

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



2 July 2023 — 13th Sunday Ordinary Time — 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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— MATTHEW 10:42



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel of today makes us puzzle at the radical demands of Jesus to his disciples and all his would-be followers (Christians). The gospel opens thus: "Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows; 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'" (Mt. 10:37-39). As radical as this demand looks, Jesus wants to be clear and upfront with us all that following Him requires complete commitment. This total commitment must however be born out of love and in the spirit of hospitality. Love and hospitality are at the core of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus wants, however, our commitment to be turned outward and not inward for that would make us rigid and zealot in practising the faith. That was why in the second part of the passage, Jesus called on His disciples to welcome and be hospitable to people, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me... Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; ... If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward." In the first reading we saw how the hospitality of the elderly couple of Shunem brought them the joy of having their own child when it seemed it was over for them to have one. Acts of love, charity and hospitality are always rewarded in magnificent folds.

A story was told of a young boy, Howard Kelly, who had this special joy and love for nature. One day, Howard Kelly was hiking great distances and studying animals in the wild. On a walking trip, up through Northern Pennsylvania one spring, young Kelly stopped by a small farmhouse for a drink of cool spring water. A little girl answered his knock at the door, and instead of water, she brought him a glass of fresh milk. He thanked her profusely and went on his way. After years of medical studies, he became Dr Kelly. Dr Howard Kelly (1858-1943) was a distinguished physician who was one of the four founding doctors of Johns Hopkins, the first medical research university in the U.S. and, arguably, one of the finest hospitals anywhere. In 1895, he established in that school the department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Over the course of his career, Doctor Kelly advanced the sciences of gynaecology and surgery, both as a teacher and as a practitioner. Some years later, that same little girl from Northern Pennsylvania, who had given him that glass of milk years ago, came to him for an operation. Just before she left for home she was fearful of a huge bill, but her bill was brought into the room and across its face was written in a bold hand, "Paid in full for one glass of milk." — That was Dr Kelly's style of showing gratitude and hospitality. While he charged the rich patients substantial fees, he provided his services free-of-charge to the less fortunate. By his conservative estimate, in 75% of his cases he neither sought nor received a fee.

(Adapted from <http://www.snopes.com/glorge/milk.asp>. See the Thai version of this story in YouTube. (<https://youtu.be/BhEvzF8GOKQ>). "Fr. Tony (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)")

My dear brothers and sisters, our love for God must be seen in our attitude towards others. Love is given a flesh by the hospitality and charity we show to others. The radical call to follow Jesus, to commit to following and loving Him more than our family and ourselves is a call to put God first. Jesus wants us to be free to live lives of complete love. And St Teresa of Calcutta tells us to do small things with great love.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Ihemelandu uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 2nd July 2023 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 88:2-3, 16-19 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading	Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Having been buried with Him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous light. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 10:37-42 Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of Me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes Me.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9th July 2023 — Year A — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-10 See how humbly your king comes to you!
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
2nd Reading	Romans 8:9, 11-13 If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30 I am gentle and humble of heart.

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

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

Collections 24th & 25th June 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$109	\$443
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$372	\$273
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$178	\$52
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$352	\$373

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.

Please see message below from Dawn Marano

"I was very touched to receive a birthday message as I turned 90, in the church newsletter, and I thank you all for your prayers, as one who is now quite unwell. I have had a blessed life surrounded by wonderful people and never neglected by my Church community. May God Bless you all. With my special thanks. Dawn Marano."



Vinnies Winter Appeal:

Your donations are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided at each church, or you can donate via direct deposit:

BSB: 064 786, A/C No: 100 026 726,
A/C name: SVDP ST JOHN ENOGGERA

If you wish a receipt, please send your details to:
sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au.

Parish Notices

The Baptism Preparation Session for this month will be held on Saturday 1st July, 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall. The next one will be held on Saturday 2nd August.

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend at all the Masses.

If you're Irish, read this!

It has been said that there are only two types of people in this world; the Irish and those who wish they were! If you are Irish, or would like to be, even for an afternoon, join the **Queensland Irish Choir** at one of our Celtic Winter Concerts and enjoy an afternoon of Irish and Celtic songs and music that will warm the cockles of your heart!



