

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

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Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



18th June 2023 — 11th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A



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Jesus summoned His twelve



Dear brothers & sisters,

Today we return to the second part of the “Ordinary Time Year A”, which is also the 11th Sunday of the season. In the first reading God declared to the people of Israel His plan for them. He did this through Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, as the people camped around the mountain. God offered them a relationship in which they would be His “special possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” However, it required them to be obedient to God’s words and to keep His covenant. Did Israel keep faith with God? No! Not long after that they muttered and rebelled against God, very much as we do today. Yet, because His loving care and mercy is so strong, God did not abandon His flock.

This is the centre of St Paul’s message in today’s second reading. The greatest proof of God’s love and care for us was Jesus’ willingness to die on behalf of sinful humanity. This act of perfect love made a new relationship between God and humanity possible by His blood. This God did, even when we were still sinners without charge and without counting our sins. In other words, God looked at us and rather than seeing our sins and being disgusted at our wickedness, He saw potential in us to be saints and a hope for salvation. Here we think of the gospel story that tells us that “At the sight of the crowds, Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd”.

Without much ado, Jesus chose twelve apostles whom he sent as missionaries. The mission of these chosen men is to announce that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. He gave them authority over unclean spirit to cast them out, heal the sick, raise the dead and cleanse lepers. Then Jesus charged them: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give” (Mt 10:7-8).

This commissioning of His disciples ushered in a new era and movement for all the baptised as missionaries called to bring about the kingdom of God. This teaching was rightfully elevated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 868 and taught by the council fathers at Vatican II: “The Church is catholic: It proclaims the totality of faith; it carries within itself and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; it is sent to all peoples; it addresses all men; it encompasses all times; 'it is, by its very nature, missionary' (Second Vatican Council)”.

Dear friends, we are the church. All of us are called to be the successors of the Apostles whether as a bishop, a pastor, or a lay person. Let us listen to St Francis de Sales, who writes: “When God the Creator made all things, He commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; He has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of His Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with His character, His station and His calling.”

We all have the same mission in this world: to heal the diseases of our brothers and sisters and to nurture the faith and to preach the coming of God’s kingdom wherever we find ourselves, in the families, in school, in workplaces and even on social media.

Have a great week Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 18th June May 2023 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25th June 2023 — Year A — 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Jeremiah 20:10-13 He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35 Lord, in Your great love, answer me.
2nd Reading	Romans 5:12-15 God’s gift to us is nothing like our sin against Him.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you also will be My witnesses. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 10:26-33 Do not fear those who can kill the body.

MASS INFORMATION

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

Collections 10th & 11th June 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$93	\$430
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$392	\$268
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$156	\$34
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$277	\$580

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 150th 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 28th 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

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 or by appointment	St John the Baptist

Special Feast Days this week

Wednesday, 21st June—St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious (white)
Thursday, 22nd June—Sts John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs (red)
Saturday, 24th June—The nativity of St John the Baptist (white)

Parish Notices

The Requiem Mass for June Crawford will be held at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday, 22nd June, 11:00am with light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Mass. You are invited to join with the Crawford family to celebrate the life of June.

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Saturday 1st July, 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall.

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on the weekend of the 24th & 25th June.

Thank You to Saint Carthage's Parishioners, Fr Itheme, Fr Jan, Fr Chris Hanlon & Good Samaritan Parishioners for your Prayers & Support at this time of Parry's passing. To All for your visitations, flowers, phone calls, emails & texts, I sincerely Thank You – it is very much appreciated & brings comfort to know there is support & friendship at all times.

To All involved in Parry's Tribute morning Tea on 04/06/23, Thank You for the reminiscing stories – many a laugh was held – Parry would have enjoyed it.

Please keep Parry & myself in your Prayers.
May God continue to shower You All with His Blessings
Thank You & God Bless, Angela



VINNIES VIBES

Yes, it's on again! Our local Conference of SVDP, St John the Baptist, presents a musical afternoon of entertainment provided by the local Second Wind Community Band. All proceeds go to SJB Vinnies.

When: Sunday, 13 August 2023 from 2pm to 4:30pm.

Where: Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside St, Everton Park

Tickets: \$15 (More details to come)

Good Samaritan Parish Dinner – Friday 9th June



A huge

THANK YOU

to everyone who supported the Good Samaritan Parish Dinner and helped in any way. The evening was a wonderful success thanks to you!



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





The celebration of 1st Eucharist in our Parish

Eucharist is the sacrament that completes the process of initiation along with Baptism and Confirmation. It is when the child can fully participate in the Eucharist by receiving Holy Communion. Often called "Communion," the Eucharist is the very source of our entire lives as Catholics. We say that because the Eucharist really is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This is not just a symbol. In the Sacrament, the very essence or substance of the bread and wine is completely changed. Because the Eucharist is Christ Himself, we say that the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life.

Eucharist is the Lord's Supper. It is in Christianity, a ritual commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. The Eucharist is from the Greek word Eucharistia or Eucharisto for "thanksgiving". It is the central act of Christian worship and is practiced by Christian faiths.

Eucharist is unique among the sacraments as it is at the heart of our faith. For us Catholics, the Holy Eucharist, or Mass, is the most meaningful way we experience the genuine presence of Jesus Christ. Every Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the ritual in which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We who celebrate are also transformed, becoming Christ's presence to others, and recognising the presence of Christ in others.

The liturgical life of the Church revolves around the sacraments, with the Eucharist at the heart of it all (National Directory for Catechesis, #35). At Mass, we are fed by the Word and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe that the Risen Jesus is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. We receive Jesus Himself in and through the Eucharistic species. The priest, through the power of his ordination and the action of the Holy Spirit, transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is called transubstantiation.

I invite our **Year 4 families, children who are aged 9 years and above** to join the Sacramental Programme for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our first Eucharist Parent Information meeting is on the 12th July, 2023 at 9:30am or 7:00pm at St Columba's Church or on the 13th July at 7:00pm also at St John The Baptist Church. Your child must have been Confirmed to be eligible to join the Eucharist Preparation.

You only need to attend one of the Information meetings. See you at the Information meeting. You will be given a pack, and the schedule of the program, the dates for the First Holy Communion Masses and the link for your registration. Please remember that the attendance of all sessions, including one of the Information sessions, is mandatory.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3352 1730 or email Mrs. Marie-Louise Singson, Pastoral Coordinator on pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like more information.

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