

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



30th April 2023 — Fourth Sunday of Easter — 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

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GORDON PARK

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***I am the gate of the
Sheepfold***



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, also known as Vocation Sunday. We celebrate it every 4th Sunday after Easter and read the Gospel from John 10:1-10, where Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd, the gate and sheepfold. The first and second readings are interconnected and together, they speak of our calling and response as Christians to the good shepherd. As His followers, we are the sheep who must listen, recognise the voice, and follow the shepherd.

A Shepherd is one who looks after the sheep, the gate offers protection to the sheep, while the sheepfold is a place of shelter. Once the sheep enter through the gate, they are sure of care, peace and safety because the shepherd himself guides the opening - entrance - to secure and protect the sheep.

By referring to Himself as the “gate” of the sheepfold and the shepherd, Jesus unequivocally makes it clear that we (the sheep) must be attentive in recognising his voice, and listening to Him for proper direction. It is difficult to listen we know, and even more difficult to listen to God and what the Holy Spirit is saying to us, and to discern the road the Spirit is calling us to take in a particular situation. However, an obedient sheep (Christian) will always strive to listen to the shepherd with the ears of the heart and follow him in faith. Why is it so? It is because God never fails those who listen and trust in Him.

Hence, in this challenging time, in a changed world that has become like a “village”, there are many voices calling and saying things to us from left and right. We wonder which do we listen to and how do we respond? In a changed and challenging time, people’s default reaction tends to be one of fear, closure and resistance, rather than one of listening to what God is saying to us, taking advantage of the time and opportunity to grow and make a difference. In a situation of change and where many voices abound, one who listens to God through the scriptures will always find protection, direction, peace and growth - and above all salvation.

Drawing from the teaching of the gospel on listening in a moment of change, and looking at the changing face of the church today, Archbishop Mark stated in “Lamps Ablaze”, Apostolic Priorities: Bringing the Cultural Communities to the Centre that:

“The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America (and Australia) to Africa, Asia and Latin America... These large and growing communities have gifts for the whole Church, and increasingly the centre of gravity in the Church here is moving in their direction... This again will involve significant cultural change for the whole Church in this part of the world.”

Commenting on the above and how the good shepherd works to bring cultural communities to the centre, and what our responsibilities as the sheep are, Evangelisation Brisbane summarised that “It is from the cultural and racial inclusivity of Jesus that we learn to engage with every tribe and nation, following the example of the good shepherd in welcoming all people and doing what we can to ensure that the Gospel is accessible to all.” Furthermore, it noted that we, the sheep must avoid the temptation of living life without the Shepherd, because without Jesus we are lost, separated and in darkness. Without listening to the shepherd, one begins to live as if one is the measure of all things and needs no God [e.g. “There is no shepherd, I shall want. No one makes me lie down in green pastures... Goodness and mercy cannot follow me all the days of my life, as I shall dwell alone my whole life long”].

May Christ, the good shepherd, help us to overcome our fears, resist the deceptive voices in our world, and courageously open our hearts to His word, so that our lives will change, and we become, in turn, channels of God’s healing and love in the world.

Have a blessed weekend!

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 30th April 2023 - Year A - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th May 2023 — Year A — Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 6: 1-7 They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.
Second Reading	1 Peter 2: 4-9 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. Alleluia!
Gospel	John 14: 1-12 I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

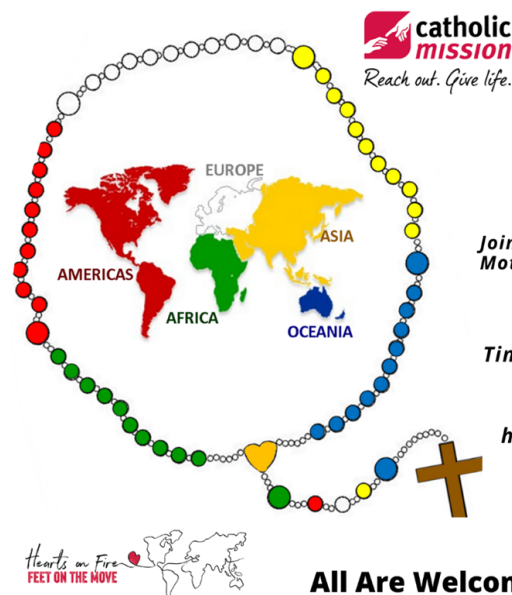
St Columba's 5:00pm Vigil Mass 9:30am Mass (Sun)	St John the Baptist 9:00 am Mass (Sun) 5:30pm Mass (Sun)
Immaculate Conception 7:30am Mass (Sun) <i>Followed by 24 hr Perpetual Adoration until Mon 8:30am</i>	St Carthage's 8:00am Mass (Sun)

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 22nd & 23rd April 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$127	\$252
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$156	\$55
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$136	\$377
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$385	\$178



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May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time
12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: 885 9061 9139
Password: 855274

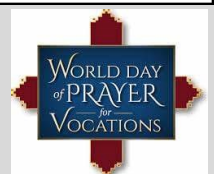
Hearts on Fire FEET ON THE MOVE

All Are Welcome!

