

KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



7th April 2024 - Year B - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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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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My Lord and my God



The Power of Peace and Mercy

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the readings' themes, as I see it, are Peace (Shalom) and God's Mercy (Hesed). According to the ways of the world, mercy does not really make sense, but this is the very faith St Paul speaks of as that which 'conquers the world': forgiveness begets forgiveness, mercy begets mercy, love begets love (Second Reading). Our need for, and joy in, such graces is echoed in the Psalm, where we can join with the psalmist in saying: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!' Our psalm reminds us that we need to celebrate today, for this is the day the Lord has made and with it comes God's gifts including peace and mercy.

In the 1st Reading, The Acts of the Apostles shows that the mercy of the risen Lord continues to be poured out through the ministry of His apostles, while in the Gospel we see Jesus himself being the model for mercy for His fearful and doubtful friends. The Gospel today covers from the Easter Sunday right through the Easter week and until the week after. The first part is Jesus' appearance to the 10 Apostles who were gathered in fear. They knew Jesus died. They saw him die (from a distance, except for John who was at the foot of the cross). They've heard that Jesus is alive and has appeared to some of the women followers. They were all grappling with disbelief and trying to understand how Jesus could be alive! And even if Jesus were alive, what sort of relationship could they have with Jesus after they had denied Him and abandoned Him at His most trying time?

And then, Jesus appeared to the Apostles even through locked doors! His gift to them was "Peace" – Shalom – which means not only peace but also reconciliation and restored relationships. Jesus did not question them about their denial and desertion. He did not question them about their denial or their disbelief about what the women told them. Jesus spoke to them about being back with them in a more glorified way and He also imparted the Spirit of God that is of a renewed life! Not only did Jesus forgive them but also He made them ambassadors of peace and reconciliation – to announce merciful forgiveness to others. Thomas remained an unbeliever for the next seven days, since Jesus did not manifest Himself again to them for a week. It is only when Thomas saw Jesus with the nail holes in His hands and feet that Thomas became a believer. Thomas declared his faith in one of the most powerful phrases: "My LORD and my GOD!" With that realisation and profession of faith comes a new sense of Peace.

What does all this say to us today? It speaks about Peace (*Shalom*) and Loving Mercy (*Hesed*), especially after the daily news of pain, death, strife and conflict even in families, violent killings in schools and other places, war and conflict, so much unrest, violence and division in our world like Ukraine and the Middle East. Peace is more than just the absence of conflict.

What could it mean for us? It means that we must arm ourselves with the power of prayers. Yet, more than prayers is demanded. We must work for reconciliation and peace right where we are, where we live, where we can have an effect on others! We must be sure that we are reconciled with those around us, in our family, in our work places, in our faith community. That demands that we see others not as opponents or in competition, but as equal children of a GOD Who is Father of us all, the Risen Lord and Spirit. It will require us to love them in fulfilment of the command of Jesus – to love them the same way that Jesus loves – unconditionally, peacefully and mercifully. *To be cont on page 3.....*



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@stoline.com.au or 1300 304 550 (for anonymous reports)

Second Sunday of Easter — 7th April 2024 — Year B

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35 The whole group was united, heart and soul.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.
Second Reading 1 John 5: 1-6 Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!
Gospel John 20: 19-31 After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Third Sunday of Easter — 14th April 2024 — Year B

First Reading Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised Him from the dead.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9 Lord, let your face shine on us.
Second Reading 1 John 2: 1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!
Gospel Luke 24: 35-48 It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

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) followed by

24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am

St Carthage's

8:00am Mass (Sun) followed by

24 hr adoration

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

Masses SECOND Week after EASTER

8th April - Monday - 9:00am

Immaculate Conception

9th, 10th, 11th and 12th April - NO MASSES TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

Masses Third Week after Easter

Masses as usual—see panel to the left

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, David Beattie, Yvonne Boyle, Kelly Burton, Natasha Carlin, Bevan Johnson, Dawn Marano, Joe Santora, Irene Savage

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

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occurs about this time



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist

Do you have a connection to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen?
 Have you or your family celebrated Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion in the Cathedral?
 Were you part of our Rite of Election this year?

You are invited to Celebrate 150 Years of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Sunday 21 April 2024 @ 10:00am Mass Cathedral of St Stephen

raap: Thursday 18 April 2024
 e: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
 t: 3324 3030



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

KBCC promised to donate \$10,000 for the construction of five units as part of the "Guest House Project" at St Therese's in Kiritimati.

We have received some wonderful donations from our generous parishioners so far. Donated funds are heading towards the half way mark!

If you are able to donate, please enclose in an envelope marked "Kiritimati" and place it in the collections plate.

Attention: Year 3 students who have been Baptised and those above who have been Baptised and have postponed celebrating Confirmation:

Please Remember these Important Confirmation Dates:

17th & 19th May for Wilston and 24th & 26th May for Enoggera.

