

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



28th April 2024 - Year B - 5th Sunday of Easter

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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I am the Vine and You are the Branches

Many times over, life's experiences teach us that as members of a community, we need one another, other living beings, people, animals, nature, the air, the skies, even the distant past. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately linked but that the source of our unity is the Risen Christ. We are parts of the same tree, same vine, we just cannot survive on our own isolated patch in this world.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about His relationship to His disciples. In His metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is speaking in reference to the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and God Himself is the vinedresser. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

Again, in this passage, Jesus teaches His disciples that His relationship with them will not end after His death; He will remain with them always. Jesus exhorts the disciples repeatedly to "remain" in Him. This unity between Jesus and His disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that He began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that He began.

Then this is what it means to us even to this day. Jesus also taught His disciples about the importance of the words He used in teaching life's lessons to them. Just as Jesus remained in the disciples, so too did His words. And so will it be for us ... right now in this place and in this time! The way we come to know Jesus is through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Therefore, the way by which the disciples were sustained by Christ's teachings applies to us too. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is definitely strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. It is through the Eucharist that Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in His name. Jesus makes it clear to His disciples that they can only bear fruit when there is a flow of life from vine to branches, from Him to His believers. The counterpoint to this fruitful life is the need for pruning and cleansing. Withered branches are cast off and living ones are trimmed.

The primary emphases throughout this passage are mutuality, fruitfulness and divine initiative. John is inviting his readers to take Jesus' words to heart and to dwell on them. What does this mean for us ... we have to continue to be fed and nourished by Jesus' words and His teachings. We have to be sustained by His Body and Blood through our connection with the mass and the sacraments. We know of others or maybe we have observed people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. In addition to witnessing and hearing about the selfless service rendered by individuals to their neighbourhood and beyond, we also establish connections by serving God through others! Many Christians and non-Christians alike go out to feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship ... especially when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in His name.

Marie-Louise Singson
Pastoral Co-Ordinator

Ref: Loyola Press Sunday Connections, 2024. A Book of Grace-filled Days



Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28th April 2024 -Year B

First Reading	Acts 9: 26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Second Reading	1 John 3: 18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 15: 1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2024 - Year B

First Reading	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97: 1-4 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Second Reading	1 John 4: 7-10 God is love.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 15: 9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY

Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY

Immaculate Conception

8:30am Rosary followed by

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

St John the Baptist

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

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) followed by

24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun) followed by

24 hr adoration

RECONCILIATION

Friday after 6:30am Mass **St Columba's**

Saturday 4:30pm **St Columba's**

Sunday 5:00pm **St John the Baptist**

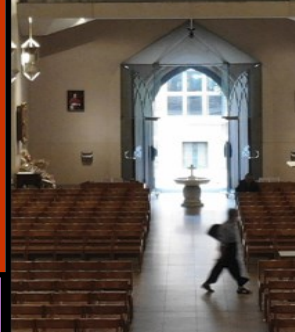
or by appointment

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, David Beattie, Yvonne Boyle, Kelly Burton, Natasha Carlin, Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Joe Santora, Irene Savage

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

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time



To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici

will perform concerts in the Cathedral

Friday 10 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 1:30pm

Saturday 11 May 2024 - 7:30pm

Psalm 24 - The Earth is the Lord's
Lili Boulanger (1893-1918)

Mass in C minor ('Great') K427
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Sara MacIver - soprano
Sofia Troncoso - soprano
Andrew Goodwin - tenor
David Greco - baritone
St Stephen's Schola
Brisbane Chamber Choir

Tickets are available from the QSO website

<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary 2024

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary is happening again this year on **Saturday 25th May**. It will be held in Churches across Australia from 2:00 - 4:00pm

Attention: Year 3 students who have been Baptised and those above Yr 3 who have been Baptised and have postponed celebrating Confirmation:

Please Remember these Important Confirmation Dates:

17th & 19th May for Wilston and 24th & 26th May for Enoggera.

