

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



16th April 2023 — Divine Mercy Sunday—Year A

Second Sunday of Easter

Priority: Teaching Prayer (Acts 2:42 – 42, Psalm 117, 1 Peter 1:3 – 9, John 20:19 - 31)

Introduction

We talk a lot about faith, but we don't often talk about doubt. Is it ok to doubt? Have you ever been praying and wondered if God was even there? Our tradition is built on the foundation of faith: faith that God is present, faith that God does hear our prayers, faith that the Holy Spirit moves upon the bread and wine that they might become Christ's body and blood, faith that in baptism we enter into Christ's death and resurrection... If we don't have the faith that God is present in our lives, in our prayers, and in our liturgies, then the whole 'religion' thing becomes very strange indeed.

So, what do we do with moments of doubt? Can Catholic faith handle doubt?

...If you've had moments of doubt, you're in good company – even the Apostles had moments of doubt, and in today's gospel, we learn a few things from Thomas about dealing with doubt.

Introducing Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark has published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for us all to consider...The first of these priorities is **teaching prayer**.

Archbishop Mark writes,

"We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing."

Our guide to entering in to a new and deeper experience of prayer in today's gospel is an unlikely suspect: 'doubting' Thomas. At the heart of prayer is an honest and authentic communication with God. It is in this honest and authentic engagement that Thomas has much to teach us. Thomas provides us with three insights into authentic engagement with God and the faithful.

1. Be Honest with God and others.

The first thing we learn from Thomas is to be open and honest about our doubts. Thomas doesn't simply bury his doubts under the carpet and maintain a façade of faithfulness. He is honest about his disbelief and categorically states, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

Thomas teaches us to be authentic about where we're really at. If we're struggling with doubt, talk about it with God and with the community of believers. Deep relationship and real trust can only be built on a foundation of honesty. This means that sometimes prayer begins with, "God, I don't know if I believe, help me with my unbelief!"

2. Stay with the Community of faith, even if you're struggling!

The second thing we learn from Thomas is that he stays with the community of believers even though he has doubts. He doesn't leave, even though in that moment, he doesn't believe everything that the other disciples believe. In the same way, we might be wrestling with doubt, we might be struggling to pray, but that's ok, just stay with the community of believers!...

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My Lord and my God



READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 16th April 2023 - Year A - Diving Mercy Sunday

First Reading	Acts 2: 42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.
Second Reading	1 Peter 1: 3-9 He has given us a new birth as His children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd April 2023 — Year A — Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 It was impossible for Him to be held by the power of Hades.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11 Lord, You will show us the path of life.
Second Reading	1 Peter 1: 17-21 The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.
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: 13-35 They recognised Him at the breaking of the bread.

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 8th & 9th April 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$247	\$789
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$236	\$188
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$121	\$426
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$2076	\$378

SUMMIT 2023



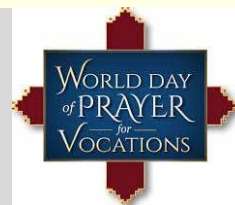
In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for the Archdiocese. Over the next seven weeks from the Second Sunday of Easter until Pentecost, starting this week, the bulletin will introduce one of the seven themes. The first priority is: Teaching Prayer.

We have four tickets available for the Summit. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office so we can assign a ticket to your name. Thank you. Further details of the Summit can be found at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/summit/>

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)

World Day Of Prayer for Vocations - 30th April 2023



Pray for Vocations!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

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

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.



Confirmation Parent Information Sessions — will be held on:

Tuesday 18th April 2023: 10:30am & 7:00pm at St Columba's Church, Wilston

Thursday 20th April 2023: 7:00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera



Anzac Day Masses, Tuesday, 25th April—5:30am Wilston & 9:00am Enoggera. *Please note* there will be no 9:00am Mass at Everton Park on that day.

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3. God meets us where we're at – not where we pretend to be!

