

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



**9th April 2023 — Easter Sunday**

**The Tomb is Empty - Christ Our Hope is Risen. Alleluia!**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim. Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died,  
reigns immortal. "... Yes, Christ my hope is arisen: To Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy victor king, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.

This beautiful poem is the Sequence of Easter. It articulates profoundly the message and meaning of Easter. Christ who was crucified, the prince of life conquered death by rising from the dead on the third day. In the gospel of the Easter vigil mass, we read that "The tomb is empty and the burial cloths neatly folded." Mary Magdelene and the other Mary went to the tomb early morning of the first day of the week to anoint His body. Instead of seeing the lifeless body of Jesus, they saw Him who defeated death, rose and restored life. He came to them and said, "go and tell my brethren, go to Galilee, there they will see me" (Mt 28:7). These were signs that He is risen.

Since the fall of our first parents - Adam and Eve - and indeed humanity through disobedience and rejection of God, darkness enveloped the whole world and from it came death and sin and all kinds of wickedness. The world immediately divided into the world of "light and righteousness" and that of "darkness and sin". Mirroring these two invisible worlds, St Augustine in his book "*The City of God*" stated that those who follow the light, and through their lives promote justice, are sharing those things necessary for life, are citizens of the City of Heaven, and are those predestined for salvation. While those who follow the delusory life of sin and darkness, perpetuate injustice and oppress the poor are citizens of the City of the World, predestined to share eternal damnation. He concluded that being in the City of Heaven leads to true peace of the soul and the world.

Prior to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, a huge stone formed a wall between us and God, and humanity had lost the capacity to have a spiritual life. This was done by human disobedience and decision to push God, the author of life, out of the human life. It was a choice of death, which effectively destroyed our own spiritual life and limited our view of reality and existence to the here-and-now without any hope of eternity with God. This is what Jesus' death and resurrection restored. The huge stone has finally been rolled away. Alleluia!

*Today the words of the Psalmist in Ps. 118, 24 - "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad" fill our hearts. Today Christians all over the world rejoice for "The Prince of Life, Who Died, Christ our Hope is Risen. Alleluia!"*

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus, the Eternal Word of God, the first born from the dead, came as the new Adam to conquer death. He has defeated sin, sickness, disappointment and sadness. He rose to die no more and has become the source of spiritual life to all who believe in Him. This is why we shout out Alleluia.

Christ was raised so we can share His New Life; to all who believe, love and obey Him have been given the power to be children of God. This is the Gift of Easter Sunday! Jesus is our peace. I wish you all a fruitful, blessed, and happy Easter. May the life of the Risen Lord flow through our veins, so that every thought, word and deed of our lives may shout out: Jesus Lives!

Fr themelandu uzuegbu



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**He is risen!**



## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 9th April 2023 - Easter Sunday

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

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16th April 2023 — Year A – Divine Mercy Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	Acts 2: 42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Peter 1: 3-9 He has given us a new birth as His children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!
<b>Gospel</b>	John 20: 19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

### MASS INFORMATION

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> 9:00am Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>St John the Baptist</b> 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass followed by adoration
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:40am Rosary 9:00am Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>St Columba's</b> 6:30am Mass

### Collections 1st & 2nd April 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
<b>Wilston</b>	\$1015	\$275	\$282	\$359
<b>Gordon Park</b>	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$215	\$133
<b>Enoggera</b>	\$482	\$118	\$82	\$322
<b>Everton Park</b>	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$387	\$259



### SUMMIT 2023

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark published a document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" which outlines seven priorities for the Archdiocese. Over the next seven weeks from the Second Sunday of Easter until Pentecost, a bulletin insert will introduce one of the seven themes. The first priority is: Teaching Prayer.

