

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



**28th January 2024 — Year B — 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**



## **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**

170 Kedron Brook Road,  
WILSTON

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Parish Priest

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The words "authority" and "power" are often used interchangeably, but they have different meanings and interpretations. Unfortunately, due to the misuse of power and authority, many people view them negatively and want nothing to do with them. However, in today's gospel, we see that Jesus taught with authority, and even nature and demons obeyed Him. This shows that power and authority can be used to improve and preserve life. In Christian theology, the authority of Jesus is foundational to the concept of redemption and salvation.

Unlike the Scribes who argued endlessly, Jesus' teaching had a fresh and authoritative quality that made a deep impression on the people. Jesus' authority liberates from the forces of darkness and sin, to recreating and building up lives. Moreover, throughout history Jesus' authority has enduring implications for believers. His sacrificial death and resurrection demonstrate authority over sin and death, offering the promise of eternal life to humanity.

Jesus' authority is vividly demonstrated through His miraculous deeds. Whether it is the healing of the sick, restoring sight to the blind, or even calming the storms, these acts attest to a power beyond the natural realm. The authority to perform miracles reinforces the belief that Jesus is not bound by the limitations of the physical world but governs it with divine power.

The command of Jesus to the unclean spirits "Be silent, and come out of him!" is symbolic. We must first make room for silence and solitude, for prayer and contemplation. In doing so, we open ourselves to the transformative power of God's Word, as we allow it to shape and guide us on our journey towards holiness.

The question now lies with us: will we acknowledge, trust and yield to the authority of Jesus and His word, or will we follow our own opinions? The Scribes never yielded to the truth of Jesus and His mission, but we can choose differently. The liberating authority of Jesus is available to us, offering freedom from darkness and a new way of life.

On a personal level, Jesus' authority has had enduring implications for believers throughout history. His sacrificial death and resurrection demonstrate authority over sin and death, offering the promise of eternal life to humanity.

The question now lies with us: will we acknowledge, trust and yield to the authority of Jesus, or will we follow our own opinions? The Scribes never yielded to the truth of Jesus Christ, but we can choose differently. May the liberating authority of Jesus bring to us freedom from darkness and a new way of life. Amen.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu**

**28 January 2024—Year B—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</b> I will put my words into the prophet’s mouth, and he will tell them all I command.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 94:1-2. 6-9</b> If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 7:32-35</b> The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 1:21-28</b> This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

**4th February 2024 —Year B — 5th Sunday in Ordinary time**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Job 7:1-4. 6-7</b> I am filled with sorrow all day long.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 146:1-6</b> Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23</b> Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 1:29-39</b> He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

**MASS INFORMATION**

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

**KBCC Collections 21st January 2024**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$ 252	\$194	\$ 89	\$484
<b>Everton Park</b>	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$201	\$238
<b>Wilston</b>	\$ 1005	\$354	\$ 177	\$486
<b>Gordon Park</b>	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 174	\$113



**Cultural Immersion opportunity for parishes  
Trip to Cherbourg Ration Shed in 2024**

We need now, more than ever, to be the voice of change and help parishes, communities and church agencies to continue to develop and strengthen respectful relationships with first nations peoples. Opportunities are available in April (9, 10, 17), May (8, 14, 15), June (11, 12), July (16, 17, 23, 24), September (17, 24, 25) but these are not exhaustive and other dates can be pursued. Please contact Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry) Email [waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:waldrenr@bne.catholic.net.au) Landline : 3891 1931 or mobile 0408 707 101 or Joni McCourt (Evangelisation Brisbane) Email [mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mccourtj@bne.catholic.net.au) or mobiles 0417 352 240 or 0406 032 668 for bookings or further details.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

<b>St Columba’s</b> 5:00pm Vigil Mass 9:30am Mass (Sun)	<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> Friday after 6:30am Mass	<b>St Carthage’s</b> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:30pm	<b>St Columba’s</b>
Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>St John the Baptist</b>

**Upcoming Feast Days:**

Wednesday: St John Bosco (Priest) - White  
Friday: Presentation of the Lord - White  
Saturday: St Blaise (Bishop) - Red  
Saturday: St Ansgar (Bishop) - White



## THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

### AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma.

We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey  
who always walk with us,  
in this land you have blessed us with the first inhabitants of the land  
who have loved it through the ages:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the settlers  
who made this land their home,  
and forged a nation with their toil:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the many peoples  
of different languages and cultures  
who have found a new home here:  
or them we give you thanks.  
We ask that you make a home among us,  
so that justice and truth may flourish here  
and all Australians may walk together  
Into the future you are preparing:  
for that we give you thanks.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
+ Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane



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)

### 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.
- ◇ **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](mailto: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'.
- ◇ **Wilston Church Morning Tea group - THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to our three volunteers, Stefanie Mitchell, Rebecca Pimm and Jess O'Sullivan. The morning tea group plays a vital role in our Community.
- ◇ **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 8 February. Visitors welcome. Thanking you, Nev Well
- ◇ **Verse for Vinnies Concerts in 2024** Thank you for your support for our Verse for Vinnies Concerts in 2023. With your assistance we were able to give Vinnies over \$18,000. We have our Feature Poets for our six concerts in 2024 and hope for another successful year. **67 Dawson Parade Grovely, 1:30pm—\$15 Cash Only Sunday January 28, Book using [noel@noelstallard.com](mailto:noel@noelstallard.com)**
- ◇ **An information day** for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen will be held on **Thursday 1st February from 9:30am until 1:00pm** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **The Xavier School of Mission**

The School aims to equip and form leaders in evangelisation at the service of the Dioceses of Queensland and beyond. It is a dynamic and flexible resource that places the Church's mission to evangelise at the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary's formation.

The 2024 theme is 'One Word, emerging voices: Is mission the key to a synodal Church?'

Pope Francis is guiding us on the journey of becoming what he calls "a synodal Church", a Church that listens, dialogues, walks and grows together. But what does that look like?

In Australia, our Church is rich and diverse in cultures and generations.

- How do we listen to all the voices in the body of Christ? How do we have respectful conversations with people with diverse opinions?
- How do we understand our own 'call to mission' and that of other people and groups?
- How can looking outward help us to face the challenges we face within our groups and communities?

These and other questions will frame the experience of our week together.

EVENT DATES Sunday 9 June – Friday 14 June 2024. The event begins with a light dinner at 6:00pm Sunday and concludes with lunch at 11:00am on Friday .

The Very Rev. Fr Neil Muir, Dr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF Rector, Holy Spirit Provincial Seminary Director, Xavier Centre for Theolo

***We pray for those who are unwell Amen.***

*Please contact the Parish Office to requests prayers for the sick*

***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***  
Angus Burke