

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



12th March 2023 — 3rd Sunday in Lent — Year A



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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**If you only knew what
God is offering**



"Give me a drink"

This gospel passage from John 4:5-42, about Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the Jacob's "Well" is one of the most iconic encounters in the scriptures. It portrays the human Jesus, who was weak, tired and thirsty after a long journey from Jerusalem to Galilee after the festival of Passover (cf. Jn 2: 13-25; 3:22; 4:3). When they got to the town of Sychar in Samaria, Jesus sat down at "Jacob's Well" to rest. The disciples of Jesus had gone into the town to buy food when the woman from Samaria came to draw water at odd hours (midday) alone. Some believe that this was probably because she had acquired a bad name in the community, because of her unstable and broken relationships. She was regarded as a social outcast.

Who are the Samaritans? At the time of Prophet Isaiah, and following the death of King Solomon, Israel had divided into the northern kingdom called Israel (with the city of Samaria as its capital) and the southern kingdom called Judah (with Jerusalem as its capital). All the invaders – (Assyrian, Babylonian, and Roman invaders) had always gained a foothold in the Jewish land through "the north", which was the trade and river routes. When the Assyrians (superpower at the time) attacked and conquered the northern region around the sea of Galilee in 720 BC, they spared the southern kingdom as they did not join the rebellion. The Assyrians forced the people of Zebulon and Naphtali tribes who lived in the northern region into the process of enculturation and paganisation. This the Assyrians did by forcing them into intermarriage, and the descendants of these intermarriages became the despised Samaritans of Jesus' day.

As the Samaritan woman approached the well, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". With this request, Jesus opened a lengthy salvific conversation with the woman. It is interesting to point out that we were not told the woman's name, which means that the conversation that we read today was not just about her, but it is very much about us in different ways. The conversation that Jesus started as a needy person turned to be one of faith that led to deep conversion for the woman. In the preface of this Sunday, the church wrote: "For when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to drink, he had already created the gift of faith within her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith, that he kindled in her the fire of divine love." As St John Paul II stated, "Jesus' material thirst symbolises a far deeper reality: it expresses His ardent desire that His dialogue partner and her fellow-citizens will open themselves to faith."

The truth is that we are all thirsty for something. But the good news is that Jesus is thirsty too. As human beings, we thirst for good health, love, for solidarity, understanding, beautiful and stable relationships. But most times when these thirsts are not met, it leads many into depression, anxiety, hurtful feelings, sense of loss, isolation, and the feeling of rejection. Nonetheless the most intense thirst is that caused by the absence of God in one's life.

My dear friends, God always takes the first step. "Give me a drink" is Jesus' request for our relationship. Jesus thirsts for our soul, faith, and love. Accepting His request opens to us the spring of life - living water. The 1st and Gospel readings reassure us that in every human thirst and its effects, God always show Himself as loving, caring and merciful. Lent helps us to encounter Jesus and to make us aware of our emptiness without Him. As we journey with Jesus during this holy season, may our emptiness be filled through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit - the "living water" that quenches every thirst.

God Bless! Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 12th March 2023 — Year A — Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Exodus 17: 3-7 Give us water to drink.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9 If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading	Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, You are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
Gospel	John 4: 42, 15 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19th March 2023 — Year A — Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading	1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading	Ephesians 5: 8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel	John 9: 1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored. restored.

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY
Immaculate Conception
 9:00am Mass

TUESDAY
Immaculate Conception
 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

Stations of the Cross during Lent
 6:00pm **St Columba's**

Collections 4th & 5th March 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$924	\$302	\$247	\$223
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston		\$156	\$49
Enoggera	\$252	\$194	\$74	\$373
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera		\$457	\$202

Last Chance to buy tickets this weekend!

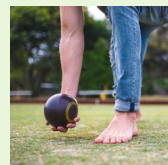
BAREFOOT LAWN BOWLS

The Good Samaritan Parish Social Committee invites you all to

**BAREFOOT BOWLING at the BOWLS CLUB ,
 PICKERING STREET, ALDERLEY
 FRIDAY 17 MARCH 6:00-8:00 PM.
 COST- \$20.00 PER PERSON
 (children 14 yrs and over are welcome)
 2 HOURS BOWLING,
 NIBBLES AND VEGETARIAN PIZZAS.**

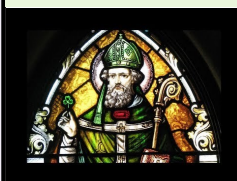
(COFFEE, COLD DRINKS, ETC. AVAILABLE AT
 ADJOINING CAFE 63 UNTIL 8:00PM)

**TICKETS SOLD AFTER EACH OF THE
 MASSES.**



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)



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10:00am on 17 March 2023. Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant.

