

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



3rd September 2023—22nd Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

Are You Willing to Act and Live as An Authentic Disciple?

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

(Matthew 16: 21-27)

Think about this statement for a while. Does it not sound frightening? Looking at the first reading you see prophet Jeremiah expressing his anguish, frustration and despair as a result of the attacks and rejection directed at him because of his prophetic ministry. He lamented: **“O Lord, you have deceived me..., for the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long,”** (Jer. 20:7-9).

In the first and gospel readings, we see two pictures that show that life is not a bed of roses neither is the call to follow Jesus going to be a kind of “Eldorado” where everything is fine, without stress and so beautiful. These are crosses in our lives in one way or the other. The gospel shows that, as Christians, we are called to a radical discipleship. The call to radical discipleship demands that we must look beyond the challenges of life and faith and focus on the glory that lies hidden in the cross. Even in real life experiences we know that nothing good comes so easy. To pluck a rose flower, one must get past the thorns in the rose tree. Every achievement and growth in life demands effort and sacrifice, so is the race for heaven.

The Cross is a sign of love that promises hope and life. The cross comes to us in different ways and sizes. We deal with crosses in our day-to-day life. For young people, crosses in life can be that time you are tempted to avoid helping a friend, a brother or sister to get by with the homework when Netflix or our favorite game or show is on and beckoning us. Sacrificing the personal pleasure due to love of helping someone out and doing the right things instead of choosing that which is easy is being an authentic disciple and carrying the cross.

One Christian virtue everyone needs at challenging times is courage. Being courageous is the ability to embrace the struggles and the fears that surround one with the believe that we have a God who never fails anyone who trust in Him.

The gospel invites us to be courageous to lose that which is in us that alienates us from the gospel and love of Jesus. It challenges us to stand for our Christians convictions and values even when it causes us stress and makes us uncomfortable. So what do we get from carrying our crosses? It is the hope of an unimaginable reward that awaits anyone who did not lose faith in Jesus and who goes out of one’s way to put smiles on the faces of others. Let us take to heart the admonitions of St Paul “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind to what is good and acceptable and perfect”.

God bless you!

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

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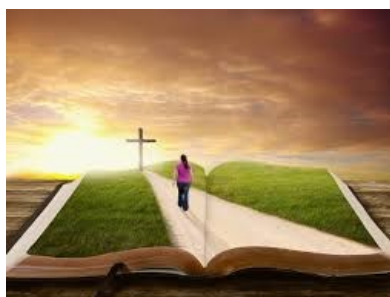
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National Child Protection Week starts on Sunday 3 September!

Let’s Join forces to prevent Child maltreatment!

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 3rd September 2023—Year A —22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Jeremiah 20: 7-9	The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 62:2-6, 8-9	My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading	Romans 12:1-2	May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Gospel Acclamation		Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27	Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10th September 2023 — Year A – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Ezekiel 33:7-9	I will lead the foreigners to my Holy Mountain.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9	O God let all the nations praise you!
Second Reading	Romans 13:8–10	Love is the fulfilment of the Law.
Gospel Acclamation	2 Cor. 5:19	Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 18:15–20	If your brother or sister listens to you, you have won that person back.

MASS INFORMATION

Collections 27th & 28th August 2023

MONDAY

Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY

Immaculate Conception

8:30am Rosary followed by

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

St John the Baptist

8:40am Rosary

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

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$45	\$318
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$377	\$229
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$159	\$109
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$402	\$613

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO
RIVERFIRE on SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023
 AFTER THE SPECIAL
 TIME OF 5:30 PM MASS
 List at back of the church for parishioners attending
 We will provide DRINKS, NIBBLES AND PIZZAS
 Fireworks commence at 6:45pm GOLD COIN DONATION ALL WELCOME

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Columba's

5:00pm Vigil Mass (Sun)

9:30am Mass (Sun)

NB: Mass (Sat) 2nd Sept 5:30pm

St John the Baptist

9:00 am Mass

5:30pm Mass (Sun)

Immaculate Conception

7:30am Mass (Sun)

Followed by 24 hr Perpetual

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun)

MULTICULTURAL MASS
 "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"
 POPE FRANCIS

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Multicultural Mass in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be celebrated in September. The Event is aimed at celebrating as a community of faith the various Cultural Communities and the diversity within the Catholic Church and our Archdiocese.

