

# Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

**Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist**

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



21st May 2023 — The Ascension of the Lord — 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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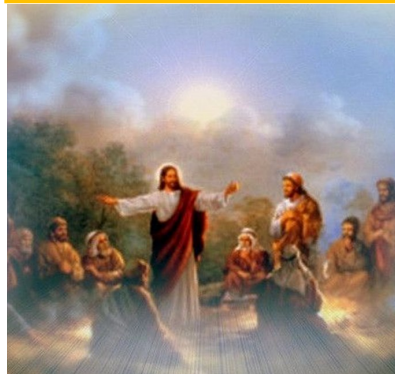
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**Make disciples of  
all nations**



## Priority: Implementing Integral Ecology

(Acts 1:1 - 11, Psalm 46:2 – 3, 6 - 9, Eph 1:17 - 23, John 14:15-21)

**Introduction:** Consider for a moment the following question: what is the Church's mission? On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the Gospel reading provides us with an answer. Jesus says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." What is the Church's mission? To make disciples of Jesus. Recent Popes have continued to remind us of this central mission. Pope Paul VI said that the Church "exists in order to evangelize" (EN 14), and Pope Francis wrote that "in all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers" (EG 28). If the Church exists to make disciples, we must consider what is a disciple, and how do we make disciples? This is interconnected with the sixth apostolic priority: Implementing Integral Ecology.

## Archbishop Mark writes:

*Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.*

**1. What is a Disciple?** ...In the first reading we see that the disciples had a personal relationship with Jesus. They didn't just know him, they also followed him, and allowed him to transform their lives. This is a challenge to all of us. Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do we follow Jesus? Do we allow Jesus to transform our lives? ... To be a disciple is to be filled with the Holy Spirit... Beyond this, St Paul reminds us to, "be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph 5:18-19).

The second reading provides further insight into the work of the Spirit which enables us to see God, ourselves and the earth with a new vision. With hearts enlightened by the Spirit we are able to see the immeasurable greatness of God, the wonder and dignity of every person as being made in the image of God, and the beauty and majesty of the earth which shouts of the glory of God. Hearts enlightened by the Spirit "realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*" (Laudato Si, 49). It is the encounter with Jesus that inspires the love of God, each other and creation.

**2. How do we make disciples?** ... When Jesus called his disciples, he said he'd make them fishers of people. In the Gospel today he calls his disciples to go and do just that – to make disciples! Each of us, all the baptised, are called and commissioned to make more disciples... Making disciples means walking in the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation to courageously share our faith, hope and love with others. This is not about proselytizing. Jesus never coerced anyone to follow him. It is instead an invitation to others that begins with sharing the joy found in the enlightened heart that can see immeasurable greatness of God, the wonder of God's image upon every human person, and the fingerprints of God on all of creation.

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## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 21st May 2023 - Year A - The Ascension of the Lord

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

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28th May 2023 — Year A – Pentecost Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different languages.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34 Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 In the one Spirit we were all baptised making one body.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	Jn 20: 19-23 As the Father sent Me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

### MASS INFORMATION

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b> 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass followed by adoration
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 6:30am Mass

### Collections 13th & 14th May 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$237	\$497
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$267	\$75
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$69	\$529
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$386	\$201

## 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!



**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.

### 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>

## National Volunteers Week 15 - 21 May



Volunteers are just ordinary people  
With extraordinary hearts.  
They offer the gift of their time  
To teach, to listen, to help, to inspire,  
To build, to grow, to learn.  
They expect no pay,  
Yet the value of their work knows no limit.  
They've known the unexpected joy  
of a simple hug,  
They've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives.  
Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out  
And take a hand and together  
Make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

## 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](mailto: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.*

**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.

**The Everton Park Mother's Day Raffle winner** was Bridie Davies. The conference thanks the Everton Park & Enoggera Parishioners for their support. The raffles raised \$775.00.

### *Funeral Notice for Pamela Mary Hayes 08.09.1951 - 11.05.2023*

The funeral Mass for Pam will take place on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 10:15am for 10:30am start at the Little Flower Catholic Church, Kedron. Wake to follow at Northern Suburbs Bowls Club, 175 Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights.



### *Special Feast Days this week*

Wednesday 24th May - Our Lady, Help of Christians (white)  
Friday 26th May—St Philip Neri, priest (white)  
Sunday 28th May—Pentecost Sunday (red)

*Pentecost is the last day of the Easter Season. During this period the Easter candle is lit at all masses until Pentecost. Following the end of the last mass for Pentecost, the Easter Candle is given place of honour, only to be lit for Baptisms, Funerals and special occasions.*

*Ordinary time resumes on Tuesday 30th May when the colour changes back to green.*

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**Conclusion:** Today our Lord calls each of us to go on mission, but let us first consider our own journey as a disciple of Jesus. Have we personally encountered Jesus, and have we allowed Jesus the freedom to move in our hearts and transform our lives? Are we walking in the grace of our baptism and the empowerment of the Spirit received in confirmation? Let us first ask Jesus to again lead us, guide us, and help us on our journey as his disciple... Finally, in light of implementing integral ecology, let us pray that as we help others encounter Jesus, that the Spirit would enlighten hearts to see the interconnectedness of all of creation in order that a conversion to Christ leads also to an ecological conversion that transforms hearts and minds toward a greater love of God, each other and creation.

[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](mailto:lsr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au)

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

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





### ***After Confirmation is done, what's next...***

Congratulations! Your child has celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation, they have been sealed with the same Holy Spirit who moved upon the watery void of Genesis and charged the hearts of Jesus' disciples at Pentecost almost 2,000 years ago!

But... now what?

When a your young person is confirmed in our modern world, it can certainly *feel* like a "graduation." With their beautiful dresses, fancy suits, and family after-parties, it surely seems like the "end" of something. There are no more workshops to attend, so now you may think "pew, gone past the mandatory workshop stuff."

Sometimes, as Catholics, we rely too heavily on programmes and classroom-like structures, thinking that in *learning* about our Christian faith we're also **living** our Christian faith. Yes, like it is said...we should all be life-long learners, but so much of being a fully mature disciple is in the participating, in the "doing" of being a disciple: charging up with prayer, sharing the Scriptures and what Jesus Christ has done for us, helping out and serving those in our community, etc.

Therefore, Confirmation is not the end of our Sacramental journey but the **beginning!** Confirmation, that special sealing of the Holy Spirit upon our young people, should be the beginning of maturing discipleship. The workshops may be over, but now the great big job of being Jesus' disciples begins!

We all have specific gifts and talents that God wants us to use. Your specific action of sharing your gifts and talents is always more influential and compelling than any kind of writing, book, or internet phenomenon. We must have confidence in what God wants us to do even through our own fragility and deficiency before we begin to call that courage out of our confirmed young people.

As a parent, teach your children the importance and the impact of prayer in their lives. Try to reach out to your child's sponsor, keeping them in the loop about your child's life, their big and small wins, their struggles, and reminding them to help with their own prayers. Ask them to call or text their newly confirmed loved one at regular intervals to invite them to attend Mass with you on a weekend, or join you for brunch and conversation.

As a parent or a sponsor consider some of these guiding questions based on Chosen Sponsor Guide (Ascension Press):

Have you created a routine of prayer? What kinds of prayer do you like? What times of day are best for you to pray? (Share what has worked for you in your past!)

What are some areas of the faith you want to learn more about?

Do you feel connected to your parish life? What can you do to stay connected?

How do you think Christ wants you to witness His love at your school?

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***

Pam Hayes