

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



23rd April 2023 — Third Sunday of Easter — Year A

The Third Sunday of Easter, 2nd Priority: Reshaping Parish Communities
(Acts 2:14, 22 – 33, Psalm 15, 1 Peter 1:17 – 21, Luke 24:13 – 35)

Introduction: For thousands of years, we assumed that the earth was in the centre of the universe, or at least the centre of the solar system... It was not until the sixteenth century that Copernicus recognised that the sun, not the earth was at the centre of the solar system. This changed the way we viewed ourselves and the universe. We were no longer at the centre. It was a paradigm shift that made sense of everything. In today's gospel, two disciples on their way to Emmaus have their own kind of paradigm shift. It was the light of the risen Christ, the Son, who would make sense of everything.

Introducing Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities: This Sunday we engage with the second priority of Archbishop Mark's apostolic priorities for the Archdiocese: "reshaping parish communities." Archbishop Mark writes:

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need – sensibly and over time – to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."

Luke's account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus can help us understand how God might speak to us in ways we did not anticipate.

1. **Jesus is with the disciples, yet they do not recognise him:** These disciples knew Jesus, they'd followed Jesus, yet in this moment on the road to Emmaus, they were unable to recognise him. In the same way, Jesus can be walking with us, accompanying us, and even speaking to us, yet we do not recognise him.... This can also be true when we consider our local communities of faith. We can at times be unable to hear the voice of God because it may not be what we expect. Future structures may look different in order that the gospel can be shared compellingly to future generations. Jesus is amongst us, but do we recognise him? Jesus is speaking, but can we hear his voice?

2. **Jesus enables the disciples to see reality in a whole new light:** In this conversation with the disciples, "Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures." ... This same kind of paradigm shift may need to take place in our understanding of our parish communities. What would it mean to reflect on our faith communities in the light of the risen Christ. How do our communities reflect Jesus? Are we making disciples? Are we sharing faith, hope and love? Are we caring for the 'sinner'? Do we care for the poor?

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***Their eyes were opened
and they recognised Him***



READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 23rd April 2023 - Year A - Third Sunday of Easter

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| 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. |

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th April 2023 — Year A — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| First Reading | Acts 2: 14, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 22: 1-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. |
| Second Reading | 1 Peter 2: 20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. |
| Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia! |
| Gospel | John 10: 1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold. |

MASS INFORMATION

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| 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 15th & 16th April 2023

| | Direct Debit | Credit Card | Envelopes | Cash |
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| Wilston | \$1015 | \$275 | \$257 | \$467 |
| Gordon Park | Inc. with Wilston | Inc. with Wilston | \$205 | \$72 |
| Enoggera | \$482 | \$118 | \$109 | \$335 |
| Everton Park | Inc. with Enoggera | Inc. with Enoggera | \$414 | \$320 |

SUMMIT 2023



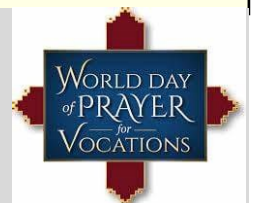
In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for the Archdiocese. Over the next seven weeks from the Second Sunday of Easter until Pentecost, the bulletin will introduce each of the seven themes.

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

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| 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

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| 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.



The quarterly Senior's Mass with anointing will be held on Thursday, 25th May 2023 at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera, with morning tea served in the Parish Hall after the Mass. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you.

Anzac Day Masses, Tuesday, 25th April

5:30am Wilston - the Mass will be outside the church, in the Piazza, please feel free to bring along a chair should you wish. There will be a light breakfast after the Mass for a gold coin donation.

9:00am Enoggera Please note there will be no 9:00am Mass at Everton Park on that day.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*



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3. They recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread: The Eucharist is at the Centre: At times, talk of renewal or re-shaping parish communities can be met with fear that people are abandoning the Christian tradition and looking to create something other. It's important here to make the distinction between what is unchangeable, and eternal compared with that which will continue to evolve and adapt depending on the time and place. The gospel does not change, but how we communicate it must. Our God doesn't change, but the style in which we worship God continues to evolve and adapt. The Church is the eternal body of Christ, but its local structures continue to adapt and evolve. As we consider what it means to reshape parish communities into the future, we can be confident that whatever it may look like, at its heart is the breaking of bread, communion: the Eucharist...

