

# **Kedron Brook Catholic Community**

**embracing the parishes of**

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

**Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God**



**27th August 2023—21st 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**

170 Kedron Brook Road,  
WILSTON

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Parish Priest

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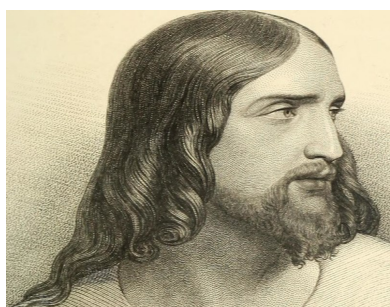
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**It's not Flesh or Blood that revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven**



## **Who Do People Say the Son of Man is? But, who Do You Say that I AM?**

In a sense, the question above could be seen as Jesus' opinion poll to see what people's perception of Him was. However, it was not an opinion poll aimed at helping Jesus to adjust His approach and message to suit the aspirations of the people. Rather it was meant to shake off any remaining trappings of the people's popular and wrong opinions onto which the disciples were still holding strongly.

The story and the questions have to be put side by side with the location to understand what Jesus wanted to teach His disciples through that query. Jesus put the questions "who do people say the Son of man is", "But, who do you say that I am" in Caesarea Philippi, which is in the north of the sea of Galilee. I remember when I visited this site during a pilgrimage in 2013. It is a very scenic beautiful place. The place was just as the Jewish historian, Josephus, described it: "It is prodigiously deep, and full of still water. Over it hangs a vast mountain, and under the Cavern arise the Springs of the River Jordan." (Josephus, 37AD – C.100 AD)

Apart from the incredible beauty of this site, Caesarea Philippi is a place that hosted different temples to different gods around the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC and traces of the ruins of these ancient temples are found there today. The original name was Paneas (now, Baniyas - an Arabic corruption of Paneas). Paneas took its name from the Greek god of nature called "PAN" and a grotto of Pan was put in the temple built in the cave and dedicated to this god. A temple was also dedicated in the honour of "Zeus" by emperor Trajan and there were other altars dedicated to other deities. It can be said that it was a valley of temples. Around 20 BC when the Romans conquered the place, Herod named it Caesarea Philippi in honour of Ceasar Augustus and consequently built a temple in honour of Ceasar.

It was not coincidence that Jesus chose to ask His disciples who do you say that I am in Caesarea Philippi where people worshipped gods that cannot save. The question serves to know the extent that the disciples have moved from popular opinions to listening to what God is saying to them about the Messiah.

When Peter said "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God", Jesus said "Yes! Peter, it is not flesh or blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gate of the underworld will not hold out against it". There and then, Jesus made Peter the head and overseer of the Church and first among equals and symbol of unity with authority to loose and bind. He created the apostolic succession too and promised to be with the church until the end of time.

Today Jesus is asking you and me "who do you say I am?" We must answer this not from an academic knowledge or what we have been taught, but by listening in our hearts what God is telling us about Jesus, our connection with Him and personal experience and encounter with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. What is your relationship with Jesus like?

Have a good week.

Fr Ihemelandu uzuegbu

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 27th August 2023 - Year A - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 22:19-23 I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 137:1-3. 6.8 Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 11:33-36 From Him, through Him, and in Him are all things.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my church; The gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of kingdom of heaven.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd September 2023 - Year A - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>First Reading</b>	Jeremiah 20: 7-9 The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 62:2-6, 8-9 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 12:1-2 May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Allelu
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 16:21-27 Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

**MASS INFORMATION**

**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  
 9:00am Mass

**FRIDAY**  
**St Columba's**  
 6:30am Mass

**Collections 19th & 20th August 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$95	\$521
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$390	\$282
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$156	\$53
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$222	\$655

National Child Protection week 3-9th September



**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

STARTING FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

**NAPCAN** PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT  
[www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

<b>St Columba's</b> 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Sat) 9:30am Mass (Sun) <i>NB: Mass (Sat) 2nd Sept 5:30pm</i>	<b>St John the Baptist</b> 9:00 am Mass (Sun) 5:30pm Mass (Sun)
<b>Immaculate Conception</b> 7:30am Mass (Sun) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>	<b>St Carthage's</b> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

**RECONCILIATION**

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

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH  
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
 INVITES YOU TO  
 RIVERFIRE  
 on SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023  
 AFTER THE SPECIAL TIME OF  
 5:30 PM MASS**

**List at back of the church for parishioners attending**

**We will provide DRINKS, NIBBLES AND PIZZAS  
 Fireworks commence at 6:45pm  
 GOLD COIN DONATION  
 ALL WELCOME**

## PARISH NOTICES

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd September 10:00am at 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 at the Enoggera Hall during 9:00am mass. Please contact the parish office if it is what God is calling you to do for our community and children.
- ◇ Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30am & 10:00am. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786.
- ◇ Senior's Mass with Anointing Thursday, 28th Sept 2023, Time 11am St Columba's Church Wilston.
- ◇ Past mothers of Gregory Terrace students invited 10:30am Mass & morning tea on 10th Sept 2023 in Chapel. Cost \$25 per head. RSVP Anna Wright email: TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au or call 0458153103.
- ◇ Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - If you are interested in, interested in being advised of, future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.

