

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



3rd March 2024 — Year B — 3rd Sunday of Lent



## St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,  
ENOGERA

## 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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From this Sunday until the 5th Sunday of Lent, we will be reading year A instead of our usual Year B readings. This is because, in our community, we have some “elects” on their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church. When such is the case in a parish, the church advises that it is most appropriate for readings of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent to come from “Year A”. This then coincides with the time of the Scrutinies of the Catechumens.

Today, as we delve into an interesting long story from the Gospel of John 4:5-42, we see the profound encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Hungry from a long journey, the disciples went into town to buy food, while Jesus remained by the well. Then at an unusual hour of the day the Samaritan woman approached. Historians and theologians suggest that her timing may have been due to the bad name she had in the community, likely stemming from her life choices and broken relationships.

The woman sought water, but her thirst ran deeper than mere physical need; it was a thirst born of the absence of God in her life. In encountering Jesus, she received the life-changing gift of living water - a deep friendship with the Messiah. This encounter transformed her life, restoring her dignity and leading her to become a missionary to her community, as she proclaimed to her people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!"

In every gathering as people of faith, we unite around stories meant to guide, correct and inspire us on our journey of faith (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The plight of the Samaritan woman mirrors the discontent of the Jews in the first reading. As humans, we yearn for health, love, support, understanding and connection. When these thirsts remain unquenched, it often leads to despair, isolation and emotional pain.

Yet, the good news is that Jesus shares in our thirst, longing for our souls to be united with Him. We discover our true fulfilment in God, much as the woman at the well, and as St Augustine so famously said, "You have made us for Yourself, Oh Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You".

Are you feeling isolated, rejected, unloved, or longing for material possessions and human approval? These desires cannot satisfy the deeper thirst for God. Instead, when we seek Jesus, He transforms us and offers us the water of life - His peace. God always takes the initiative, beckoning us to drink from the spring of life. Jesus' presence at the well before the woman's arrival was no coincidence; it was a demonstration of God's benevolence and love, meeting us where we are and lifting us up.

The readings assure us that in every human thirst and its effects, God reveals Himself as loving, caring, and even more eager for our souls than we can comprehend. When we come to Jesus, He reveals our emptiness but does not abandon us there. Instead, He teaches us how to fill the void, not from external sources, but from within. It begins with acknowledging our need for Jesus, His care, and sometimes His correction to foster spiritual growth. As we reflect on this encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, may we be inspired to seek the living water that He offers, knowing that in Him, our deepest thirsts find their true satisfaction.

Amen.  
Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



**BRUCE DOWNES**  
THE CATHOLIC GUY

PARISH MISSION EVENT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
131 South Pine Rd, Enoggera QLD  
4-7 March 2024



### 3rd March 2024 - Year A - Third Sunday of Lent

As our Parish has Elect (Catechumens), the First Scrutiny is celebrated today. Year A readings are to be used when the Scrutinies are celebrated.

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Ex 17:3-7</b> Give us water to drink.
<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>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8</b> The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 4:5-42</b> The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

### 10th March 2024 - Year A - Third Sunday of Lent

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13</b> In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 22</b> The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Eph 5:8-14</b> Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 9:1-41</b> The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**Is your Safeguarding Training due for renewal?** If so, join the Office for Safeguarding Training on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for the first 2024 Safeguarding Training webinar.

#### 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)

*St Carthage's*

8:00am Mass (Sun) *Followed by*

*24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am*

#### 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

#### STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday at 6:00pm  
during Lent there will be  
Stations of the Cross at  
St Columba's Church  
Wilston



As part of the celebrations for the **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen**, on the weekend 10/11 May 2024, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Umberto Clerici will perform **Mass in C minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** in the Cathedral. There are three different times and tickets are available from the QSO website

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

#### Parish Notices

- ◇ **Volunteers are required for St Columba's Easter Triduum.**  
Please see roster at the back of the church for places to be filled. Insert your name and contact details beside the duty with which you are able to assist.
- ◇ **Knights of the Southern Cross** next monthly meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church, Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024
- ◇ **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'.
- ◇ Does anyone have a BBQ they would like to donate to the St John the Baptist parish? At the recent School Mass, the organisers had trouble using the current BBQ

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2024,  
envelopes are available at the back of the church.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today  
and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH  
EASTER RAFFLE  
A LARGE HAMPER TO THE VALUE OF \$100  
Tickets on sale this weekend  
\$2 each or 6 for \$10  
All monies to go to the Kiribati Appeal**



**KBCC Solidarity with the Catholic Parish of St  
Therese, Kiritimati, Republic of Kiribati**

I appeal to our generous parishioners, for the love of God, to help our sister parish St Therese in Kiritimati, Kiribati, with their Parish Project on Ronton. The first part of the project is to construct five units of the "Guest House" estimated to cost \$120,000AUD.

