

# **Kedron Brook Catholic Community**

*embracing the parishes of*

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

*Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God*



**11th June 2023 — Corpus Christi — Year A**

## **My flesh is real food indeed and My blood is drink indeed**

This Sunday the Church presents us with the “bread of life” discourse of Jesus Christ as recorded in John’s Gospel (Jn. 6:51-58), which is part of a broad and lengthy teaching of Jesus after the miracle of the multiplicity of the bread. The image of Jesus as “bread from heaven” echoes two dimensions of the same Old Testament image of the wisdom of God’s Law nourishing everyone who accepts it and God’s blessing of manna that fed the Israelites journeying through the wilderness to the promised land. Consequently, the feast of the “Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus” is intended to make us believe in, and value with reverence, Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Church clearly teaches that the Eucharist is at the heart and centre of our faith, it is the source and summit of Christian life. Jesus is truly and really present in the Holy Communion that we receive and is reserved in the tabernacle, both in body, soul and divinity. This great fundamental change of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ after the words of consecration at mass is called transubstantiation. The real presence comes about by the power of the words of Jesus when he took the bread and said this is my body and for the wine, this is my blood (Mt. 26:26-28). Thus, He spoke His presence into them. The big and million-dollar question is “do you believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Communion we receive and adore?” According to a Pew Research, it was shocking that 69% of Catholics (in USA) do not believe in the Church’s teaching on transubstantiation. Sadly, they wrongly believe the Eucharist is mere symbolism. On the other hand, among those who go to mass regularly (weekly), even though 63% know and accepts the church’s teaching on transubstantiation, 37% of this most observant group don’t believe in transubstantiation or real presence. If similar research is conducted here in Australia, I think that the statistics won’t be much different from that of America.

There are different factors that contributed to this situation, among which are people not making an effort to learn the faith plus a lack of interest and an effective way of teaching the ‘real presence’ by many of the clergy and ministry leaders, coupled with the way we treat with lack of reverence the “Holy Communion”.

However we don’t need to be trapped in the past failure, we must reconnect with the Church’s teaching and ask the Eucharistic Jesus to revive us. In the gospel we hear Jesus say, “My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed,” and before that, He said “you will not have eternal life unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood.” Can we take it to heart today and know that it is not just the church telling us something, but Jesus commanding us “eat my body and drink my blood” (Jn. 6:22-26)? This includes giving it the reverence, the adoration and the worship it deserves, and teaching others too. We receive truly Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for our own spiritual good and salvation. St Paul added that all who receive the Eucharist must do so in faith and holiness bearing in mind that it is Christ’s body and blood (1 Cor. 11:27-30). If we are not worthy because of sin, we have to find the courage and go to confession. Holy Eucharist is not a “happy hour” time.

Today’s solemnity reminds us through the second reading also of the link between the one Bread and one Cup that we receive, and the indispensable companionship with one another. We are called to emulate Christ’s sacrificial love and share it through solidarity with others.

*Have a blessed week Fr themelandu uzuegbu*



### **St John the Baptist**

131 South Pine Road,  
ENOGERA

### **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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My blood is real drink**



**READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 11th June May 2023 - Year A - Corpus Christi**

<b>First Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 147:12-15. 19-20 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:51-58 My flesh is real food and My blood is real drink.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th June 2023 — Year A — 11th Sunday Ordinary Time**

<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 19:2-6 You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecration nation.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 99:2-3, 5 We are His people: the sheep of His flock.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 5:6-11 We have been reconciled to God through the death of His Son; we are saved by His life.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 9:36-10:8 He summoned His twelve disciples, and sent them out.

**MASS INFOMATION**

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 8:30am Rosary followed by 9:00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b> 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass followed by adoration
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 6:30am Mass

**Collections 3rd & 4th June 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$136	\$518
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$447	\$221
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$177	\$86
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$343	\$173

**Ignite Conference 2023** will be held from 21st—24th September 2023 in Brisbane. The theme for this year is "Wonder".

Ignite offers something for everyone: kids, high-schoolers, young adults, adults specifically parishioners, priests, parents, grandparents.

Visit <https://igniteconference.com.au/> for more information and to register.

*150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen*

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month of June, we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend 10:00am Mass on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church. Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

<b>St Columba's</b> 5:00pm Vigil Mass 9:30am Mass (Sun)	<b>St John the Baptist</b> 9:00 am Mass (Sun) 5:30pm Mass (Sun)
<b>Immaculate Conception</b> 7:30am Mass (Sun) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>	<b>St Carthage's</b> 8:00am Mass (Sun)

**RECONCILIATION**

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

*Special Feast Days this week*

Tuesday, 13th June—St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor (white)
Friday, 16th June—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (white)
Saturday, 17th June—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white)

## Parish Notices

Dear Parishioners, many of the adorers from Our Lady of Immaculate Conception will be helping at the Corpus Christi Procession at St Stephens Cathedral on 11th June. Their rostered adoration hours will need someone to adore for them. Hours in need are: noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please call Fiona on 0402 408 786 if you can adore during any of these hours.

