

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



3rd December 2023—1st Sunday of Advent—Year B

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday we begin our journey of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year (B). Advent means **coming**. It was first used by pagans to herald the coming of their gods. It was also used for the visit of a king to a city or for his coronation. Christians borrowed this word and applied its various meanings to describe the coming of Jesus into the world and to identify specifically the period the church sets aside to prepare for the Christ's visit.

This Sunday and all through Advent, we are invited to meditate on three things about Jesus' coming. Firstly, we reflect on Jesus' first coming as a baby in Bethlehem, secondly, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, and through the worshipping community, and finally his *Second Coming (Parousia)* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked.

The traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, limited decoration (dried flowers or plain green plants) and the Advent wreath, all of them remind us that **we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness in and through us.**

In the opening of the gospel Jesus admonishes us "Be on your guard, stay awake;" towards the end Jesus repeated "So stay awake, because you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." Mark 13:35-36. Staying awake and being watchful has deep meaning. It means being focussed and observant. It means that I must constantly keep a keen eye on the signs and signals that indicate Jesus' presence around me or His teachings, love, and His call for me to live a life of faith. This is because when we are intentionally awake and watchful, we will be able to recognize the opportunities to grow in faith and closer to Him in obedience and love for others.

Staying awake can take any of these two forms: staying awake doing good things, like Jesus in Mt. 26:39, Noah, Paul in Acts 16:25 and the disciples in Acts 12:6-14 praying for Peter. OR one can stay awake doing bad and evil like most people did in Noah's time or the enemy planting weed in the farm while the owner was asleep Mt. 13:24-27. Saint Augustine gives us a good recipe on to await: "live your life as you would like your death to be". If we await with love, God will satisfy our heart and our hopes.

Benedict XVI explains that "To watch means to follow the Lord, to choose what He has chosen, to love what He has loved, and to conform one's own life to His". Then the Son of Man will come... and the Father will embrace us for resembling his Son. May the Lord's coming find us awake in doing good things in the service of God and humanity. Amen.

Fr Ithemelandu Uzuegbu.

St John the Baptist

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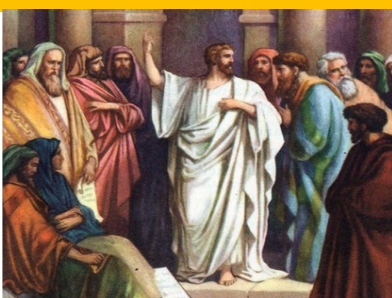
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3rd December 2023 — Year B — First Sunday of Advent of the Universe

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.

10th December 2023 — Year B — Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way for the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 84: 9-14 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3: 8-14 We wait for new heavens and a new earth.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Gospel	Mark 1: 1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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) Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am 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 26th November 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$ 106	\$409
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 401	\$264
Wilston	\$ 1005	\$ 354	\$ 296	\$109
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 427	\$342



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
11:00pm	11:30pm	St Columba's

Christmas Day 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

- ◇ **The Requiem Mass** for Joy McGowan will be held at St Columba's church on Thursday 7th December at 11am
- ◇ **St John the Baptist we will be presenting a Christmas pageant** this year before the Vigil Mass on 24th Dec. All children are invited to attend. We will have a practice at 4pm on Thursday 21st December. If you are unable to attend the practice, come along as angels or shepherds. For more information phone Cecilia Formby 0447 176 760.
- ◇ **SVDP NOTES:** Christmas Cards are for sale in all Churches. Packs of 5 cost \$3. A basket for donated Christmas fare will be at St John the Baptist for next few weeks.
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ **Wilston Church Morning Tea group** are searching for their next leader. 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.

PRIVATE SCREENING – THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM Sunday 10 Dec, 1:00pm at Cineplex South Bank

The greatest story ever told comes to life on the big screen this Christmas and we've booked out the whole cinema to enjoy it with you. This live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family, weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. Starring Fiona Palomo, Milo Manheim, Joel Smallbone and Antonio Banderas. Tickets start from \$14, family discounts available. Tickets must be pre-purchased, they will not be available at the door. Buy your tickets at www.ec.org.au or contact events@ec.org.au. An event hosted by the Emmanuel Community

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 Itheme before Christmas.

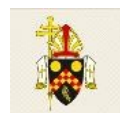


Welcome to the Parish Office

We heartily welcome Joan Whybird, our new parish secretary to KBCC office. Joan works on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 1pm.
Fr. Itheme

Vocation Views

It's Advent, almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him. **Scan the QR code** to find out more, or call 1300 133 544



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 Iheme*

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 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 7th December St Ambrose, bishop, doctor (white)

Friday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Preparing for Christmas

Bruce Downs (The Catholic Guy) invites you to subscribe to his daily devotional emails that will help you experience God in new ways and help you in your spiritual walk. To sign up go to https://brucedownes.org/fp_daily_reg/ and you will start receiving the Advent emails daily starting this Sunday!

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, 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

Sr Margaret Mary Bergan (OLM), Joy McGowan, Monica Doherty, Fernande Cyr

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time