

Kedron Brook Catholic Community
embracing the parishes of
Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist
Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



14th May 2023 — Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year A

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Priority: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples
(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21)

Introduction: In today's first reading, Philip goes down to the city of Samaria to proclaim the Messiah to them. The result is "great joy in that city." If the Gospel is not good news, then the Gospel hasn't been preached. If the acceptance of the Gospel doesn't result in great joy, then the Gospel hasn't been received. Sadly, throughout history, the preaching of the Gospel has often been mixed up with political power. The good news that would set the captives free came with a new political power that would create a new kind of captivity. This tension can be recognised in Australian history and is addressed by the Archbishop's fifth apostolic priority: engaging anew with First Nations Peoples.

Archbishop Mark writes:

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

1. The Spirit of Truth: In the Gospel reading, Jesus promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will always be with us and is the Spirit of truth. It is the Holy Spirit that leads us to the truth about God and ourselves. Any meaningful engagement with First Nations Peoples must begin with the truth. Indeed, the concept of Truth Telling is a key strategy of Reconciliation Australia. Truth telling means the "process of openly sharing historical truths after periods of conflict to allow societies to move forward in a more inclusive way, based on justice and human rights." So let's begin with some truth telling.

The 1788 arrival of the First Fleet resulted in cautious friendships being formed between the First Australians and the British Empire. Within three years, relations soured as settlers spread out across the land. Researchers now estimate that more than 10,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were killed in 403 massacres. Beyond this, the introduction of new diseases and the forceful acquisition of First Nations lands caused the deaths of many more.

In 1901 when the Commonwealth of Australia formed, Indigenous Australians were excluded from the census and from the lawmaking powers of the Commonwealth Parliament. The White Australia Policy excluded First Nations Peoples from voting, pensions, employment in post offices and maternity allowance. It was not until 1962 that First Nations people were granted the right to vote, and it was 1967 when First Nations peoples were counted on the Australian census.

Nations children. About 1 in 4 First Nations students in Years 5, 7 and 9 remain below national minimum standards for reading. In 2018-19, around 34 percent of First Nations youth aged 20-24 had not attained Year 12 or equivalent. Just over half of all young people in detention on an average night in June 2019 were First Nations Australians.

On February 13, 2008, then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said, "we apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians."

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**If you love me you will
keep my commandments**



READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 14th May 2023 - Year A - Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18 In the body He was put to death, in the spirit He was raised to life.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep my words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them! Alleluia!
Gospel John 14: 15-21 I shall ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st May 2023 — Year A – Ascension of the Lord

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9 God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading Ephesians 1: 17-23 He made Jesus to sit at His right hand in heaven.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY
Immaculate Conception
 9:00am Mass

TUESDAY
Immaculate Conception
 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 6th & 7th May 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$354	\$560
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$150	\$53
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$129	\$584
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$442	\$265



The 2023/2024 Planned Giving Envelopes are now available at all of our Churches. Please remember to take your pack home with you. If you would like to join the planned giving programmes for any of our Churches, please contact the Parish Office.

Good Samaritan Parish Dinner



The Good Samaritan Social Committee
 Invites you to the Parish Dinner -
 Date: Friday 9th June 2023
 Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm



St Columba's School Hall Cost: \$30 Adults, \$10 children under 13 yrs
 BYO drinks Tickets are on sale now!

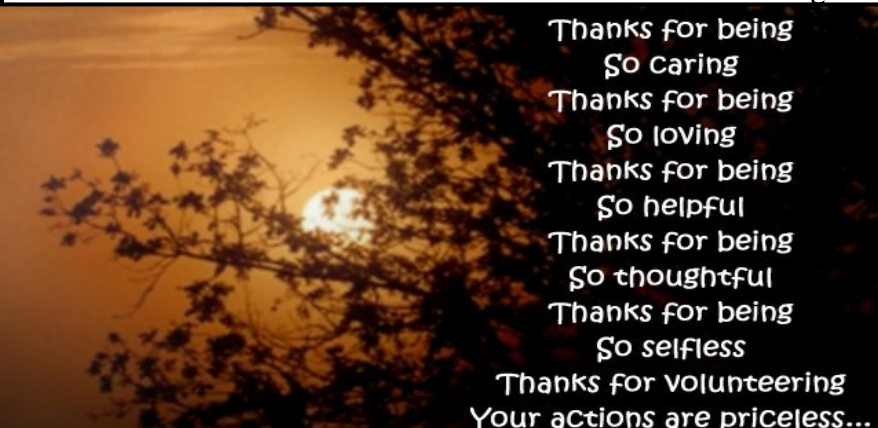
WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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)

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

National Volunteers Week 15 - 21 May



Thanks for being
 So caring
 Thanks for being
 So loving
 Thanks for being
 So helpful
 Thanks for being
 So thoughtful
 Thanks for being
 So selfless
 Thanks for volunteering
 Your actions are priceless...

