

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



2nd April 2023 — Palm Sunday



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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Hosanna in the highest heaven



Palm Sunday Reflection

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday of the Lord, marks the beginning of Holy Week — the holiest week in the Christian calendar. It begins with Jesus' "triumphal" entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey (or an ass). Jesus mounted the donkey as a humble way of fulfilling the words of the prophet Zechariah about the Messiah —

"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9).

Holy week finishes with the Paschal Triduum. These are the three days that highlight the most important points of our faith - the final moments of Christ's life as He applied Himself to the fulfilment of the will of the Father, namely the institution of the Eucharist, the suffering, the death on the cross, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Triduum is one celebration spread across three days. We are meant to be part of these three celebrations that start on Thursday.

Today the Church therefore commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to fulfil his Paschal mystery and to save humanity. Certainly, many things come to mind each time we celebrate Palm Sunday. Just looking around the Church we see the decorations, with palm fronds which are to be blessed and preserved for use on Ash Wednesday, and the Red vestments. In the story we hear of the disciples who did the preparations for Jesus to eat the Passover. On the other hand were the Jewish leaders who made themselves barefaced enemies of Jesus. They watched as the crowd was animated in their admiration of Jesus the Messiah, laying their cloths and palm fronds on the road, an equivalent of a "red carpet reception" today. They understood what was happening as the crowds proclaimed: "Hosanna to the Son of David." They were fearful of their positions of power and influence and saw Jesus as a threat that must be eliminated.

As the story progresses, we see the likes of Peter who denied Jesus and the other disciples who were nowhere to be found after Jesus was arrested. Finally, we see Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus, and Pilate the representative of Caesar.

In the Passover and passion events, we see truly the spousal Love of Christ that triumphs on this day of joy! It is the Love of God that calls us to follow Christ in love, to share in His glory and His triumph.

As we celebrate the holy week, let us ask ourselves: Am I a fickle disciple of Christ like Peter and the other disciples who denied and abandoned Jesus? How many times have I betrayed Jesus like Judas with my many sinful acts and omissions? How many times have I failed to love Jesus in the needy, by failing to clothe the naked, to visit the prisoners and the sick or to help the poor? Real life situations can make us do what we are not proud of, but with deep faith and love in our hearts, we will still make a difference in the world.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 2nd April 2023 - 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9th April 2023 — Year A – Easter Sunday

First Reading	Acts 10: 34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with Him after His resurrection from the dead.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
2nd Reading	Colossians 3: 1-4 Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 20: 1-9 The teaching of scripture is that He must rise from the dead.

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 25th & 26th March 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$252	\$448
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$184	\$39
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$89	\$523
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$397	\$250

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,

+ Mark Archbishop of Brisbane

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 Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	St Columba's St Columba's St John the Baptist
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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.stoplينerreport.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.

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.

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.



Confirmation Parent Information Sessions — will be held on:

Tuesday 18th April 2023: 10:30am & 7:00pm at St Columba's Church, Wilston

Thursday 20th April 2023: 7:00pm at St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera

Ladies Guild News—It has been decided, due to illness, age and lack of mobility, to discontinue the guild in its present form. We will now meet quarterly for Rosary and morning tea, and hope other Parish ladies will join us. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th April at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

NEW COVID GUIDELINES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Recently, in reviewing our current protocols, we consulted with a infectious diseases expert. He has encouraged us to resume normal practices as much as possible as in his words, "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future".

We will reintroduce the reception of communion from the chalice from Holy Thursday, 6 April.

- Sign of Peace: People may choose to shake hands or embrace if they wish to do so.
 - Veneration of the Cross: It is recommended that parishioners be encouraged not to kiss the cross during this time (alternatively, wipes could be provided to be used if necessary).
- Holy water fonts may be filled

In our Churches we will start implementation of these from 6th April 2023. Those who are unwell should refrain from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue. We understand that some members of our community might not be comfortable with these changes, we encourage you take your time and take personal responsibility to the level upon which you want to embrace these new guidelines.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OVER EASTER

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:

The annual Holy Land collection will taken up after Communion during the Good Friday Service. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land of Good Friday. Thank you.

Easter Offering Envelopes:

The Easter Offering envelopes will be available in all our churches this weekend. Please take one home with you and return to one of the Easter Masses.

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 10:00am Stations of the Cross 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 Datoc, 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

