

# KEDRON BROOK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



**8th October 2023—27th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A**

## YOU ARE THE “NEW ISRAEL” CALLED TO BE FRUITFUL

The image of “Vineyard” cuts across all the readings of today’s readings, except in the second reading, which highlights and brings out a main theme that is fruitfulness that is at the heart of and common to all the readings today. The images tell us how God value us as His people and what is expected of us. Hence today we are reminded of the significance of bearing fruit in the Christian life.

The first reading from prophet *Isaiah, the house of Israel is the Vineyard of the Lord that God loves*. The prophet went on to describe how God’s care for, and support of, his vineyard, His Chosen People Israel, to bear good fruit in relation to the love and blessings that God has lavished upon her. However, disappointingly, God’s Chosen People have failed to bear fruit in spite of the blessings that Lord of Host has lavished upon them. They prove themselves to have been poor tenants in the Lord’s vineyard. Hence, in the gospel, God laments: “*I expected my vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?*” God was disappointed at the unfaithfulness of, and lack of fruits by, the chosen people.

In the gospel, though, Jesus took up the image of the vineyard with a contrast. In the first reading, Isaiah says that the vineyard will be destroyed for its inability to bear fruit after the love and care lavished upon her. Jesus, on the other hand, in the gospel declared that the wicked and untrustworthy tenants will be replaced and the vineyard kept. God never gives up on us, even when we stayed away and reject Him. The Psalmist captured this in the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 80). The Psalmist pleads with God to look down from Heaven and to “*take care of this vine,*” knowing that if any good is to come of the vine, it will be the doing of God, not the people.

My dear friends, God has called us as the “new Israel” and people of God in Christ Jesus. We are called to be a fruitful vineyard. Through baptism, we received the love and grace of God necessary for bearing fruits of love, peace, obedience to God and mercy. Yes, God is love and compassion, but we need not take God and His words for granted, for there is consequent accountability for every action both loving ones and those of spiritual sterility, ingratitude, and wickedness.

Let us take some time today to reflect on the central theme of “fruitfulness” for the kingdom of God, to which every Christian is called. St Paul tells his Philippian community and us by extension that they (we) need to become fruit-producing Christians. It is a call to us Christians – the “new Israel” – to practice the biblical values of justice, love, purity, faith and graciousness every day of our lives. These are the marks of an authentic follower of Christ Jesus.

Have a wonderful week.  
Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



### **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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WILSTON

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*“I expected my vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?”*



8th October 2023 —Year A — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 4:6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:33-43 He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

15th October 2023 —Year A — Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 25: 6-10 The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 22 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 I am able to do all things in Him who strengthens me.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	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!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:1-14 Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

MASS INFORMATION

Collections 30th September & 1st October 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
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$252	\$194	\$102	\$466
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$417	\$170
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$116	\$28
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$292	\$344

**"The protagonist of the Synod isn't us, but the Holy Spirit,"**

The Xvi ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops "For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation And Mission"



Communion, Participation And Mission" opened on Wednesday 4th in the Vatican and will end in 29th October 2023. In his address at the Opening session, Pope Francis quoting the text of Saint Basil, told General Assembly of the Synod that: "The Holy Spirit confirms us in faith. It is He who does so continually... This is a *syn-odos*: walking together is the programme... I insist on this: please, do not sadden the Spirit. He continued, "The protagonist of the Synod isn't us, but the Holy Spirit," says Pope Francis, insisting that if the Spirit is in charge, it is a good synod, and if He is not, "it is not"... The Holy Father called for working toward "harmony," highlighting that harmony inevitably will leave a space for "nuances." To read the full address click the link <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2023/october/documents/20231004-apertura-sinodo.html>

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

*St Columba's*

5:00pm Vigil Mass

9:30am Mass (Sun)

*Immaculate Conception*

7:30am Mass (Sun)

Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am

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

*St John the Baptist*

9:00 am Mass (Sun)

5:30pm Mass (Sun)

*St Carthage's*

8:00am Mass (Sun)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 5:00pm

or by appointment

*St Columba's*

*St John the Baptist*

## Parish Notices

- ◇ The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 7th October 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. Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour" Jesus Christ
- ◇ Knights of the Southern Cross next meeting Thursday 12th October in the Hall adjoining Our Lady's Church Everton Park at 7:30pm. Nev Wells sends a welcome to all current members and visitors.

Date : 21/10/2023 Venue : St John the Baptist parish hall. 131 South Pine Rd Enoggera. Time : 11.30 for 12 lunch. Rsvp: formbyd@iprimus.com.au by 7th October. Engaged and Married Encounter invite you to World Priest Day

Restoration work on the Wilston church (Roof-work) will commence on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be scaffold set up on each side of the church at the front end, the week before 16th.



### ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE

is a progressive multicultural Catholic coeducational college for students in Years 5 – 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition.

**ENROLLING FOR YEAR 5 IN 2023 NOW.**

Attend the upcoming **ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday 10th October at 6:00pm.** Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries and scholarships 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).



Flower Arranging at Enoggera

Come and have some fun creating your own floral arrangement. It may be for your own tables at home or for special occasion. Come and learn and whatever you arrange.... you take home. Bring your own flowers, leaves and vases or containers. Bring some scissors too. Come and join us on : 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10:15am at: the St. John The Baptist Hall. Annette 0413 134 430 or Louisa 0418671642

### 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.



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

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC



Every September and October in our Parish, we call for interest from non-Catholics if they wish to become Catholic. As a result, a group of adults gather to begin that process. We begin meeting regularly after primary interviews, “meet and greet”, informal chats and conversations. We then move on to the Rite of Acceptance late in January into the Catechumenate stage toward Lent and the Easter Vigil when Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated.

### What is RCIA?

The RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a **process** through which non-baptised men and women enter the Catholic Church. It is in several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They go through the process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Sometimes, even those baptised in another faith come and join us.

### What are the steps of the RCIA?

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This time is known as the **Period of Evangelisation**. After study and conversations with the RCIA team or the Parish Priest, the inquirers decide to be accepted into the Catholic Church. The period of the catechumenate can last for as long as several months... maybe years. During this time, the catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the scriptures, what changes in their lives they want to make to respond to God’s inspiration, and what membership in the Catholic Church involves. We have several meetings and many conversations and discussions and we celebrate with the inquirers at the Rite of Acceptance sometime in the new year.

When both the catechumen and the parish RCIA team believe they are ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus and the Catholic Church, the next step is the celebration of the **Rite of Election**. This rite includes the enrolment of names of all those seeking Baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. On the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens and their sponsors usually gather at St Stephen’s Cathedral and the catechumens publicly request Baptism. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called “the elect.” The days of Lent are the final period of **purification and enlightenment** leading up to the celebration of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities.

The third step is the **Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation**, which takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Here our Elect become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

After they are initiated, formation continues in the **post Initiation catechesis**, which is called “mystagogy.” This continues at least until Pentecost. During this time, they reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and learn more about the scriptures, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition to this, they reflect on how they will serve Christ to help in the church’s mission and outreach activities.

Please pray for our inquirers. This is very important time for them and for us in the Parish. I’d also like to ask if anyone is interested to join our RCIA Team, we are excited to hear from you. Ring the Parish Office to let us know, or email me on [pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au). You only need to be interested in talking about your faith to help us in this new RCIA team. So please don’t wait too long to let us know. I’m looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you.  
Marie-Louise Singson, Pastoral Coordinator  
Pastoral Coordinator

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Christine Bunn, Chris Burton, Kelly Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Baby Amelia Cross, 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, Carmel Ryan, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn 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***  
Sharon Barnes