1. Sacramental Information Session for Parents for the **CONFIRMATION. Attend on:**

- *Tuesday 16th April 2024 at St Columba's Church Wilston at 10:30am OR 7:00pm, OR*
- *Thursday 18th April 2024 at St John The Baptist, Enoggera at 7:00pm.*

You must bring your Child's Birth & Baptismal Certificates to the meeting. We are required to have a copy of these certificates to be part of the Programme. As we lack the personnel to collect these certificates later, it is difficult to do so.

2. Rite of Enrolment & Family Workshops :

- *Saturday 27th April 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass OR*
- *Sunday 28th April 2024 St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am workshop OR*
- *St John the Baptist Church 9:00am Mass only OR*
- *St John the Baptist Enoggera 3:30pm workshop and 5:30pm for Mass.*

3. Retreat and Practice:

- *Saturday 11th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 3:00pm Workshop and 5:00pm Mass OR*
- *Sunday 12th May 2024 at St Columba's Church, Wilston 9:30am Mass and 11:00am Retreat & Practice OR*
- *St John the Baptist Church 9:00am Mass only OR*
- *St John the Baptist Enoggera 3:30pm Retreat & Practice and 5:30pm for Mass.*

With peace and blessings,

Marie-Louise Singson (Pastoral Coordinator)

Archbishops Vocations Dinners

Each year, the Archbishop invites young women and men considering discerning priesthood or religious life to attend a Vocations dinner with him at his home.

Are there faithful and single men and women in your community who could be suitable candidates to attend?

Please discuss this possibility with them, and submit their names with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Archbishop's
VOICATIONS DINNER 2024
for WOMEN 18 APRIL

Archbishop's
VOICATIONS DINNER 2024
for MEN 23 MAY

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To live like the early Christians in our First Reading, we must work towards being of one mind and heart. It means that, in order for God to use our sharing to enrich others, we must be willing to offer everything we have and are. This is a humanly possible mission because of God's help. The message of Jesus' Resurrection is that it is possible. With the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' word of "Shalom" and His manifestation of Divine Mercy transformed the 11 disciples. Peace and Mercy changed the lives of the early Christians. With GOD, lives change; Peace and mercy are real! All we need do is tap into that **Shalom** power and the **Hesed** - Divine Mercy - flowing from the Risen Lord and from GOD's Holy Spirit. Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!

Marie-Louise Singson

Pastoral Coordinator

Ref: Henry Morris 2015 Wonderful Words of Power Mercy and Peace



EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Dear Parishioners and families,

A Happy and holy Easter to you all!
May the holy Easter Triduum Liturgy and Easter Sunday Liturgy help us truly appreciate more deeply the Paschal Mystery – a time to die and rise to new life in Christ.

It is “Good News” that each and every Good Friday in our lives can be transformed into an Easter Sunday. There is no pain or sorrow, and not even death itself that can defeat us: all is made new in the risen Christ.

May all of us receive a deeper share in Jesus’ gift of peace: “Peace be with you”, the Risen Christ greets each of us. I pray that you receive the blessings of Christ’s peace, a peace which often the world cannot give.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including the Masses on Easter Sunday! This includes welcomers, readers, servers, extraordinary ministers, collectors, counters, sacristans, cleaners, our office volunteers and all who helped in the preparations for the Easter liturgies.

A special word of thanks to the musicians and singers for sharing your gifts and talents.

Congratulations and blessings to our *RCIA Elect* and *Candidates* who celebrated their full Communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil. Pats on their backs and a hearty “Good on Ya” to Sarah, Koby, Finn, Lisa, Shane, Zoe, Geoff, Luke and Ben!

Another special word of acknowledgement to our Parish team members who are always called upon to put their hands up in the preparation of the Easter Liturgies.

Again, a very happy and blessed Easter to each of you, and to your families on behalf of *Fr Ihemelandu, Joan, Majella, Cherylann and the Parish Team.*

With peace and blessings, *Marie-Louise Singson*

ALIVE

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE



Archbishop Mark has a message for you...

It seems only a few weeks since the Christmas holidays and here we are at Easter. It’s an early Easter – our earliest in almost a decade – and it offers a chance to reflect and reset in our busy lives. When we strip back the Easter story, it’s about a new vision of what’s possible, which really means it’s about hope. Death becomes life. Defeat becomes victory. Love, not evil, has the last word. That’s true hope. Well done to our students on reaching the end of this first term. And thanks to our staff for all that they do to help our young people learn and grow. Happy Easter...and enjoy the school holidays.



REMINDER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HIGH TEA TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN AUSTRALIA

1pm, Sat, 25th May, 2024

The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes

To RSVP contact - Leisha & Joseph

Phone: 0481 307 821 |

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au



ST COLUMBA'S

ST COLUMBA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY HOLDING ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS FOR PREP 2025.

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 AND BEYOND ARE WELCOME.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 3356 9866

OR VISIT

WWW.STCOLUMBASWILSTON.QLD.EDU.AU

Twilight
OPEN DAY
Thursday 9 May
3.30 – 6.00



Register your attendance

mtmaria.qld.edu.au



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