In conclusion, like on the road to Emmaus, Jesus can be walking with us and speaking to us and yet we fail to recognise him because he has not come in the way we expected. How is Jesus speaking to us today?

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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@stopleveline.com.au or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)

Please visit the **Archdiocesan safeguarding hub** at www.bnecatholic.stopleveline.com



What is Christian Initiation?

Christian Initiation incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. In Baptism, God adopts us as His children and makes us new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. As we are signed with the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, God brings us to full stature of Lord Jesus to continue His mission here on earth. At the table of the Eucharist, we are fed and nourished with the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood and, with the whole Church, we take part in the offering of Christ on the Cross. At Sunday Mass, those who have been initiated are continually formed by the word of God and affirmed in their belonging to Church, the Body of Christ.

What is Confirmation?

The Candidate renews their Baptismal promises in front of all the congregation and witnessed by their sponsor. Then the Bishop prays over the candidate in the *laying on of hands* so that they are empowered by the Holy Spirit who strengthens their gifts of *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude piety and fear of the Lord*. The Bishop anoints the candidate *with the oil of Chrism* and he calls out their (chosen Saint's) name and says "*Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit*" to which the candidate responds, "*And with your Spirit*". The Bishop then says, "*Peace be with you*" and the candidate responds "*And with your Spirit*."

What are the requirements involved in the Parish Confirmation Programme?

Attend the Information Session for parents, bring a copy each of your child's *Birth* and *Baptismal* certificates.

Enrol and register on line and nominate your celebration group.

Attend one of the Rite of Enrolment Masses – Sat. 6th May @ 5:00pm St Columba's Church; Sunday 7th May @ 7:30am at Immaculate Conception Church; 8:00am @ St Carthage Church; 9:00am @ St. John the Baptist; 9:30am @ St Columba's or 5:30pm @ St John the Baptist Church.

Attend Sunday Masses.

Attend Family Workshop on the weekend of May 6th at 3:30pm or on May 7th at either 11:00am or 3:30pm.

Attend the Retreat and Practice Weekend on the 13th & 14th May @ 3:30pm Saturday or 11am or 3:30pm Sunday.

Attend Confirmation Liturgy or Mass.

Attend Parish Thanksgiving & Celebration 11th June or 18th June.

When is the Sacrament of Confirmation usually celebrated?

In our Parish it is celebrated in the 2nd Term of Year 3 when most of the children have turned 8 years old. The Bishop usually celebrates with us during the week and also when we are fortunate to have him at the weekend. However, our Parish Priest is commissioned to celebrate it on the Bishop's behalf.

- **Who should I choose as a sponsor?**

Confirmation is a reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism, therefore the Church recommends that a child's godparent take on the role of sponsor for Confirmation if possible. Sponsors should be: at least 16 years old, not the child's parent, a Catholic who has been Baptised, Confirmed, receives Communion and who lives a life of faith.

- **What is the responsibility of the sponsor?**

Since a sponsor has such a significant role to play in the development of the candidate for Confirmation, it is important that this person be one who is a living example of faith, one whose actions reflect the actions of Jesus. A Confirmation sponsor offers support and encouragement during the Confirmation preparation process. During the Confirmation ceremony, sponsors bring the candidates forward and present them to the Bishop.

Why do we do this in the Parish and not at the school?

It is important to know that we are initiating the children into the life of the Parish. Catholic schools play a very important role in assisting with the formal religious education of children, but this is a mission undertaken on behalf of the parents and the parish and it is for the purpose of helping children and families understand that the initiation is into the life of the Church. It is important also that the Parishioners play a part in welcoming and supporting the young candidates as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments. Initiation is about being incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church. The community plays an essential supporting role in this process.

For more information, please contact us at the Parish Office.

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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

Marguerite Marie Veronica Ruiz Flor

We extend our sympathy and support to all families who have recently lost a loved one

Kay-Maree Cowell (Sue Burton's sister)

