

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



26th March 2023 — 5th Sunday in Lent — Year A

“COME OUT”

Today's readings confront us with the reality of death, though not primarily our physical death, but the death we all experience in our souls and the despair that oftentimes overpowers us and makes us like “walking dead,” especially when we have no hope, no future, and no vitality for life. From this state of being, Jesus calls us: “come out!” In the first reading, God already declared “I will raise you from our graves... I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.” That same hope of a new life continued in the second reading from Rom. 8:8-26, where St Paul explains the reality of spiritual death and being alive in the spirit, “...But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His spirit who dwells in you.”

There is physical death that occurs when our vital internal organs fail to function, and our breath ceases. There is spiritual death too, which occurs when the life of faith is no longer active in us, and we chase after an illusory sinful life. St Paul in Eph. 2:1-6 says: “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient... But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

Lazarus is a symbol for us all. We often feel that we are in a tomb due to the challenges and struggles of life and our wrestling against the flesh and powers that are antithetical to the life of faith. Hence, we feel cut off from life and buried in darkness of sin, hopeless despair and desolation; a state which Fr Michael Fallon describes as a situation where one feels “hopeless, dead; disappointed in a relationship that has lost its spark; sucked into the quicksand of sin and unable to find any solid ground or to struggle free; entombed in a cold dark place with a huge boulder blocking out the light – a boulder too heavy for us to move aside by our own power.”

Today's Gospel is a powerful reminder that God does not want us to be either in a state of hopelessness or to be a walking dead, wallowing in darkness and sin. That is why the climax of the gospel comes when the voice of Jesus penetrates through the darkness of death as he calls: “Lazarus, here! Come forth!” Followed closely by the divine authoritative command: “Unbind him! Let him go free!” Jesus most importantly wants to rescue us from spiritual death. He calls us by name to “come out” from any form of entombment we are in. Jesus weeps when he finds us bound by a habit of sin, by addictions or by past hurts. Jesus wants us to be free. I wish to end with these words of Bishop Barron, “each of us to a degree, is spiritually dead. Maybe you're like Lazarus - four days in your tomb. Maybe you feel there is just no hope for the likes of you.” He continues: “I don't care how far you've fallen. I don't care how dead you are. The voice of Jesus can pull you out of the tomb.” Being more unambiguous, Bishop Barron said “Maybe you're sunk in an addiction. Maybe you've done things that you are so ashamed of that you can't even bring yourself to speak of them. Maybe you've fallen out of a relationship with the people you love the most. Maybe you've been a first-class jerk. Maybe you just feel you're a failure. Maybe you're terrified of dying. I don't care. Listen for the voice! ‘Untie him and let him go.’”

My dear friends in Christ, the same Jesus who cured people who suffered grievous illness-blindness as we read last Sunday, is the same Jesus that today brought Lazarus back to life. He did it as a sign of greater things to come. He did it for us to place our hope in Him knowing that there is nothing that He cannot do for us. Let us listen to the voice of the one who loves us that calls us to “come out” from darkness into light and live.

Have a beautiful week Fr Ithemelandu Uzuegbu



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18 Halle Street,
EVERTON PARK

St Carthage's

115 Beaconsfield Tce
GORDON PARK

St Columba's

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***“I am the resurrection
and the life”***



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

First Reading	Ezekiel 37: 12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Second Reading	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.
Gospel Acclamation	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!
Gospel	John 11: 1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2nd April 2023 — Year A — Palm Sunday

First Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Second Reading	Philippians 2: 6-11 He humbled Himself to become like us and God raised Him on high.
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel	Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

MASS INFORMATION

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 6:00pm Stations of the Cross (during Lent)

Collections 18th & 19th March 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$308	\$534
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$164	\$82
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$238	\$829
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$386	\$256

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	St John the Baptist
or by appointment	

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

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

Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com



Parish Notices

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Friday, 6:00pm at St Columba's Church, Wilston.

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 doors have been removed and the area will remain closed until the weekend of Palm Sunday. During this time the doorway will not be accessible. The restoration work is in the final state of completion.

Enoggera Reader Training—calling all Readers to join us for reader refresher and training this 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

Good Samaritan Men's Prayer Group—we will be meeting for one hour on Tuesday 28th March at 7:00pm in a private home. If you would like more information on this meeting or wish to be advised of future meetings please phone or text Michael on 0401 308 665 or Andrew on 0417 990 727.

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 and 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 silent 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 Eucharistic.



If you want to have a conversation with someone, please do that outside the church.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—25th & 26th MARCH 2023



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY NEWS

The 2023 Prayer calendar for Seminarians and Priests is now available in all our churches.

Please take one home with you and pray daily for the seminarians by name.

Last year the Seminary celebrated the ordinations of El Louie, Nathan and Brian into the priesthood as well as Isaac, Minje and Gerard to the diaconate. They have also welcome four new seminarians this year.



Archbishop's Dinner for Men 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm **DATE:** Thursday, 13 April 2023

LOCATION: Wynberg, New Farm (Archbishop's residence)

DRESS CODE: Semi-Formal **RSVP:** 27 March 2023 (email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)

Join a community of men discerning at the annual Archbishop's Dinner for Men where Archbishop Mark Coleridge shares his personal journey to the priesthood. Gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment.

2023

Easter

He is Risen

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

Registration is now open for the Catholic Leadership Intensive (CLI) 2023. Fr Ithemi 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.

2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

TIME: 7-9pm Monday evenings

DATE: 29 May—14 August 2023

LOCATION: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Dato, Mary Dann, Sheila de Zilva, Biddy 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

Cora Huet

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

Donald Banks, Alex Crawford