*We have four tickets available for the Summit. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office so we can assign a ticket to your name. Thank you.* Further details of the Summit can be found at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/summit/>

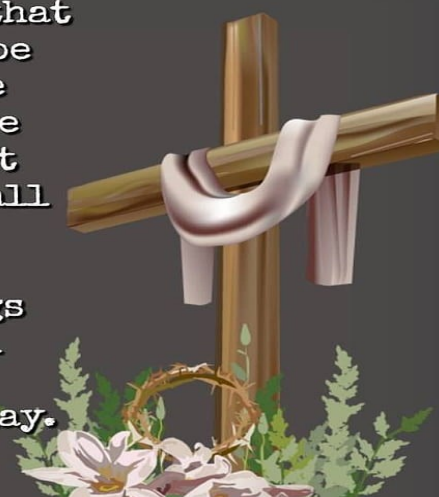
### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

### RECONCILIATION

Friday after 6:30am Mass	<b>St Columba's</b>
Saturday 4:30pm	<b>St Columba's</b>
Sunday 5:00pm or by appointment	<b>St John the Baptist</b>

Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.



## 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.



**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, Everton Park. Please bring a plate to share.

**Anzac Day Masses, 25th April**—9:00am Enoggera, 5:30pm Wilston. *Please note* there will be no 9:00am Mass at Everton Park on that day.

## 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".

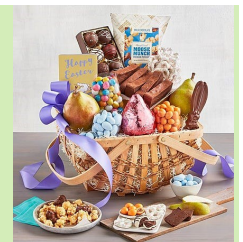
**We will reintroduce the reception of communion from the chalice from Holy Thursday, 6 April.**

- 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 implementing this from 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *St John the Baptist Parish—Raffle Winners*

Congratulations to the winners of the St John the Baptist Easter & Mother's Day Raffle:  
St John the Baptist Church, Enoggera—Beth & Rowan  
Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Everton Park —Rob Martin



The funds raised are for the local Vinnies Conference. Thank you everyone for your support!

## **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.

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](mailto:Isr.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au) or by contacting **STOPline** [AOb@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stoline.com.au) or **1300 304 550** (for anonymous reports)  
Please visit the Archdiocesan safeguarding hub at [www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com)



# 2023

# Easter

*He is Risen*

ST COLUMBA'S WILSTON	ST CARTHAGE'S GORDON PARK	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ENOGERA	IMMAC. CONCEPT. EVERTON PARK
<p><b>Holy Thursday 6th April</b> 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Good Friday 7th April</b> 10:00am Confession 11:00am Stations of the Cross at the Church 3:00pm The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil 8th April</b> 7:00pm Mass Easter Vigil of the Holy Night</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b> 9:30am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p><b>Good Friday 7th April</b> 10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b> 8:00am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p><b>Good Friday 7th April</b> 3:00pm The Lord's Passion</p> <p><b>Easter Vigil 8th April</b> 7:00pm Mass Easter Vigil of the Holy Night</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b> 9:00am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p> <p><b>NB: No 5:30pm Mass Easter Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Thursday 6th April</b> 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Good Friday 7th April</b> 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><b>Easter Sunday 9th April</b> 7:30am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>

Dear Parishioners,

A happy and holy Easter to one and all!

May the holy Easter Triduum Liturgy and Easter Sunday Liturgy help us truly appreciate more deeply the Paschal Mystery – a time to die and rise to new life in Christ.

It is "Good News" that each and every Good Friday in our lives can be transformed into an Easter Sunday. There is no pain or sorrow, and not even death itself that can defeat us: all is made new in the risen Christ. May all of us receive a deeper share in Jesus' gift of peace: "Peace be with you", the Risen Christ greets each of us. I pray that you receive the blessings of Christ's peace, a peace which often the world cannot give.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including the Mass on Easter Sunday! This includes welcomers, readers, altar preparers, servers, extraordinary ministers, readers, counters, sacristans, cleaners, our office volunteers especially Keven and Judith; and all who helped in the preparations for the Easter liturgies.

A special word of thanks to the musicians and choir for sharing your gifts and talents. Another special word of acknowledgement to our parish team members who are always called upon to put their hand up in the preparation of the Easter Liturgies.

Again, a very happy and blessed Easter to each of you, and to your families on behalf of Fr Ithemelandu, Michelle, Majella, Cherylan, and the Parish Team.

With peace and blessings,

*Marie-Louise Singson*

### ***We pray for those who are unwell***

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, Mary Dann, Sheila de Silva, 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***

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