

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



6th August 2023 — THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,
ENOGERA

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

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St Carthage's

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GORDON PARK

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Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. *The word "Transfiguration" in Greek is "Metamorphosi" and in English - "Metamorphosis,"* which simply means a change in form or appearance. What we celebrate is Jesus' revelation of Himself to His three disciples – Peter, James and his brother, John.

Why did Jesus take them with Him to experience the transfiguration one might ask? The simple answer is that Jesus took the three disciples to the mountain to strengthen them, to reveal Himself to them, and to show them a glimpse of the His glory and the glorious reward that awaits all who will listen to Him, follow Him, and let Him shine through them. Let's bear in mind that this event took place six days after Jesus asked His disciples at Caesarea Philippi, "Who do people say that the son of man is?"

Some facts from the three synoptic gospels: This year's gospel is from year A - Matthew's account - Mt. 17:1-9, in year B, it's Mark 9:2-10, and year C gospel comes from Luke 9:28-36. All three told that Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John to a mountain where He was transfigured in their presence. None of the writers of the gospels named the mountain where Jesus' transfiguration took place, probably because that was not important to them. In biblical sense, *mountain* is a place of encounter with the Lord or a place to listen and draw strength (Ex. 3:1-4; 34:29-35; 1 Kgs 19:8). Today's beautiful gospel tells us that: "Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up in a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence He was transfigured; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with Him".

By giving us the readings, the church wants our reflection to go beyond what happened to Jesus on the mountain - His face dazzling with rays of multiple lights - but what we are reflecting is Christ's light to others as St Peter indicates in the second reading. Are we letting Christ shine in and through us?

My dear friends, before we can reflect Christ and shine onto others, we must allow His light to shine in us to transform us. This can happen if we listen to Him. The voice of the Father calls on us to do exactly that. Listening is a call to obey the Lord and do that which God wants, not what we think that God wants. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the power to be God's witnesses (Acts 1:18). She gives us the power to do what pleases God too - Phil.2:13; Heb. 13:20-21.

May the Transfiguration message bring us encouragement in moments of despair and hope in moments of doubt and hopelessness. Amen.

God bless you and have a great week.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 6TH August 2023 — Year A – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 His raiment was as white as snow.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9 The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth.
Second Reading	2 Peter 1:16– 19: We heard this voice from out of heaven.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: Listen to Him. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9: His face was shining like the sun.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th August 2023 — Year A – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	1 Kings 19:9, 11- 13: Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 84: 9 - 14: R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Second Reading	Romans 9: 1 - 5: I would willing be condemned if it could help my people.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33: Command me to come to you over the water.

MASS INFORMATION

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

Collections 29th & 30th July 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$57	\$536
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$309	\$225
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$116	\$78
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$302	\$396

As to further strengthen the authentic and life giving connection between the St. John the Baptist Parish and Our Lady of the Assumption, a children's liturgy will be held on the final Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 27th August at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera.

These responsive and age-appropriate sessions will assist attendees in breaking open the Gospel through supporting discussion prompts and hands on activities.

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) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>	St Carthage's 8:00am Mass (Sun)



All are welcome to attend!

RECONCILIATION

Friday after 6:30am Mass	St Columba's
Saturday 4:30pm	St Columba's
Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	St John the Baptist

'SIGNS OF HOPE— PEOPLE OF FAITH ' THREE SEQ CONCERTS with PETER KEARNEY

*THE GAP / ST JOHN'S WOOD. MONDAY July 31st, 7:30pm.
ST JOHN'S WOOD/THE GAP PARISH HALL, 41 Chaprowe Rd. The Gap.*

Donations welcome. Cuppa at conclusion.

*BURLEIGH WATERS. WEDNESDAY August 2nd, 7:00pm.
MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters.*

*Donations welcome. Wine & cheese at interval.
WAVELL HEIGHTS. THURSDAY August 3rd, 6:30pm.*

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 9:00 am mass the Enoggera Hall. Please contact the parish office if it is what God is calling you to do for our community and children.
- ◇ Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30 & 10:00am Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786
- ◇ EVERTON PARK GUILD is holding a get-together of Guild Ladies on Wednesday 9th August at 10:30 am in the Parish Centre. We will recite the Rosary for the intentions of the Parish and then enjoy morning tea. Maureen Wilson said the welcome mat is out for all ladies and please bring something to share.
- ◇ **Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group - We will be meeting for one hour on Monday 24th July at 7:00pm in a private home. If you are interested in, or interested in being advised of, future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401 308 665 or Andrew 0417 990 727.**