RECONCILIATION

Adoration until Mon 8:30am

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

Saturday 4:30pm *St Columba's*

Sunday 5:00pm *St John the Baptist*


Date: Sunday 24th September 2023

Time: Mass at 2:30pm followed by refreshments and performances


Location: St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City

Parish Notices

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd September 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 131 South Pine Road Enoggera.
- ◇ **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 9:30 & 10:00am. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786.
- ◇ Senior's Mass with Anointing Thurs, 28th Sept 2023, Time 11:00am St Columba's Church Wilston.
- ◇ Past mothers of Gregory Terrace students invited 10:30am Mass & morning tea on 10th Sept 2023 in Chapel. Cost \$25 per head. RSVP Anna Wright email: TLG@terrace.qld.edu.au or call 0458153103.
- ◇ Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - We meet for one hour once a month - Monday. Date to be confirmed. If you are interested in future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.



ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT




ST COLUMBA'S FAMILY MASS

WE INVITE ALL ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR TERM 3
FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER AT ST COLUMBA'S.

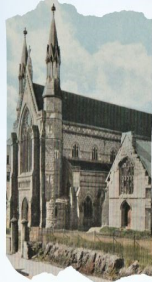
We would also like to invite volunteers to help with reading, liturgical dance or offertory procession. Please email stcolumbas.family.mass@gmail.com with your preferred role by 3 September.

We look forward to seeing you there.

TIME: 9:30AM WITH MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW



Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd,
email: todd00@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
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The proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Background to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years, their cultural and spiritual connection to country expressed through their history, music, language, songs, art and dancing. Their custodianship is not recognised in the Australian Constitution, and a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this. This proposal was requested by those who gathered at Uluru and presented the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by all levels of Catholic leadership, including the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

What can you do? Please prayerfully consider your own position

Archbishop Mark certainly acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding this referendum.

All Catholics are urged to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives.

Another important step you can take is to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

The conversations about reconciliation are sometimes difficult and there are many considerations in this complex situation. Please also remember our Indigenous brothers and sisters in prayer during this time.

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

8th September 2023 - Feast of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Colour - White



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)

THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing the First Communion celebrations in the last two weekends in our Parish communities. Thank you to all who have contributed to our joyful and momentous occasions in our Parish community. My deep gratitude firstly to Fr Itheme who celebrated at all our First Communion Masses and all our masses at the different stages of the Eucharist Programme. Thank you to our parents and families who have prepared and supported their children; thank you to the school communities, the Principals, APREs who have supported the families throughout the programme. Thank you to the parents in the programme who have made themselves available to mark rolls, mark books, offered to make morning and afternoon teas, help set up and clean up.

Thank you to our teams who have prepared the liturgy, the power point, the hymns and music, to our Sacristans, our extra hands who served as ministers of Holy Communion, readers, altar servers, cleaners and in the church flowers ministry. Thank you also to Kristoffer, our photographer who came to do the photographs for us for the first time.

I would like to thank our cake bakers, Louisa Coleman and Danielle Strickland who made our celebration cakes. I also would like to thank our office staff for their organised help in the registration and messages. Thank you Michelle Giuliani for helping me with the certificates and the remembrances. Finally, I would like to thank Helen Radley and Gay Clements whose reliable help is so critical and ever so huge in this even bigger programme.

It is a great honour and pleasure to share this beautiful Sacramental preparation and celebration with the children, their families and the whole parish. Many thanks for allowing me to do this.

Marie-Louise Singson
Pastoral Coordinator

Happy Father's Day

We wish all Dads, Grandads, Uncles and father-figures a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday September 3. May your day be filled with love coupled with the laughter and hugs of those who are most close to you.



May every "clever" comment you make, every funny joke that you crack and every funky idea that you share be matched with the big belly laugh and compliments that you so deserve (even if it is just being kind to you for the day).

Father Itheme and the Parish office staff wish all Fathers out there in the Parish community a Happy Father's Day. May you all enjoy Wonderful Father's Day surrounded by your loved ones. May your spoiling be endless ... even if it's only for just a day!

God bless all of you!

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Zilva, Biddy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Sherry Henriksen, 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, Joshua Price, Janet Quirk, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan (OLN)

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

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

John Murphy, Dr Lawrence Paul Brunello