

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



29th October 2023—30th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

LOVE, The Greatest of the Commandments

Every society in the world has legal codes and laws guiding the way of life, rights, and people's responsibilities. So, it was in the time of Jesus. Prior to Jesus' birth, the laws (commandments) had become a source of concern and burden to the extent that the majority of them were unknown to most people. Over the years, due to the multiplicity of the laws, the Jews have discussed which of the commandments is the greatest of the laws. No Rabbi prior to Jesus had ever synthesised the commandments in simple terms. That was why the question was put before Jesus in today's gospel. However, one thing to note here is that they did not come in good faith to ask Jesus the question. The gospel says the Pharisees, to disconcert Jesus, put the question to Him: "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" The word Matthew used in Greek is "*Ekpeirazon*" = "try to trap" "to put to the test" (to disconcert). They wanted Jesus to say something that they could use against Him. This is a similar concept to that from last Sunday's gospel, with the question of the lawfulness of paying taxes to Caesar.

In response to their question, Jesus points to two commandments. The first is from Deuteronomy 6:4 (the **Schema**- Here O Israel), "You must love the Lord your God with everything about you (heart, soul and mind)". As they thought "yes, we know", Jesus brought in the surprise. The second is this: "You must love your neighbour as yourself" - Leviticus 19:18. By putting them together Jesus is emphasising their essential relatedness and how they are intrinsically linked. Thus, the summary of the commandments is LOVE, because God is Love (1 John 4:16).

The word "Love" has Greek roots, and the Greeks have three main ways by which they express love: *EROS*, *PHILIA* and *AGAPE*. In our world today, when people talk of love, it generally revolves around "Eros" (passionate love between a young man and woman) and "Philia" (love of close friends). These two forms of love are incomplete because they are tainted and driven by emotion, benefits, and reward. The purpose of getting something in return is at their core.

When the Greeks thought about the actions and life of Jesus, they saw something that they had never known before. So, they called it *AGAPE* or selfless love. This third kind of love is the most radical, deepest, and highest form of love. It is a completely self-sacrificing love, a love that lacks self-interest, self-gratification, and self-preservation. This kind of love influences us to act in the way God calls us to live and treat others.

Dear friends, Jesus calls us to love completely (with all our heart, soul, and mind) for it is the first and greatest commandment, and then to show that love in action towards all people. St Paul, in 1 Cor.13:4-7, describes this love as patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not unforgiving, it keeps no record of wrongs, but rejoices in the truth, it loves hopes and protects and never fails. **This love looks upwards and around.** Agape is what Jesus commands us to give to one another today. "A new commandment I give to you, *Love one another as I have loved you*" (John 13:35). This love, though connected with emotion and feeling, is ruled and influenced by what is good.

God bless you.

Fr. themelandu uzuegbu



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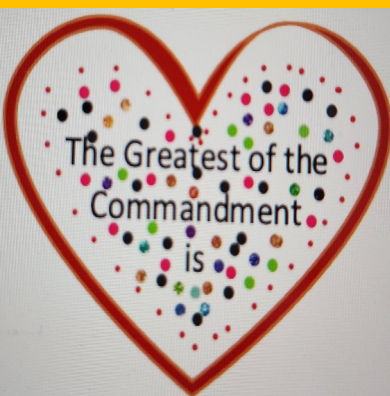
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29th October 2023 —Year A — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51 I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 You turned away from idols to serve God and await His Son.
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	Matthew 22:34-40 You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

5th November 2023 —Year A — Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10 You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 130 In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13. We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 23:1-12 They do not practise what they preach.

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)

Immaculate Conception

7:30am Mass (Sun)

Followed by 24 hr Perpetual

Adoration until Mon 8:30am

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

St John the Baptist

9:00 am Mass (Sun)

5:30pm Mass (Sun)

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun)

KBCC Collections 21st & 22nd October 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$129	\$924
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$397	\$204
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$222	\$521
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$174	\$85



All Saints Day Masses Wednesday 1st Nov:

9:00am at Enoggera & 6:00pm at Wilston.

All Souls Day Masses Thursday 2nd Nov:

9:00am at Enoggera (*no 9am Mass at Wilston this day*)
& 6:00pm at Wilston.

Workshop for a revised Strategic Plan for St John the Baptist Parish. All Welcome!

The workshop is a chance to decide on objectives for our future from which we will formulate some tasks for 2024.