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.

*Fr Iheme*

**Upcoming Feast Days:**

Catholic feast days are any days we remember and celebrate something or someone important to our faith. The word *feast* comes from the Latin *festes*, meaning 'joy' and symbolises a time of celebration.

**Kedron Brook Catholic Community  
PARISHIONERS**

SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND  
GET TOGETHER

THURSDAY 21 March 2024 11:00AM

at  
St Columba's Wilston

Please contact Parish Office with your  
acceptance for catering purposes

**ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE**, a progressive multicultural Catholic coeducational college in the Edmund Rice tradition for students in Years 5 – 12, is now accepting **enrolments FOR YEAR 5**. For more information, attend the upcoming **ENROLMENT INFORMATION Session Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Bursaries and scholarships are available.

ENQUIRIES to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, 3230 8600 or [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au). [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



THE GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*Music Department Presents:*

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

**31ST MARCH 2024 AT 9:30 AM**

*FEATURING LITURGICAL MUSIC PERFORMED BY:*

**THE QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM  
CHAMBER BRASS ENSEMBLE**



THE JOINT SCHOLA COMPRISING ALUMNI FROM

**ST. LAURENCE'S COLLEGE &**

**ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL**

*DIRECTED BY*

**DANIEL JONJIC**



**KBCC Collections 24/25 February 2024**

	D/Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$252	\$194	\$169	\$631
<b>Everton Park</b>	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$437	\$293
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1005	\$354	\$282	\$911
<b>Gordon Park</b>	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$189	\$ 77

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

*Kelly Burton, Paul Downie, Joe Santora, Brad Tennant,  
Donn Anderson, Fran & Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano,  
Yvonne Boyle, Natasha Carlin, Irene Savage, Ave Forzisi*

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

Frances Johnson  
(Mother of Rosa De Jong De Silva)

***We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur  
about this time***

Colin James Savage



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@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au) or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)



## LENTEN EVENT 2024

### The Catholic Guy is at Kedron Brook Catholic Community!

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

131 South Pine Road, Enoggera QLD.

**"BE CHANGED...BE RENEWED... BE INSPIRED"**

Session 1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm repeated Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am

Session 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm repeated Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am

Session 3 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm repeated Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 am

Session 4 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm.



ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON  
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



## ST COLUMBA'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

TERM 1 DATES: 11 FEB, 10 MAR, 24 MAR

Children gather in a safe and caring environment during Liturgy of the Word and are guided by parent volunteers in activities related to the weekly gospel, returning to mass for the offertory procession.

We look forward to seeing you there!

9:30AM, ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

### St Patrick's Day - Invitation to Mass

As St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, the Mass of the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated on Monday 18 March instead. The Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> will be of that of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and liturgically has precedence. However, we, of the St Patrick's Day Parade Association who have organised the Mass on St Patrick's Day for some years now, nevertheless wish to acknowledge St Patrick's Day and so we invite you to the 10:00am Mass this year in St Stephen's Cathedral on the 17<sup>th</sup> and join fellow members of the Irish Community in celebrating Ireland's National Day. While the Mass itself will not have the same "Irish" input as in previous years, it is still an opportunity to come together and pray for the well-being of all us in the Irish diaspora. And we will still give you the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends afterwards over the tea/coffee refreshments that we will provide. Also put in your diary that the Annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place in the City on Saturday 16 March starting at 10:30am.



Many RCIA teams and many more catechumens gathered at St Stephen's Cathedral for the Rite of Election on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. Our group gathered at the Cathedral to celebrate with our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates - all 10 of them. This is one of the rituals in the RCIA that is included in the initiation process. The main reason for us performing this rite is to acknowledge the Church's admittance of the catechumens and the blessing of the candidates who have made the choice to be Catholic. Another of the purposes of the rite is to introduce the catechumens to the Archbishop. It was to impress upon the catechumens that they are joining the Catholic Church, which is made up of many, many parishes — not just their home parish. Moreover, the Rite of Election is viewed as the catechumens' final choice to be baptised — a big public declaration that they

have finally decided to sign up, literally. Their names are called out in the ceremony and they sign their names in the Book of the Elect. These are the dominant themes we see in the Rite of Election: the Candidates, who are invited to attend with their Sponsors, meet the Archbishop, are welcomed to the larger church, and make public their decision to become Catholic.

The RCIA catechumens and candidates have now entered into the period of Enlightenment and Purification. It is a time of reflection, intensely centred on conversion, marked by the celebration of scrutinies and presentations and the preparation for the rites on Holy Saturday.

Please let us pray for our Elect and our Candidates that they may continue to ponder God's word, to strengthen their life of prayer and to reject what is displeasing and contrary to God's ways.

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)