

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



5th November 2023—31st Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A



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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ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO WALK THE TALK AND TO STAY TRUE TO OUR BELIEFS

The readings of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time A, call us to reflect about our lives as individuals to see if we are living the kind of life that God, our Creator calls us to live. They remind us that our life as Christians must include that of a humble, loving, and caring service of God and our fellow human beings. Although the readings address those in authorities particularly, they have something for all of us. If we have anyone who looks up to us, the readings address us. If you have a gift and talent, there is a message for you as well. Even if you are just a follower, there is a message for you too. This is because we all have been baptised and have made promises to God that need to be fulfilled.

In the first reading, the prophet, Malachi, condemns the priests of his time who were not only irresponsible and proud, but also lazy priests. They were not true to their calling. "You have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, said the Lord of hosts, and so I will make you despised and abased before the people". These words are said against them because they did not walk the talk neither were they true to their beliefs. A similar tone is heard in today's Gospel, Jesus called out the Jewish leaders (scribes and pharisees) who were living a hypocritical life. Their actions were different from their words and preaching.

Contrary to the lives of the priests, scribes and pharisees in our first and gospel readings, St Paul in his letter to the Thess. 2:7-9.13 (second reading) presents himself as a man who walked his talks as he never burdened or sought personal gains from his ministry. He was an ideal example of a servant leader and one you and I should emulate wherever we find ourselves in the church or the wider community.

As a priest, parent, guardian, teacher, civil leader, and as one in position of power, we are called to ask ourselves what type of a leader am I? Whose example am I following? Am I true to my promises and do I walk the talk? Christ-like leadership is what we are called to embrace. It is a servant leadership of integrity and honesty, and devoid of double standards. You and I are called to show in our way of life and actions a deep sense of equality and mutual respect with others. Let us go today resolved to walk the talk by engaging in humble and selfless service, other than in the pursuit of status and power.

God bless you.

Fr. Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

The greatest among you must be your servant.

Matthew 23:11

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.

12th November 2023 —Year A — Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for it.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 62:2-8 My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13 Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

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 28th & 29th October 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$117	\$593
Everton Park	<i>inc w Enoggera</i>		\$409	\$296
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$417	\$483
Gordon Park	<i>inc w Wilston</i>		\$183	\$151



THANK YOU

Jean and the Netto Family wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Father IHEME and all the Parish Community and our friends for their support, love and prayers on the passing of our beloved GLYN. We are forever grateful for your unwavering support.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

19th December
St Columba's Church,
Wilston
6:00pm-7:00pm

Feast Days this week;

Friday 10th
St Leo the Great,
pope, doctor (white)

Saturday 11th
St Martin of Tours,
Bishop (white)

Fiona from Catholic Mission would like to thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs. Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

◇Parish Notices

- ◇ 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'.
- ◇ Verse for Vinnies final concert 2023. Sunday Nov. 26 1.30pm Cost \$15 Cash Only
St Williams School 67 Dawson Parade Grovely. Book using noel@noelstallard.com

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 Itheme'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 Jolene for her tireless efforts in running the Morning Tea Ministry at Wilston church over the past three years.

Unfortunately due to personal commitments, Joelene 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.

**SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS AND GET TOGETHER
THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023
AT 11:00AM**

*OUR LADY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
18 HALLE STREET EVERTON PARK*

With morning tea to follow in church hall.

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISHIONERS WISHING TO ATTEND
PHONE PARISH OFFICE**

Transport will be provided if required



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)

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Baby Amelia Cross, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Silva, 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, 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 extend our sympathy to all families who have recently lost a loved one

Thomas Healy, Janet Quirk.

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

Tusi Lane, Brian Formby