**Knights of the Southern Cross** next meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady's Church, Everton Park, at 7:30pm on Thursday 15th June 2023 (please note change of date). Visitors welcome.

**The Ladies Guild** next get together will be on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 10:30am in the Parish Centre, Everton Park. Come for the Rosary and morning tea. All ladies welcome!

### **Position Vacant — Parish Secretary**

Good Samaritan and St John the Baptist Parish invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary (16 hours per week across 3 days).

#### **The successful applicant will have:**

- Demonstrated ability in providing reception services and administrative support
- Experience in all aspects of office administration covering a broad range of duties and functions including an intermediate level of knowledge across Microsoft Office software (+ MYOB)
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills for providing excellent customer service to internal and external stakeholders
- Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others
- Understanding of Wedding Documentation for State and Church (willingness to learn)
- Readiness to assist in the preparation of Baptisms, weddings & funerals
- Compassion and empathy
- A willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church.

#### **Specific responsibilities include:**

General office responsibilities

Liturgical booklets

Routine correspondence

Photocopying and filing

Publish weekly newsletter

Database entry

Maintaining parish registers

Generating and printing certificates.

To apply for this position, please apply online attaching your current resume and a covering letter addressing your suitability for the position. Application closes on **15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees, one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

For any enquiries or a copy of the position description, please contact Ian Naylor (HR Business Partner) at [Ian.Naylor@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:Ian.Naylor@bne.catholic.net.au) or via phone on 07 3324 3451.

Remuneration will be paid between Level 3 and 5 in line with the Clerks Private Sector Modern Award 2010 (above Award Archdiocesan rates apply). The successful candidate will also need to submit to a national criminal history/police check, possess a current Working with Children Blue Card and sign a Prior Conduct Declaration.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a no tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

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 [Isr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:Isr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au) or by contacting **STOPline** [AOb@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stopline.com.au) or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)  
Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)



## Children See God

May 31, 2023

'Is God a man or a woman?', 9-year-old Lexa, my granddaughter, asks me one afternoon as I open our confirmation session for their questions.

Other questions pop up: 'How do you explain the Trinity, Papu?' 'What does 'made in the image and likeness of God' mean?' my young girls confidently ask.

I feel privileged, as a grandfather, to catch such deep faith questions innocently dropping from their lips. I don't have the correct answers; instead, I realise that God has blessed me with the patience and understanding of heart to respond to the purity of their minds adequately.



**ANYA'S PICTURE OF JESUS**



**ARIA ON JESUS**

Confirmation in Brisbane, Australia is administered at nine years, compared to 13 years in the Philippines. Further, it comes with intensive preparation, complete with a Confirmation workbook and required parent orientation sessions in the parish, as it is a joint effort with the Catholic school.

My interactions allowed me to see how kids see Jesus and how they understand the faith. This is how for example, 11-year-old Nala tells the story of Jesus's encounter with a leper in one of the Bible's healing episodes. This was supposedly her favourite Bible story. She begins by saying, 'In Jesus' time, lepers were hated because their leprosy sickness was contagious. Because of this, their families kicked them out of the house...'

From her workbook, I read 7-year-old Aria's account of 'Jesus Carrying the Cross.' She says, 'Once, Jesus was forced to carry the cross. But before He could carry the cross, He had to have thorns on His head...' Amusing and funny, but true and accurate to the child! In another exercise, the girls were made to draw their understanding of how the Holy Spirit works after a brief on His being a source of empowerment. This was how the 9-year-old twins took to the task:

Lexa, the younger twin, writes: 'The Holy Spirit helps me soar high! It follows me and guides me to where I need to be. Even if I don't see it, I know it will always be there.' The older twin, Anya, sees it from another angle. She draws a pinwheel and writes beside it: 'I am the pinwheel and the Holy Spirit, the wind. It can move me to do great things!' Straight and simple, a child's mind embraces!

I am fascinated by the child's profound take on faith, devoid of all the complexities with which the world's teaching systems have clouded it. No wonder the Lord enjoined children to come to Him freely! I enjoy the moments of their asking 'to connect the dots' in their uncomplicated minds.

I am reminded here of Pope Francis' exhortation that grandparents like us 'pray for the visit of an angel,' through whom God sends us messages and affirms us of His presence as He has promised, 'I will always be with you!'

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*SEVEN OF his 8 GRANDCHILDREN GO TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (OLA) CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. THE SCHOOL'S MOTTO IS 'TO SEE GOD IN ALL THINGS.'*

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Mary Dann, Sheila de Zilva, Biddy 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, Gordon Platt, Joshua Price, Janet Quirk, Guiseppe Santoro, Irene Savage, Thomas Savage, Bridget Simpson, Eric Spaid, Fay Tynan, Jeanette Wharton, Lynne Wilson Taylor, Kerryn Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

***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***

Eunice De Zilva, Lucy Waters