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

All are welcome to attend. For those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website on this link - Archbne.org/bzw

Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Fridays, 6:00pm at St Columba's Church, Wilston.

Please note the Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:10pm next Friday due to the Barefoot Bowls

St Columba's Family Mass will be on Sunday 12th March 2023.

Adorers needed: Permanent adorers are still needed for Sunday 1:00pm, 2:00pm and Monday 3:00am. Please contact Roy/Fiona on Mob 0402 408 786 if you would like to join the roster.

St John the Baptist Raffle: two hampers are being raffled to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul Conference. The draw will be on Palm Sunday. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Thank you for your support.

St Carthage's Church will be having a recitation of the Rosary for Pam Hayes and family in the church, after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 12th March 2023. All are welcome.

Chrism Mass: Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass, which will be held on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7:00pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome. Car parking available from 6:00pm.

The Funeral Mass for Betty Smith will be held on Tuesday 14th March, 9:00am at the Everton Park Church.

St Columba's Church front door is to be restored to its original colour in the coming weeks with three new stained glass panels above the door. The doors will be removed and boarded. During this time the door will not be accessible.

The St Columba's restoration work is in the final stage of its completion.

Everton Park—A magnanimous Parishioner has donated a beautiful new Monstrance to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church. We pray for God's abundance of grace and blessings upon the family.

Enoggera Reader Training—calling all Readers to join us for reader refresher and training on Sunday 26th March after the 9:00am Mass, in the church.

WHS Maintenance Representatives :

Wilston: Marcus Egan (marcusegan@optusnet.com.au)

Gordon Park: John Murphy (jpmurphy351@gmail.com)

Enoggera: Damian Cahill (3855 1330)

Everton Park: John Connors (john@connors.id.au)

Please let them know if there are any maintenance issues of which you would like the Parish Office to be made aware.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—11th & 12th MARCH 2023

Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.



Priscilla lives with her husband and two grandchildren in the Hwange region. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming to grow drought-resistant crops. Her increased harvest allowed Priscilla to sell her crops and start poultry farming, selling eggs to grow her income stream and pay for her grandchildren's education. Caritas Hwange also helped rehabilitate the dip tank in her community so that Priscilla's cattle can be healthy and free from tick-borne diseases. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla acquire the knowledge and skills she needs to diversify her income and support her family during the current food crisis. "Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living," Priscilla said.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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 **STOpline** AOb@stopline.com.au or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)

Please visit the **Archdiocesan safeguarding hub** at www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com



LENTEN PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Following the successful Advent Reflection group last year during Advent where we had a group of 10 attending the Reflection and sharing at St John The Baptist Hall at Enoggera at 10:00am after the 9:00am Wednesday Mass, we are inviting you again, to prepare yourself for Lent.

The Good Samaritan group is on every Thursday at 10:00am in the Parish Office.

The Enoggera group is every Wednesday at the Parish Hall 10:00am.

Please do come and join us. Aside from being able to prepare yourself for Lent, you will get a chance to meet other people and come together in faith and prayer. The book costs \$5.00 payable at the beginning of the Lenten Prayer Group Meeting.

If you wish to join the group at either Wilston or Enoggera, contact the office to put your name down so I can reserve a book for you. If you would like to lead a group, please also contact the office on 3352 1730 or email pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au If you wish to purchase a book but not join the Reflection group that is also possible.

Hope to see you then. *Marie-Louise Singson*
Pastoral Co-ordinator

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever questioned why we sing at Mass?

The choral tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of infinite value, greater than any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred melodies unite with liturgical text, it forms an integral part of the solemn liturgy. Moreover, music that blends spiritual and artistic excellence cultivates, strengthens, and deepens the spiritual emotion of the congregation.

The Second Vatican Council insisted that the Church's treasury of sacred music must be "conserved and promoted with the greatest care".

With that in mind, I announce the formation of St Columba's new Parish Chorale. Any parishioners with musical interests are invited to join. Prior musical knowledge is preferred but not required.

Let's work together to advance our parish's liturgical functions through songs of praise.

To enrol, please get in touch with the parish office or email: musicdirector.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au

Pax,

Daniel Jonjic
Director of Music, St Columba's Church

We pray for those who are unwell

Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, Alex Crawford, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Mary Dann, Sheila de Silva, Biddy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Pam Hayes, 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, Leo Moloney, Cristina Neroni, Moira O'Sullivan, Pat Peek, 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

Walter Bruton