

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



25th June 2023 — 12th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A



St John the Baptist

131 South Pine Road,
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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

18 Halle Street,
EVERTON PARK

St Carthage's

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GORDON PARK

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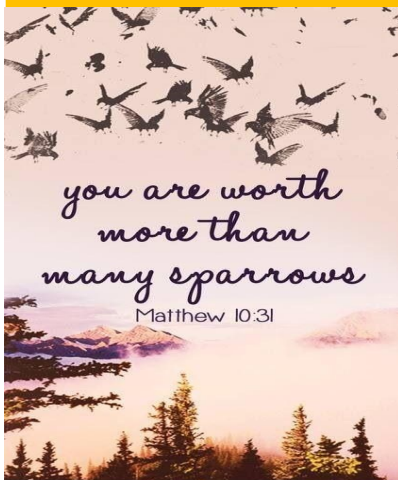
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Do Not Be Afraid

In the first reading of today, we heard Jeremiah's lamentation as he vents out his despair, and how he is being persecuted with terrors all around. But in his lamentation and anguish, he also makes a confident statement of his trust and dependence in the Lord God to deliver him. The main thing about the reading is to portray human suffering on one hand and the need to hope in God on the other hand.

We will remember 43 years ago, precisely in 1980, the Chamberlains, a devout Seventh Day Adventist family, are camping at Uluru in Central Australia. When the family is eating supper, Azaria, the baby daughter, disappears from the tent. Lindy, the mother, hears a cry and rushes to check on the baby. Lindy sees a dingo running away but no trace of the child is ever found. Lindy is charged with the murder of her child, and the father, Michael, a pastor, as accessory to the murder. The couple pleads innocence and professes their faith in God. In the trial, Lindy is found guilty and sentenced to life in prison with hard labour. The Chamberlains, supported by friends, lose appeal after appeal. Finally new evidence is discovered, the Chamberlains win the fight to prove their innocence. A panel of three judges exonerates Lindy and Michael in 1988. In this true story, Lindy and Michael were people of faith who were forced to go through public trial and punishment, and who suffered hostility and slander.

Another outstanding example of being a true witness of Christ in the face of persecution is Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador. Seeing the corruption and dehumanising situation of the people in the face of oppression, he was caught up with the burning fire of God to be the voice of the people. Every Sunday he preached at the Cathedral. His homilies so electrified the country that national affairs halted when he spoke from the altar. He made public the unspeakable crimes being committed by many agents of the government, disregarding the constant threat of death. Some of his best friends were murdered. And still he would not be silenced. He refused to go into hiding or exile saying: "At the first sight of danger the shepherd cannot run and leave the sheep to fend for themselves. I will stay with my people." According to Romero it didn't take courage. All it took was the understanding that his enemies dwelt in fear, and that he was not afraid of them, they would have no power over him. They might be able to kill his body, but they would not and could not kill his soul. Even though we may not aspire to such heights of heroism, people like these are an inspiration to us.

Not long ago Cardinal Pell was crucified in the public court of opinion, condemned by a court, sent to prison, and after months in prison, was exonerated by an Australian court. Today there are many people around the world whose personal life experiences resemble that of Jeremiah, the Chamberlain's, and Archbishop Romero. One thing common with all these people is their faith and trust in God in the face of persecution, suffering and threats to their lives.

My dear brothers and sisters, Jesus knew that there would be fear, obstacles, persecution, and pain as He sent His disciples to be His witnesses. Hence, He urges them in the Gospel (Mt. 10:26-33) we heard not once, but three times "Do not be afraid," and called them to be fearless witnesses of the Gospel. That same Jesus stands among us today, He is in our family and sees our struggles, He sees the injustice people are going through and the persecution and efforts at silencing faith. In all these, He commands us to be courageous and not to be afraid. Fear holds its sway over us depending on how much we allowed it to dominate us.

May we grow in our faith and knowledge of God and move every day from fear to courage. By trusting in and relying on God's loving care just as Jeremiah and the disciples, may we overcome all oppositions and obstacles in life.

Amen!

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 25th June May 2023 - 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2nd July 2023 — Year A – 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.

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 17th & 18th June 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$143	\$525
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$441	\$304
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$139	\$55
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$317	\$525

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

Archbishop Coleridge 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. The Archbishop 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.

Parish Notices

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 launched this the weekend - 24th & 25th June.

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up next 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 Chermside-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

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)

Special Feast Days this week

Wednesday 28th June—St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr (red)

Thursday 29th June—Sts Peter and Paul, apostles (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





The Sacrament of Eucharist

Eucharist is the sacrament that completes the process of initiation. First Holy Communion, sharing in the body and blood of the Lord at Mass (Eucharist) for the first time, is the climax of the initiation process for the children in the Sacramental Programme. It is when the child can fully participate in the Holy Mass by receiving Holy Communion.

Eucharist is a truly special sacrament among the sacraments as it is at the “heart” of our faith. For us as Catholics, the Eucharist, or Mass, is the most powerful way we experience Jesus’ real presence within our hearts. Every Sunday we gather together to celebrate the Mass, a ritual whereby the Holy Spirit’s power changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the Mass with the Priest we are also transformed. We become Jesus presence to others, and we see Jesus in others. Eating and drinking with the rest of the community at the Table of the Lord is a sign of belonging fully to that community.

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 Holy Communion 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 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. Hope to see you at the Information meeting. You will be given a pack, and the schedule of the programme, the dates for the First Holy Communion Masses and the link for your registration. Please remember the attendance of all sessions, including the Information session is mandatory.

Thanks very much.

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St John the Baptist Parish & Good Samaritan Parish

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

Denise Bruton, Mary-Rose Giuliani



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