### 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.

**To further strengthen the authentic and life giving connection between the St John the Baptist Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption School,**



**a children's liturgy will be held on the final Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 27th August at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.**

**These responsive and age-appropriate sessions will assist attendees in breaking open the Gospel through supportive discussion prompts and hands on activities.**

### **SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:**

*28th August—St Augustine, bishop, doctor—colour white*

*29th August—The passion of St John the Baptist, martyr—colour red*



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)

## ***First Communion promises.... A Heavenly Banquet with God forever***

Sometimes, we can take the everyday ordinary things for granted, like sharing a meal with the family, the beauty of the day or the season, ... and perhaps even the Eucharist that we share every Sunday. Now that the Eucharist Sacramental preparation and First Communion has been celebrated, if we are to truly comprehend the splendour and magnitude of God coming to us in the Holy Eucharist and what an immense gift the Lord is to us, we would be struck by awe and wonder!

Do you remember the first time you held your baby in your arms? What about when your baby they took the first step? Of course, you would, but your child isn't likely to remember it. Their First Communion Day, though, they will! At our First Communion Retreat and Practice day, there is a pronouncement that I make to the children. "You will remember your First Communion Day for the rest of your life." At Parent Information Sessions, I ask the parents if they remember their own First Communion. I see heads nod and hands go up. Many decades later, I still remember mine, all in white, long and fancy, veiled and gloved and the white cake my Mum made with pink icing on the top in the shape of the rosary beads. I remember my white veil that was my Mum's own wedding veil. All my sisters and my brother's daughters wore that same lace veil, my own daughter wore it at her First Communion and so did my granddaughter! I remember knowing this was a huge deal! But not as big as the Eucharist itself! The deeper meaning of Eucharist is something we grow into, and is a bigger deal than the day itself, however wonderful it is. How can we take in the beauty, power and awesomeness of Eucharist? It happens over time. It is enough on that special day to know that it nourishes the love between our child and God.

The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Initiation and First Communion is another step in the walk of a Catholic. We become part of the God's family at Baptism, and now our children are old enough to join us at Mass and receive the Body of Christ. We believe they have enough understanding to celebrate what Jesus did for us through His death and resurrection. He gained for us forgiveness for our sins and opened the way for us to eternal life. Eucharist is what Jesus told his followers to do to remember Him. The First Communions we celebrated in the past two weekends are an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of Jesus to us in the Eucharist. Eucharist enables us to remember and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is always at the very heart of Catholic spiritual life. In Eucharist, we remember God's continued faithfulness in Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a meal of gratitude. This is what Eucharist means: ***Thanksgiving***. It's a covenant meal renewing, again and again, God's promise that He is our God, and we are God's people.

We celebrate the Eucharist in joyful moments and sad, in great Cathedrals and in simple Churches, in camps and school halls, by the great and the humble, with big crowds or with only a few. It is the same Lord who comes to us no matter what the circumstance or the occasion. Sometimes, as parents, we say one thing but we really mean another. When we say, "Go clean your teeth," we mean "Learn clean habits." When we say, "Take care," we mean, "You're precious to me." Furthermore, a message we hope to be very clear in bringing our children to their First Communion and sharing Mass together is to say, "God loves you. I love you. In the Eucharist, God will always be with you."

It is a privilege to be able to support families and celebrate First Communion. The Lord comes to us Sacramentally to be "our Bread for the journey" to prepare us for the world to come, the eternal life we are promised in Baptism. The Eucharist is the promise of the "Heavenly Banquet" with God forever. May we appreciate and treasure the gift of the Lord to us in the Eucharist and make our Sunday Eucharist a priority in our lives.

Congratulations to all our 70 children who celebrated in the last two weeks in our parishes. Our thanks to Father Ihome who celebrated all our masses during the programme, who solely did the second rite of Reconciliation and celebrated all our First Communion masses. My deep gratitude to Helen Radley and Gay Clements whose huge help in delivering the programme to the families, marking books, training the children and conducting the Retreat and the Practice cannot be overlooked. Thank you to the families who brought the programme to fruition for to the children. Thank you to our volunteer parents who helped mark the books, who collected materials, paper work and who marked the roll. Thank you to all who have helped with the Liturgy, Music Ministry, flowers in the church, the Sacristans, PowerPoint producers, our readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our photographer and our beautiful hardworking Parish office staff. Thank you so much and God bless you all in your ministries.

*Marie-Louise Singson*

Pastoral Coordinator

## ***We pray for those who are unwell***

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Silva, 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, 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, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

***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***

Dr Lawrence Paul Brunello