Save The Date
Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023
Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023

2023 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



Our local Conference of **SVDP, St John the Baptist**, presents a musical afternoon of entertainment provided by the local Second Wind Community Band. All proceeds go to SJB Vinnies. Tickets on sale now!
When: Sunday, 13 August 2023
2:00pm - 4:30pm.
Where: Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside St, Everton Park
Tickets: \$15 – email to sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au or book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CJLWO>

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK:

- * 8th August *St Mary of the Cross* *White*
- * 10th August *St Lawrence* *Red*
- * 11th August *St Clare* *White*

15TH AUGUST FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF BVM

9:00 am OLIC Everton Park
6:00 pm St. Columba's Wilston

New Scripture study opportunity right here in our local area— at Grovelly Hub. Catholic Foundations Mod 2: Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures (a free-standing module that can be done by anyone.)

WHEN: Thursdays, starting 24 August: 3:45pm start. Refreshments from 3:15

WHERE: Grovelly Hub (Daley Centre, behind St William's) **WHO:** Everyone!

WHAT: 1 Live presentation + 9 Video presentations that move the Scriptures 'beyond words on a page to words that change lives'

HOW MUCH: \$15 per session i.e. \$150 group/Hub discount price for 10 sessions, payable upon registration.

HOW TO REGISTER: 1. go to www.catholicformation.au->Register for Module 2.

Enter the Coupon Code MOD2HUBS. Type Grovelly in the Hub-name box at the end.

2. Email michele.endicott@gmail.com

Please see flyers at back of Church
Catholic Foundations Module Two



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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)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation /Penance

Reconciliation is officially called the Sacrament of Penance.

In the past, it was also called Confession. These titles are all aspects of the meaning of the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Penance is a celebration of God's love and mercy. It celebrates the call to repentance after a process of conversion of heart.

This includes confessing our sins (termed *bad choices* for the children doing First Communion) and receiving the forgiveness of God through the ministry of the Priest. Through this process, a person is reconciled with the Church and continues to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

When do the children celebrate Reconciliation?

Individual Reconciliation (Rite I) is celebrated in Year 5 in our parishes. They are prepared by the Parish with the children's parents and it is celebrated in the first term of the year or at other times by appointment with Father as long as they have been prepared and are deemed by their parents that they are ready in consultation with the sacramental coordinator and Father. This Rite is meant to give the children the opportunity for personal prayer and individual spiritual direction to enable them to 'set their young lives on the right path'!

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Rite II) is celebrated in parish with the children in Year 4 preparing for 1st Communion. Jesus demonstrated his solicitude for children by healing them and raising them from death. He restored life to Jairus' daughter (cf. Mk 5:21-43; Mt 9:18-25; Lk 8:41-56) and the son of the widow of Nain (cf. Lk 7:11-17). He healed an epileptic boy and the demon-possessed daughter of a Greek woman (cf. Mt 15:21-28, 17:14-18; Mk 7:24-30; Lk 9:37-43).

His fundamental concern was always for the spiritual development of children. The greatest gift which God the Father can give to anyone, including children, is faith in His only Son. Jesus declared that the Father reveals His Son to children more readily than to the clever (cf. Lk 10:21; Mt 11:25).

Recalling these examples of Jesus' attention to children sets the proper context for helping children examine their conscience and preparing them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament allows Jesus to express His love for children today. Through it, He continues to influence their lives; He demonstrates His power to heal them, to free them from the bondage of sin and to raise them to new life. In turn, this sacrament allows children to come to know and love Jesus. For these reasons, Jesus still exhorts us: "Let the children come!"

Our 2nd Rite programme starts with talking about bad or poor choices and some of their bad choices break relationships with God and the person whom they have hurt. We get them to reflect on their day (make an examination of conscience) and to think about their responsibilities towards God and towards others. We also read, talk about and reflect on the Parables in the Bible about Zacchaeus and The Prodigal Son. And make them realise that above all these, God loves them so much that He will always forgive them.

Marie-Louise Singson

Pastoral Co-ordinator

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Sheila de Zilva, Bidy 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.

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time