All are welcome to attend and contribute.
Saturday 4 November
2:00—4:00pm at
Enoggera Hall.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 5:00pm

or by appointment

St Columba's

St John the Baptist

KBCC Parish Office Position Vacancy

Good Samaritan and St John the Baptist Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (16 hours per week across 3 or 4 days). For full job description and to apply, please go to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=800660>

Parish Notices

- ◇ **The next Anointing Mass for Seniors** will be held on Thursday 30th November 11:00am at Everton Park Church. Morning tea will follow.
- ◇ **Give Away Organ.** A Gordon Park parishioner has a small working, electric organ in good order. Pls contact the parish office for queries.
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross:** next meeting in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm Thursday 9th November. All current members and visitors are welcome
- ◇ **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'.

150th Anniversary Message Stick



The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

This journey is designed to herald the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane.

The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday, 2024, at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.

**The Message Stick will be welcomed at
Everton Park Mass 9:00am Tues 7th, Enoggera Mass 9:00am
Wed 8th & Wilston Mass 9:00am Thurs 9th**



Wilston Mega Christmas Raffle is on again!

The Wilston Social Committee is looking for any donations that would be suitable for prizes. Please leave at Parish Office. Many Thanks. All proceeds of the raffle to go to a charity of Fr Ithema's choosing.

Attention all Volunteers of the KBCC Parish.

Our annual Volunteers "Thankyou" Dinner will be held this year on Tuesday 5th December in Kedron-Wavell Club at 6:30pm. Please register your attendance and any dietary requirements ASAP, to the Parish Office.



Claim the Date: Bradley Davis' Diaconate Ordination & Thanksgiving Mass

This is to inform the St John the Baptist Parish Enoggera parishioners of the Ordination of our son, Bradley Davis to the diaconate ministry. A deacon is one who serves the people of God just like Stephen, one of the first seven deacons. Deacons are members of the clergy along with priests and bishops.

The ministry of deacons (Acts 6:1-7) has three focal points: service and liturgy of the word. At the liturgy, he assists the bishop and priests. At the Mass, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may be invited to preach the homily by the priest, and assists at the altar.

Date: Friday 17th November Time: 10:00am Venue: Holy Spirit Chapel, ACU (by invitation only)

After the Ordination, we will receive him in the Parish for a Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 19th November 2023 Time: 9:00am.** Morning Tea will follow after mass.



St Columba's Parish would like to thank Joelene for her tireless efforts in running the Morning Tea Ministry at Wilston church over the past three years.

Unfortunately due to personal commitments, Jolene is unable to continue so we are searching for the next leader of our Morning Tea group. Please call the Parish Office if you require further information.



The Flower arranging class held recently at Enoggera hall included a lovely morning enjoyed by all.

Arrangements were created by the attendees, sharing the community spirit across both Parishes.

Parish Advent Preparation

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A PREPARATION DISCUSSION GROUP DURING ADVENT?

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."

Please let us know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you would like to attend any of the Discussion Groups and we will put your name down and get a Resource book for you. They cost \$6.00 each. Last year we had very enjoyable and successful groups, prayerful, peaceful and very powerful. If you can't join us but would like to prepare on your own, we can get you a book so you can prepare at home.

November Liturgy of the Word

You are invited to a 30-minute liturgy to be held at St Carthage's Church at 5:00pm on Friday 17 November.

During November, there is an increased focus on prayer in the Catholic tradition, particularly for the souls of those who have died. Consequently, we would like to take this time to remember our communion in the Body of Christ, and pray into all the emotions we experience as those who mourn the loss of loved ones – including grief, regret, letting go. We hope this will be a refreshing and blessed time for all. The Liturgy of the Word will conclude by 5:30pm, but the church will be open for a further half-an-hour for personal prayer. All are welcome; feel free to invite friends.

Summer School Music Programme

The Cuskelly College of Music Summer School will again be held in Brisbane from

Monday 1 January – Friday 12 January 2024. This exceptional opportunity, featuring internationally acclaimed teachers, is not to be missed! There are streams for singers, instrumentalists, and music teachers. You might wish to participate in the Community Access stream or in the more formalised programme for certification.

Early bird registration closes on Monday 6 November 2023.

For more information please go to <https://cuskellycollegeofmusic.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SS2024-SUMMER-SCHOOL-BROCHURE-compressed.pdf> or if you have any queries, please email office@cuskellymusic.com.

RCIA Invitation to a Meet & Greet

Please come, meet and say hello to the RCIA team. Join us for morning tea or coffee at 11:00am Sunday 26th November 2023 (after the 9:30am Mass at St Columba's Church, Wilston) in the Parish Office, 23 Lovedale St Wilston. Meanwhile, if there is anything about which you would like to have a short chat before the meeting in November, please feel free to ring the office. God bless.

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

We pray for those who are unwell

Jack who has recently had brain surgery (relative of Pat Brown), 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 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, William & Oliver Peuril-Crew, Joshua Price, Janet Quirk, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Brad Tennant, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

1st anniversary for Irene Leeman



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)