By popular demand, we are holding two concerts this Winter; the first 2:00pm on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at the Chermiside-Kedron Community Church at Kedron and the second at St Thomas Catholic Primary School Hall at Camp Hill at 2:00pm on Sunday, 30 July 2023.

Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained on our website at <https://www.qldirishchoir.org.au/events>
We look forward to seeing you, to be sure!

Terence O'Connor, Queensland Irish Choir

VINNIES VIBES

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. Tickets on sale now!

When: Sunday, 13 August 2023 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

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

Tickets: \$15 – email to sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au or book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CJLWO>

Special Feast Days this week

Monday 3rd July—St Thomas, apostle (red)



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa.

Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



"A Morning's Prayer" for 2023 will take place on Saturday 29th July from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at the breathtaking Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

Come by yourself or bring a group. Everyone most welcome.
Cost \$25 pp.

For more information contact the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult Formation Team at formation@bne.catholic.net.au.

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



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION in the KBCC Parish

The Role of Parents is Important

Parents are the primary educators of their children. In celebrating Baptism of their babies, parents pronounce out aloud and make a commitment to forming their children in their faith life. Parents are spoken to by the Priest: "Parents you have asked to have your child to be baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of raising your child in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring your child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbour." (RB #39) Parents have firstly the right and their duty to be very closely involved in preparing their children for First Communion. Catholic catechism is there to help parents grow in their own understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist and so they can actively and readily participate in the catechising of their children (NCD #121). Parish and school programmes of religious formation assist parents in this most important responsibility but never take over the role of parents that is rightfully theirs.

Your Child's READINESS:

When we talk about a child's readiness to celebrate a sacrament, there are three areas to consider: the family, the child and the parish community. The Family is the primary place of child formation. Parents are the role models for their children and therefore are encouraged to act as witnesses by their regular participation in church life within the parish. Here are some points to ponder on:

- Does your family participate in the life of the community in the areas of worship, service and formation?
- As parents are you willing to commit to the continuing formation of your child in worship, service and formation?
- Does your family pray together at home?
- Is your child baptised, confirmed and have you prepared your child to participate and celebrate fully in mass?
- Has your child expressed an interest or a desire to celebrate Eucharist?
- Does your child participate in the liturgy on a regular basis at the parish not just in school time or just at Family Masses?
- Does your child continue to be formed in faith including basic knowledge of who Jesus is and what He has done?
- Can your child distinguish Eucharist from ordinary bread?

As sacraments are commonly celebrated in community, the parish has a great responsibility in the sacramental preparation in partnership with parents.

Your parish provides the parents with the necessary support and information to enable you to fulfil your role as primary educator of your child. Your parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through the masses, through children's liturgy, through prayer, through children's choir, through Family Masses in cooperation with the school, through Altar Servers Training, through Reader's Training and through the Sacramental Preparation.

The proper context for the celebration of the Sacraments is the parish community. A privileged time and place for the sacrament, namely Confirmation and First Eucharist, is the Sunday Mass. Immediate preparation for the sacraments involves Sacramental Preparation programmes supported by the Catholic School Religious Education programmes. Sacramental catechesis takes place during parent information meetings combined with parent/family prayers and rituals, family sacramental workshops and retreat time.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

Preparation for any sacrament is a journey of the heart that prepares us and the children most especially to meet the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It involves a commitment to the Sacramental preparation, reflection, prayer, faith sharing and the ritual celebration with parents and other sacramental children. This is not an educational process or a time to "make up or catch up" on catechetical material. In the case of preparation for First Communion, if a child is lacking age appropriate foundational catechesis, then it might be suggested to hold back your child, or probably as parents to refresh your own knowledge, where you are in your faith journey, your own commitment to your practice of the faith and lastly your commitment relation with your child's faith journey. Immediate catechesis for the sacrament of Eucharist is to be short and focused on the preparation for the celebration of the sacrament. The goal of this catechesis is to help children participate in the Mass in a meaningful and reverent manner. The content of the preparation is to have at its core the format/structure of the Eucharistic celebration. Themes should include "sharing, listening, eating, conversing, giving, thanking and celebrating" (NCD #133).

If you would like to look into the complete Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, please visit

www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/.../sacramental-life-of-the-church WebSacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane Second Edition, September 2015.

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, Kerry 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