Parish Notices

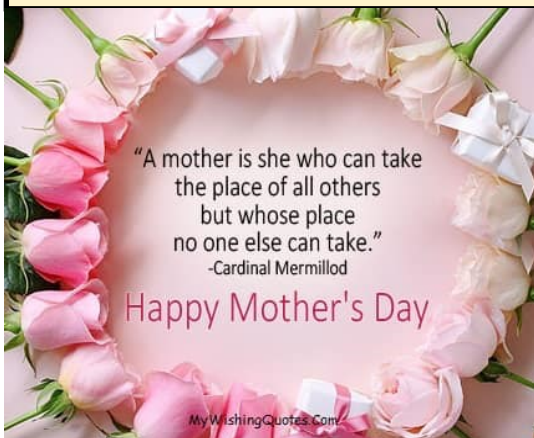
Everton Park Perpetual Adoration - For over a year now, our community has welcomed and embraced the 24 hours adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Spending some time in silent prayer is a powerful way of connecting and listening to God in our hearts. Pope Benedict XVI tells us, *"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."* As we thank our members for supporting this, we appeal to all to maintain silence once the adoration starts after mass. This is a way of being charitable and offering peace to those who are praying and showing respect to Jesus in the Eucharist. If you want to have a conversation with someone, please do so outside the church.



The quarterly Senior's Mass with anointing will be held on Thursday, 25th May 2023 at 11:00am at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera, with morning tea served in the Parish Hall after the Mass. If you require a lift and for catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Friday 19th May. Thank you. Please note: *there will be no 9:00am Mass at St Columba's Church, Wilston, that day.*

Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group will be meeting for one hour on Monday 15th May at 7:00pm in a private home. If you are interested in being advised of future meetings, phone or text Michael 0401308665 or Andrew 0417990727.

St Carthage's Liturgies - to provide a localised opportunity for expression of our faith and to encourage laity in liturgical leadership, members of the co-ordinating group at St Carthage's wish to host some simple liturgies this year. We are starting with a Marian theme in this month of May, on Wednesday 24th, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. While mass will be held at Enoggera on that day, members of the KBCC will also have the opportunity to attend a 10:30am liturgy at St Carthage's Church. Light refreshments will be available beforehand from 10:00am. All are welcome.



*Just as God gives to each rose
A gentle touch of dew
And gives unto each evening sky
The lovely sunset's hue*

*So may He give to you
From His enduring love
Great happiness
And hearts' content
And blessings from above.*



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2. The Spirit of Love: In the Gospel reading Jesus says, "if you love me, you will keep my commandments." When Jesus was asked the most important commandment he replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ... and you "shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt 22:34 – 40). To love is to work for the good of the other. The first fruit of the Holy Spirit listed by St Paul is love! The Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth and love.

Love is a verb – it's a doing word – it requires action. St Paul says, "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Cor 13:6-7). In this light, a new engagement with First Nations Peoples and the work of reconciliation are essential to the Church's mission. We are not free to stand aside whilst our First Nations' sisters and brothers are disadvantaged. St Mary MacKillop reminds us, "never see a need without doing something about it." We are called to engage anew – to love – to listen, and to do all we can to bring true reconciliation in our nation.

Conclusion ... The Uluru Statement, endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, states, "Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination."

[Evangelisation Brisbane]

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** A0B@stoline.com.au or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)
Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com



Mums...this is your day...!!!

On this special celebration of Mother's Day, we take time to give tribute to the most important woman in our lives – our mothers. A mother's love knows no end, and her influence on our lives can never be measured. Mothers are the first ones to fly to our side to comfort us when we are hurt, the first to give us encouragement when we feel dejected, and the first to celebrate our wins with us. They are our first teachers, our first preachers, our role models, and our confidantes. Their sacrifice knows no bounds and their true selflessness is the example we try to emulate as mothers ourselves.

While we are not handed a handbook when we become Mothers, we get on with the job because we want to do the right thing for our children and families. I believe that now is a good time for us to come up with a workbook for it! Write down in diary form or, on your tablets, diarise the days you have with the children, their conversations, their funny quips, your worry, your prayers.

While we are talking about motherhood and writing a manual for it...I know you will agree that there are many challenges that mothers/parents face, especially if our goal is to raise a child to serve the Lord. It isn't easy...I will be the first to admit that! However be an example to them first. Teach your children to pray ... not just the memorised prayers...because they will learn that at school! Teach them to talk to God like they are having a conversation with Him. Thank the Lord for their life, for you: their Mum/parents, for siblings and for everything that they have. Teach them to ask for forgiveness, to say sorry and lastly to lift everything to Him. Teach them to trust in God and His power to carry them through any hardship, sickness and trials. Teach them never to be embarrassed concerning their faith and being holy.

Today I pay tribute to my Mum who has gone to our God 10 years ago. I thank her for her hard work, perseverance and sacrifice that she invested in raising us six children. I remember a well-kept home, made luxurious by her gift of being artistic. Her paintings hung in our home and many passed on to us. I also learnt from her to appreciate beauty in life, the flavour and texture of baked bread, the smell of freshly brewed coffee, the flowers in our home, the smell of roses, lilies and carnations. I remember great culinary delights to feed a family of six and Dad who was a spoilt by her. She was a chef that master chefs would bow before! I remember her thriving cacti garden – evidence of her green thumb! My Mum introduced us to God, prayers and at church her melodious voice still rings out when I sing some hymns at church today.

Thank you Mum for making family life an important highlight of our lives! Holidays, birthdays and Christmas traditions...always upheld my entire life and now my family still keep the traditions they saw we treasured! You worked hard at relations and now my children enjoy friendships with each other because of the foundation you laid. Mum... today is your day!!

With peace and blessings, *Marie-Louise Singson*

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, 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