

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



31st December 2023—Feast of the Holy Family



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

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WILSTON

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is the last Sunday of the year 2023 and the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family - the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The family was like every normal family, they shared in human misery, pains and disappointment and even had to flee to Africa-Egypt for safety and protection when the life of Jesus was threatened. But they remained faithful, obedient and were unwavering in their love for one another and God. Hence, the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a model of all Christian families. The gospel today reminds us of the importance of love and obedience in the family and the blessings that comes from them. "Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour before God and man," Luke [2:51-52](#).

Historically, the celebration of Holy Family Sunday was established on the 1893 by Pope Leo XIII in the face of the increasing threat to family values. It was instituted to uphold the traditional catholic teaching on the family as a place where human life is nurtured and protected. In (Nov. 27, 2002), Pope John Paul II said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self."

It is important as we celebrate this feast, that we reflect on our relationship with Jesus, with our family and people around us, especially those that are suffering, neglected and those that are unwelcomed. Also, it reminds us as God's children of Christ's humility and obedience to Mary and Joseph under whose earthly guardian, Jesus first experienced earthly loving care and protection, thus set us an example to follow.

Dear friends, let us search our hearts to see where we are with our relationships with God and our families. Some individual questions we must ask ourselves are: Am I contributing in strengthening the bond of love in my family through solidarity and care? Do I care about others and their plights? Am I obedient to my parents and to God? Do I respect my partner? Do I listen to the worries and concerns of my children? Am I compassionate and forgiving? Do I always put myself first and think of myself alone? In the second reading St. John tells us that as children of God, we are called to believe in the name of Jesus Christ and to love one another and to be obedient to God (1 Jn.3:1-3,21-24).

May Christ whose birth we celebrate at Christmas be born in us. Happy New Year.

Fr. Ithemelandu Uzuegbu

31st December 2023 — Year B — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading	Isaiah 52: 7-10 All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97: 1-6 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
2nd Reading	Hebrews 1: 1-6 In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 1: 1-18 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

7th January 2024 — Year B — The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading	Isaiah 60: 1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you. Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
2nd Reading	Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 2: 1-12 We have come from the East to worship the King.

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY

Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass

No Weekday Masses from

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th January 2024

FRIDAY

St Columba's

6:30am Mass

Seniors' Anointing Mass and Get Together

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception
Everton Park

11:00am Mass Thursday 25th January 2024

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)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 5:00pm

or by appointment

St Columba's

St John the Baptist

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)

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed from 1:00pm Friday 22nd December 2023 until 9:00am Thursday 4th January 2024

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (QLD) is offering a marriage enrichment seminar for all couples - to encourage heartfelt commitment and improved connection - based on Gary Chapman's "5 Languages of Love"

Who: All couples, married, engaged or thinking about commitment, who want to strengthen their relationship. There is always more" Come and join us.

What: Witness talks based on Gary Chapman's book "The 5 Love Languages."

When: 13th January 2024 from 9-12

RSVP (very important) 10th January 2024 –

formbyd@iprimus.com.au

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel community room. 312 Cavenish Road Coorparoo.

Have a very blessed Christmas. Please encourage as many couples as possible to attend our seminar.

God Bless, Paul & Lynda Roberts

Parish Notices

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- ◇ **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 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** is searching for their next leader. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

KBCC Collections 9th & 10th December 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$ 252	\$194	\$ 114	\$648
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$ 217	\$243
Wilston	\$ 1005	\$354	\$ 407	\$461
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$ 181	\$ 35



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@stopline.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 sisters 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.

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*

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, Biddy 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, 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, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

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

Joy McGowan

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

Nola Gibney