—Solemnity of Christ the King—Year A

The King will Judge us on the Depth of our Love

Today is the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and the last Sunday of the liturgical year (A). Today, Jesus Christ, the king, reveals to us that His judgment will be that of Love. Often, He comes to us as one who is hungry, a stranger, one who is cold and poor, seeking our help and love. How many times have I failed the Lord? Thus, His kingship is different from what we know of kings, kingdoms, sovereignties and powers. The worldly sovereignties and kingships are about human glory and power to dominate others, but Jesus' sovereignty is one of justice, love, peace and service as a shepherd king. We, the disciples of Christ, are called to loving service.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, and us by extension, in an unequivocal term the basis upon which we will be judged and admitted into heaven or banished from it: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me". Then the righteous will answer him and say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

We are called on this last Sunday of the church's year to reflect on how deep our love is and how we see and treat Jesus in our relationship and actions towards others. Are we committed to serving others with humility and love, as Jesus Christ has called us?

The kingdom is our hope, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming. The gospel tells us that we will be judged by the King of kings on the depth of our Love for God and people. Hence, we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the oppressed, hope given to the hungry, the poor, the thirsty, and when the dignity of the naked is restored. The kingdom of God comes when we show love to the rejected, unloved and those on the fringes of the society. Above all, the kingdom of God comes in us when we die to self and sin and let Christ and His love rise and shine in and through us. Saint John of the Cross once summed it well when he said: "In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."

God bless.

Fr Ithemelandu Uzuegbu

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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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26th November 2023 —Year A — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22:1-3. 5-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46 He will take His seat on His throne of glory, and He will separate men one from another

3rd December 2023 — Year B — First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading	Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8 Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Lord , make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
Gospel	Mark 13: 33-37 Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<i>St Columba's</i> <i>St John the Baptist</i>
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KBCC Collections 19th November 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$ 149	\$634
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$402	\$283
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$ 152	\$439
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 205	\$67



Christmas 2023— Mass Times

**Tuesday 19th December 6:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
St Columba's Church, Wilston**

**Wednesday 20th December 6:30pm
KBCC Christmas Service of Carols
St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera**

Sunday 24th December

Carols:	Mass:	Church:
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
11:30pm	Midnight	St Columba's

Monday 25th December

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

New Years Day Monday 1st January 2024

9:00am 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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ 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 and Roy on 0412 802 122 'You will see the change for the better in your lives'.
- ◇ We are searching for the next leader of our Wilston Church Morning Tea group. Please call the Parish Office for more information.
- ◇ Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church at Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14 December. Visitors welcome.

SENIORS' GET TOGETHER and MASS THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11:00AM

*Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church
Everton Park* with morning tea to follow in church hall. Good Samaritan Parishioners wishing to attend please phone the office. Transport will be provided if required.

Everton Park Parishioners please bring a plate to share.

Wilston Christmas Raffle

First prize - B&W printer. Other prizes include; hampers, pastry chef maker, wine glasses, salad bowls and lots more gifts.

**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 6
FOR \$10**

Drawn by Fr Ithme before Christmas.



Attention all Volunteers of the KBCC Parish.



Our annual Volunteers "Appreciation" Dinner will be held this year on Tuesday 5th December in Kedron-Wavell Club at 6:30pm. We would love to see all of our much valued volunteers from both Parishes attend this evening. Please register your attendance and any dietary requirements, to the Parish Office no later than **Monday 27th November**.

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm

Christopher Trikilis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm



MUSIC AND POETRY
TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC



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)

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

Dear brothers and sister 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.

At my recent visit to the Island, I saw the level of poverty among the people who also carry the financial burden of supporting their church through levies (taxes) frequently imposed by the parish to cover the cost of running and maintaining the parish. I appeal to our generous parishioners, for the love of God, to help a sister parish in need.

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 theme*

Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: **Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT** Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Christmas Service of Carols

KBCC Christmas Service of Carols is on Wednesday 20th December. We will begin with dinner together at 6:30pm followed by the Carols starting at 7:00pm. This Christmas event promises to gather and engage all four church communities. We're inviting you and your loved ones to come together and sing Christmas Carols at St John the Baptist Catholic Church. Practice sessions at Enoggera church 6:30pm, are on the following dates:

Wed Nov 29th, Wed Dec 6th, Tues Dec 12th & Fri Dec 15th.

Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Monday 18th December, for catering purposes.

Parish Advent Preparation

From the beginning of Advent, we will have a weekly preparation and discussion group here at the Parish Office in Wilston every Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30 am or at St John The Baptist Hall, Enoggera every Wednesday at 10:00-11:00am. It is a 22-day reflection for Advent during the 2023-2024 liturgical year. It will be accompanied by the Advent resource "With Expectant Hearts" (\$6 each). Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Feast Day this week

Thursday 30th St Andrew, apostle (red)

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, Bidy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Sherry Henricksen, Mary Hewitt, Kathleen Hicks, Colleen Jackson, Gordon Jackson, Pietro Jacuzzi, 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, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Brad Tennant, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time