

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



7th May 2023 — Fifth 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
115 Beaconsfield Tce
GORDON PARK

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***I am the Way, the Truth
and the Life***



When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life.

The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15).

The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✠ *Mark Coleridge*
Archbishop of Brisbane

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Priority: Responding to Abuse and the Abused
(Acts 6:1 - 7, Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Peter 2:4 - 9, John 14:1 - 12)**

Introduction

Have you ever had an experience where you've been ignored or neglected? The widows in today's first reading are having this kind of experience. In recent decades, there have been vulnerable people in our communities who were not only neglected but were abused. It is this great tragedy that is recognised in Archbishop Mark's next Apostolic Priority: Responding to abuse, and the abused.

Archbishop Mark writes:

In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course, we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future.

1. Knowing the facts: As of 31 May 2017, the Royal Commission had interviewed 4029 survivors of abuse and 61.8% of those victims had been abused in a Catholic organisation. It's often thought that abuse was at the hands of Catholic priests, but the Royal Commission found that 37% of perpetrators were non-ordained religious, 29% were lay people and 30% were priests. In December of 2017, the Royal Commission produced its final report with 49 recommendations that related to the Catholic Church. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference accepted 48 of the 49 recommendations and have since worked toward their implementation...

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READINGS FOR THIS 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th May 2023 — Year A — Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 15-18 In the body He was put to death, in the spirit He was raised to life.
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep my words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them! Alleluia!
Gospel John 14: 15-21 I shall ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate.

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

Collections 29th & 30th April 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$339	\$342
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$181	\$64
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$64	\$400
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$388	\$213

MY OFFERING



The 2023/2024 Planned Giving Envelopes are now available at all of our Churches. Please remember to take your pack home with you.

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

Good Samaritan Parish Dinner

The Good Samaritan Social Committee
 Invites you to the Parish Dinner -
 Date: Friday 9th June 2023
 Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm
 Venue: St Columba's School Hall
 Cost: \$30 Adults, \$10 children under 13 yrs

BYO drinks



Tickets are on sale now!



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. If you require a lift and for catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish Office, kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au by no later than Friday 19th May. Thank you. Please note: *there will be no 9:00am Mass at St Columba’s Church, Wilston, that day.*

Knights of the Southern Cross next monthly meeting will be held in the hall adjoining Our Lady’s Church at Everton Park at 7:30pm on Thursday 11 May. Visitors welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR MAY

DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
10.05.2023	7:00pm	Safeguarding Committee Meeting	Parish Office

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2. We are deeply sorry: In 2008 as stories of abuse were emerging, Pope Benedict XVI said, *“Indeed, I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering the victims have endured... These misdeeds, which constitute so grave a betrayal of trust, deserve unequivocal condemnation. They have caused great pain and have damaged the Church’s witness. I ask all of you to support and assist your Bishops, and to work together with them in combating this evil. Victims should receive compassion and care, and those responsible for these evils must be brought to justice.”* In 2018, Archbishop Mark and Sr Monica Cavanagh said, *“we renew our profound and heartfelt apology to all victims and survivors of abuse and to their families, friends and supporters, who have shared their suffering.”*

3. The way of hope: As we deal with this difficult issue, it can be helpful to recognise the distinction between God, and those who *represent* God. Whilst throughout history there have been many horrific actions done by those who *represent* God, these actions are in no way a reflection of God – in fact they are a betrayal of God. As such, we must look beyond those who have misrepresented God, to the one who came to us as God made flesh, Jesus. It is in Jesus that our understanding of God, broken by scandal in the Church, can be restored. The God that Jesus reveals to us is gracious, merciful, filled with compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love. The God revealed in Christ works to heal the wounds of sin and comfort the most broken and vulnerable. Jesus bestows mercy on the woman caught in adultery, transforms the life of Zacchaeus the tax collector, heals the bleeding woman, and calls out the Pharisees when they misrepresent the God they claim to follow. In today’s Gospel, Jesus is preparing a place for us. It is in this place that the wounds of this life can be healed for eternity in the embrace of the one who is love. Jesus challenges us when he says, *“very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do.”* ...

[Evangelisation 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





How do you explain the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to a child?

The Holy Spirit is the Helper Jesus promised! The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to remind the world of what Jesus taught and did. Pentecost was the first time anyone had ever had God's Spirit inside them instead of just on them or with them.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are an enumeration of seven spiritual gifts first found in the book of Isaiah, and much commented upon by patristic authors. They are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. (I spoke about them last week)

The fruit of the Spirit includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. They are different attitudes and actions that become more and more evident in our lives as we follow God's way. They grow in our lives just as fruit grows on a tree that is properly cared for. These characteristics of Christians are quite varied.

One of the most practical and straightforward lists in the bible is found in Galatians 5. Memorising the fruit of the Spirit is commendable, but they are easier said (read) than done. As a Christ-follower, these nine character traits should be things constantly pursued and worked on. Teaching the Fruit of the spirit, what they mean and how to practise them can give the children something to rely upon as they grow in their own Christian faith.

Bible Reference:

"But the Fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind." Galatians 5:22-23 (NirV)

With peace and blessings,

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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, Kerry Whiteside, Sr Carmel, Sr Dorothy & Zaiden.

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time

Mavis Brohier, Jim Watters



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

Italo Lino Carusi, Berdine Batteson