Notice how Jesus responds to Thomas when he first sees him. Jesus knows of Thomas' doubts, but he doesn't push Thomas away or stand him down, rather he responds to Thomas' doubt by saying, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Here we learn something about prayer. Thomas had shared his doubts with the other disciples, but when Jesus walked into the room, Thomas just listens. His response indicates that his doubts are no more, he has seen the risen Christ and exclaims, "My Lord and my God!"

It is in listening to Jesus that Thomas' faith is restored. In the same way, when our focus is on ourselves, on our experiences, on our doubt, we are merely listening to the ruminations of our own mind and heart. It's when we turn our attention away from ourselves and on to our Lord that our doubts begin to decrease, and our faith begins to increase.

Jesus concludes his encounter with Thomas by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."... The risen Christ has ascended into heaven, he's sent us his Spirit, and invites us to believe in him, even though we haven't seen him.

Conclusion

Thomas teaches us about prayer and about doubt. Firstly, we can be honest with God and with others about how we're going with our faith! Real relationship, real trust, begins with truth telling. We *can* be honest with God. Secondly, when we're struggling with our faith and struggling with our prayer, we, like Thomas, should stay connected to the community of faith, and we should always welcome those who are struggling with their faith...

[By Evangelisation Brisbane]

2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive
Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

Registration is now open for the Catholic Leadership Intensive (CLI) 2023.

Fr Ithema is looking for representatives across our Parishes

The CLI exists to provide leadership formation that equips parish leaders, both clergy and laity, as they seek to grow flourishing parishes of missionary disciples. This intensive is designed for:

- Parish Priests, Associate Pastors
 - Pastoral Associates
 - Members of Pastoral Councils and Parish/Community Leadership Teams
 - Ministry Team Leaders (youth leaders)
 - Anyone else who has a leadership role within a Parish or Community.
- For more information or if you would like to register, please contact the Parish Office.

TIME: 7-9pm Monday evenings
DATE: 29 May—14 August 2023
LOCATION: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

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 or by contacting **STOPline** AOB@stoline.com.au or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)
Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at www.bncatholic.stoplinereport.com





What is Confirmation

Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.

Confirmation 'polishes' Baptism, whereby with the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This first happens at Baptism.

We reflect and renew our participation in Jesus' ministry and mission, and are empowered to follow Jesus more closely.

The Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the renewal of Baptismal promises (done at Baptism by parents and god-parents of the child being baptised) as now the child being confirmed can do it; and the laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of Chrism. The anointing of the candidate is a sign of confirming the gift of the Holy Spirit, and calling upon the candidates to use these gifts in becoming involved in the life and mission of the church community.

The Bishop usually presides over the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop places his hands on the head of each candidate and prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

This ritual connects Confirmation to Baptism and the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our calling and mission to follow the way of our Lord Jesus.

The anointing of the candidate at Confirmation recognises that they are *sealed* with the Holy Spirit. The Bishop anoints the candidate's forehead with the Oil of Chrism, saying 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'.

After the rite, the Bishop puts his hand on the side of the candidate's face and says 'Peace be with you' and the candidate answers 'And with your spirit', symbolising that the candidate accepts his/her place within the Church community.

To start the process of enrolling for Confirmation, parents need to look out for the advertisements of the Information sessions in the church bulletins, school newsletters or the letter of invitation from the Pastoral Co-Ordinator. You may also ring the Parish office on 3352 1730 to enquire about the Information Sessions for the KBCC Parishes of St Columba's and St John The Baptist. If you are unsure of your next step, speak to Marie-Louise Singson or email us at pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au or phone us to make an appointment. To join us for Confirmation, your child needs to have been baptised.

We recognise that parents are the first teachers of faith to their children and therefore are the biggest influence on their child's faith journey. So as parents, you are highly encouraged to take a huge and active part in your child's Sacramental preparation to enable the children to understand the meaning of the sacrament they are celebrating. Parents need to also understand and know the commitment they will make to support their child's growth in faith and life.

Our Information sessions for Confirmation will be held on:

18th April - 10:30am & 7:00pm
20th April - 7:00pm

St. Columba's Church
St. John The Baptist Church

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Mary Dann, Sheila de Zilva, Bidy 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