Retreat and Practice:

- Saturday 11th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass **OR**
- Sunday 12th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am Retreat & Practice **OR**
- Sunday 12th May 2024 at St John the Baptist Church Enoggera 9:00am Mass only **OR**
- Sunday 12th May 2024 at St John the Baptist Enoggera 3:30pm Retreat & Practice and 5:30pm for Mass.

With peace and blessings,

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

KBCC Collections

21st April 2024

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$ 94	\$638
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$443	\$183
Wilston	\$1005	\$354	\$272	\$ 59
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$217	\$370

Upcoming Feast Days:

29th April - St Catherine of Siena (white)

2nd May - St Athanasius (white)

3rd May - Sts Philip and James Apostles (red)

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES You To - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

after 9:30am mass on **SUNDAY 26 MAY, 2024**

\$3.50 per sausage – Cash Only

ALL MONIES GOING TO KIRIBATI MISSION APPEAL

Parish Notices

Volunteers required to assist adoration at Everton Park Church, currently adorers are needed for Sundays at 10:00am. Please contact Fiona and Roy on 0412 802 122. You will see a change for the better in your lives.

The next Senior's Mass with anointing will be held at **11:00am on Thursday 27th June 2024** at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Everton Park Church, with morning tea served in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you.

A BBQ with hood and rotisserie has been donated to the Parish for any KBCC group needing a BBQ. If your group, or if you know of a parish group that can make use of a BBQ, please contact the Parish Office or call Susan on 0402 405 788.



Like the image of the Good Shepherd, the image of the vine and the branches that Jesus presents in the Gospel today is a comforting one. It is an image of community and our connection to Jesus Christ. We are the conduits of God's grace flowing from our hearts to the world.



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
A0B@stopline.com.au or 1300 304 550
(for anonymous reports)

When requesting School References, please email the following information to the Parish Office and you will be forwarded a "School Reference Checklist":

Child's full name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____
Which school(s)/college(s) is this reference for: _____ Closing Date(s) _____
Mother's name _____ Father's name _____
Address _____
Phone/Mob: _____ Email: _____

Baptism Enquiry

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at St John the Baptist and at St Columba's churches on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month. St Carthage's and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception are by appointment only. Please note due to Father's other commitments, these days may change. Baptism unless otherwise arranged is at 11.00am Sunday.

Our Baptism preparation session is held at St John the Baptist Church Hall, 131 South Pine Road, Enoggera (right next to the St John the Baptist Church) 10:00am on the first Saturday of every month. All are welcome to attend. No need to book in – just turn up.

Due to large numbers of Baptism requests, we do not take bookings prior to attending the preparation session. Please do not request a baptism date that is within one week of submitting your form – unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If you have your own Priest or your child is 8 years or older, please let the facilitator know and call the Parish Office to make specific arrangements.

Please access KBCC web site for online forms etc.



KBCC
THE GOOD SAMARITAN
PARISH DINNER
IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR ON
Friday 14th June 2024
6:30pm for 7:00pm
St Columba's School Hall
(BYO DRINKS)
\$30 Adult \$15 Child (under 13)
(Cash Only)

Archdiocese of Brisbane Mass Attendance Count

On the weekends of Sunday 5th May, Sunday 12th May, Sunday 19th May and Sunday 26th May, the annual Mass Counts will be conducted.

Data collected provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level.

Included in the count will be Communion Services in all of your Mass Centres including places such as Universities,

Prayer to End Domestic Violence Loving God,

We thank you for inviting us to end domestic violence in our community. We ask for your wisdom, courage, and guidance. We pray for a society where all people are safe in their homes and close relationships, where each person is respected, in their equality and dignity. We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing. We pray that all women, men and children will find a place and life free from violence, and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways. We pray for young men and women, that they may find models of respectful relationships and reject the violent and demeaning images of manhood and womanhood current in our society. We ask for the courage to confront the causes of domestic violence, including the prevalence of violence in our society, any abuses of power, and the unequal positioning of women in the community. We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms. We long for the time you have promised, when violence is banished, women and men are open to being loved and loving others, children are protected, and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from Catholic Social Services Victoria Domestic Violence Parish Kit)