

# Kedron Brook Catholic Community

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**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



19th March 2023 — 4th Sunday in Lent — Year A

**“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”**

Unlike the days of Jesus’ time, we have better lighting and electricity systems in the world that make our life comfortable. Even at night our cities are well illuminated. So, what is Jesus talking about in the gospel when he said: **“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”** The above words of Jesus have a far reaching message and implication in our lives and relationships with God. It is one of the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus that St John Gospel describes as signs.

**The Aim of the John’s gospel:** In his gospel, St John wanted, above all, to shed light on the divine and deep mysteries about Jesus. His gospel is totally different from the three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke, who recorded many of Jesus’ miracles in their Gospels. But John chose to record only seven miracles. He called them signs. The miracles in St John’s gospel gave evidence that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. Additionally, John emphasised that Jesus was also human, who, like us, became tired and hungry (Jn 4:6 - 31), angry at the people who were doing business in the Temple (Jn 2:15), sad and even wept when his friend Lazarus died (Jn 11:35). Last Sunday John presented Jesus who was thirsty (Jn 4:5-42). John’s gospel captured Jesus as completely human and completely God.

**The Message from the Healing:** In the ancient Hebrew world view, "light" represents both knowledge and morality. This is one of the reasons Scripture uses blindness as a spiritual metaphor. We see this in Jesus’ words in the gospel “For judgement I came to this world, that those who do not see may see... if you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘we see’, your guilt remains,” (Jn 9:41). Jesus said this to the pharisees because of their darkness of heart that bred pride, jealousy, hatred, and ultimately rejection of Him. Those who are "spiritually blind" reject God, making it literally impossible for them to perceive His truth. A step back to the preceding chapter (Jn 8:12): Jesus had already proclaimed “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of faith.” With these words Jesus revealed to us His power and willingness to do for our moral world what the sun does for the physical world. He intends to bring into our world - life, the living water that nourishes faith, love, beauty, and rekindles joy, and hope. **Light is defined as life**, as seen in John 1:4, “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men (people)”. Those who have faith through Him will have eternal life.

However, for Jesus to be our light and life, we must wholeheartedly let Him in. We must avoid the spiritual and moral blindness of the Pharisees that threw them into full darkness. Their blindness led them to see Jesus as an opponent to hate instead of a saviour. It led them to self-centred lives, and oppression of the poor (Mt 23:3-4, 23-25, 34), rather than to a loving service.

My dear friends, Jesus, the light, is among us, we must let Him in because to all who receive and believe in Him are given the power to be children of God (Jn1:12). As we continue our Lenten journey, may our hearts be open to Jesus, that we may grow in faith and see not only with our eyes but also with our hearts what the Lord wants of us, and have the spiritual courage to act accordingly and have nothing to do with the futile works of darkness (Ephesians 5:10-11).

Amen 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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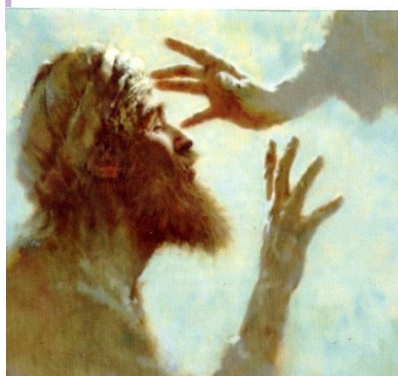
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**“Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam”**



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

<b>First Reading</b>	1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 5: 8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	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!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 9: 1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26th March 2023 — Year A — Fifth Sunday of Lent**

<b>First Reading</b>	Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8: 8-11 If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then He will give life to your own mortal bodies.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in Me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11: 1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

**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**

**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>

**Collections 11th & 12th March 2023**

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$327	\$749
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$249	\$155
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$44	\$336
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$395	\$230



**SUMMIT 2023**

From 18-20 May we will convene an Archdiocesan Summit which will consider seven priorities and give momentum to the implementation phase of the Plenary Council. The Summit will be a three-day gathering of all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Brisbane in order to empower, inspire and equip them to engage more energetically in the mission of the Church. It will look to the global Synod on synodality late this year and prepare for the Archdiocesan Synod in 2024.

We will meet in the city's inner-west for keynote presentations, workshops and panel discussions with a focus on prayer, mission and the shape of faith communities. There will also be moments of personal encounter with Christ through prayer, praise and the Eucharist.

Further details of the Summit can be found at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/summit/>

May our lights burn brightly as we look to an encounter with the One who is light.

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane

## Parish Notices

**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Friday, 5:10pm at St Columba's Church, Wilston.

*(Please note the Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00pm next Friday)*

**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.

**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.

**St Columba's Church front door** will be removed on Monday 20th March and it will remain so until the weekend of Palm Sunday. During this time the doorway will not be accessible.

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

**Everton Park**—A parishioner has magnanimously 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.

**Verse for Vinnies** will be held on Sunday 26th March, 1:30pm at 67 Dawson Pde, Keperra. For more information and to book email Noel Stallard, [noel@stallard.com](mailto:noel@stallard.com)

### **WHS Maintenance Representatives :**

**Wilston:** Marcus Egan ([marcusegan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:marcusegan@optusnet.com.au))

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



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—18th & 19th MARCH 2023**



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



### **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](http://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](mailto:lsr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au)

or by contacting **STOpline** [AOb@stpline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stpline.com.au) or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)

Please visit the **Archdiocesan safeguarding hub** at [www.bnecatholic.stoplilereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplilereport.com)





# 2023

# Easter

*He is Risen*

ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON	ST CARTHAGE'S GORDON PARK	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ENOGERA	IMMAC. CONCEPT. EVERTON PARK
<p><b>2nd Rite of Reconciliation</b> <b>Monday 3rd April</b> <b>6:00pm</b>—all welcome</p> <p><b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>6th April</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration for one hour</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>7th April</b> <b>10:00am</b> Confession <b>11:00am</b> Stations of the Cross at the Church <b>3:00pm</b> The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>8th April</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mass Easter Vigil of the Holy Night</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9th April</b> <b>9:30am</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>7th April</b> <b>3:00pm</b> The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9th April</b> <b>8:00am</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>7th April</b> <b>3:00pm</b> The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>8th April</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mass Easter Vigil of the Holy Night</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9th April</b> <b>9:00am</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p> <p><b>NB: No 5:30pm Mass Easter Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>6th April</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration for one hour</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>7th April</b> <b>10:00am</b> Stations of the Cross</p> <p><i>There will be no Vigil Mass—instead all parishioners will celebrate together at St John the Baptist 7:00pm Vigil</i></p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9th April</b> <b>7:30am</b> Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>

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

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, Alex Crawford, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Mary Dann, Sheila de Zilva, Biddy Dwyer, Lyn Groessler, Beryl Grunwald, Varun Gupta, Gabrielle Harris, Pam Hayes, Sherry Henriksen, 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***