World Day Of Prayer for Vocations - 30th April 2023

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.”
~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



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. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you. Please note: there will be no 9:00am Mass at St Columba’s Church, Wilston, that day.

Good Samaritan Parish Dinner— The Social Committee invites you all to the Parish Dinner of Friday, 9th June at 6:30pm for 7:00pm in the St Columba’s School Hall. BYO drinks. \$30 per adult, \$10 per child (children under 13 years of age). Tickets will be on sale from next weekend.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
2.05.2023	7:00pm	PPC Meeting (SJB)	Enoggera Hall
3.05.2023	7:00pm	PPC Meeting (Good Samaritan)	Parish Office

Special Feast Days this week

Tuesday 2nd May - St Athanasius, bishop, doctor (white)

Wednesday 3rd May - Sts Philip and James, apostles (red)



The Commissioning Mass for the St Vincent de Paul Volunteers took place on Sunday 16th April at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Everton Park.

2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive
Empowering 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

TIME: 7-9pm Monday evenings

DATE: 29 May—14 August 2023

LOCATION: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

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. 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.

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

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





Confirmation : Second Step in our faith journey - Confirmation is said to be a “sacrament in search of a theology” (Dr Jeffrey & Angie Goh). This implies that we don’t have a clear understanding of what the sacrament is about, especially since it has been separated from Baptism and often the reception and celebration of it differs in age in every other state in Australia and every other country in the world. However, that isn’t entirely accurate. Yes there may be small inconsistencies, but we do have a good idea of what the sacrament is about.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation. Confirmation introduces us into the life of God and of the Church. The first initiation was Baptism, when we were adopted by God and welcomed into the family of the Church. Baptism set us on the straight path towards eternal life. It was step one in our faith journey. Confirmation intensifies that beginning and blesses us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we might call it “step two” of our becoming God’s children.

Signs and Symbols - Confirmation is usually celebrated by a Bishop. The ritual comprises of the laying on of hands, the anointing on the forehead with holy chrism, and the saying of the words “Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit” . Like the other sacraments, it’s a simple action, using an appropriate tool (oil and the laying on of hands), accompanied by simple words. The ritual is assured its remarkable meaning by the presence of our God infusing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The laying on of hands and the anointing with oil are not actions that immediately reverberate with us modern Christians. In ancient cultures, a person in authority placed his hands on another’s head in a gesture of both setting that person aside for a particular promotion and for assigning them power of an office. In Confirmation, the bishop or priests lay their hands on the head of the person to be confirmed as a sign of special gift-giving and of outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Holy chrism is an aromatic oil made of olive oil and sweet perfume usually balsam. The scent is intense and intended to involve another sense: smell. The oil is consecrated at the Chrism Mass by the Archbishop during Holy Week (at that same Mass, the Archbishop also blesses the Oil of Catechumens, used in Baptisms, and the Oil of the Infirm, used in the Anointing of the Sick). Anointing with oil is another sign of setting someone aside for a specific task ,as well as a sign of strength. Today, if we want to relieve the pain of sore muscles and return strength in our bodies, we might use pain relief creams or maybe take medication. Athletes of ancient times rubbed oil on themselves to strengthen or heal their muscles. Many cultures of long ago anointed their kings and queens and religious officials into office (England still does).

With this information at hand on the signs and symbols of Confirmation, we get some idea that God wants to give the newly confirmed a special task and strengthens them for their new mission with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Gifts of the Spirit - Giving the Holy Spirit includes filling the individual with the seven gifts of the Spirit. Let’s look at each of the gifts.

- * *Wisdom* is the ability to properly value our faith. To put life in proper perspective.
- * *Understanding* helps us realise the meaning of what we believe—at least to some degree.
- * *Counsel* helps us act in the best way possible.
- * *Fortitude* gives us the strength to do what we know we ought to do.
- * *Knowledge* helps us see life as God sees it.
- * *Piety* helps us desire to worship and serve God.
- * *Fear of the Lord* helps us want to serve God well out of a sense of respect.

These are on-going aids given by God through His Church to those being confirmed to strengthen them for the task of being witnesses of faith to the world. So, Confirmation involves a commissioning, a sending and a strengthening; all necessary for the person to take their proper place in the faith community. “Be sealed,” the bishop says, “with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

Be sealed, be stamped, be marked with the Holy Spirit for life as a beloved child of God. With the strength of that seal, go out and witness to the world.

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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



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