

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



9th July 2023 — 14th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A

MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN LIGHT

It is said that life is not a bed of roses! Sometimes we all find life very burdensome. We have all gone through hard and difficult times in life at some point. The truth is that a burdensome life is not fun. Though some of our challenges, worries and burdens are consequences and effects of our actions or inactions, some are from forces over which we have no control. Interestingly, Jesus invites us to come to Him with our worries and burdens. Awesome! We all would want that, wouldn't we? However, why did Christ want to give us a different one rather than taking the burdens away from us completely?

Well, being a disciple of Jesus does not take us out of the human realities and experiences, neither does it immune us from worries, disappointments, and the burdens of life. The invitation of Jesus, rather, is an invitation aimed at rekindling hope and a reassurance of God's loving compassion and readiness to help and walk with us shoulder to shoulder through the challenges of life. God always wants our peace, and it is in Him that we will find rest.

In John 14:27, Jesus said: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*. Unfortunately, when people have some worries and burden they resort to things like – the taking of drugs, promiscuity, alcohol, or simply giving up or descending into depression. By using the image of a yoke Jesus is telling us that there is hope, He is with us and ready to share our burden with us if we come to Him. He wants to help us and ultimately to give us peace.

He truly understands our worries and weakness in life and has the power to turn things around for us. Jesus invites us to cast and offload all our troubles on Him and in return He will give us His peace and the ability to carry His yoke, which is not only good for us but also easy. What is that yoke and burden that Jesus wants to give us to carry? It is the yoke and burden of patience, loving service and humility. Without humility, one wouldn't bring oneself to ask for help and one will eventually crack and break under the heavy burden. It is only love that can make a heavy burden light. His yoke of patience and hope strengthens us. We have the knowledge that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him (Rom. 8:28). As Flor McCarthy said, "While faith makes all things possible, love makes all things easy."

Have a great week ahead.

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu

The Gospel of Service:

One of the "saints" of the Zen religion is a priest named Tetsugen, who was the first to translate the holy books of his Faith into Japanese. Many years ago, the priest sought to print several thousand copies of the books in order to make the texts of Japan's religion available to everyone. He travelled the length and breadth of Japan to raise the money for the printing. Rich and poor alike donated to the project. The priest expressed equal gratitude to each donor, whether their gift amounted to hundreds of pieces of gold or a few pennies. After ten long years, Tetsugen had enough money for the printing. But just as the making of the holy books was about to begin, the river Uji overflowed its banks, leaving thousands of people without food and shelter. The priest halted the project immediately and used all of the money he worked so hard to raise to help the hungry and homeless. Then Tetsugen began the work of raising the funds all over again. It took another ten years of travel and begging before he collected the money he needed to publish the holy book. But an epidemic spread across the country. Again, the priest gave away all he had collected to care for the sick, the suffering and dying. A third time Tetsugen set out on his travels and, twenty years later, his dream of having the holy books printed in Japanese was finally realised. The printing blocks that produced the first edition are on display at the Obaku Monastery in Kyoto. The Japanese tell their children that Tetsugen actually published three editions of the holy book; the first two are invisible, but far superior to the third. — Jesus invites us to embrace the joyful sense of fulfilment that can only be realised by "learning" from His example of humility and gratitude, to take on His "yoke" of humble, joyful service to one another as we journey together to the dwelling place of God. Like Tetsugen, we proclaim the Gospel most effectively and meaningfully not in words but in the generosity and compassion we extend to others. In our work for justice, in our dedication to reconciliation, in our welcome to all who approach our tables, we make the word of God a living reality in our own time and place. [(Connections) (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/2023/07/03/sunday-july-9th-ot-xiv-year-a-eight-minute-homily-in-one-page/>)]

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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We place our trust in you

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 9th July 2023 — Year A – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-10 See how humbly your king comes to you!
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.
2nd Reading	Romans 8:9. 11-13 If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30 I am gentle and humble of heart.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16th July 2023 — Year A – 15th Sunday in Ordinary 2023 Time

First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-11 The rain makes the earth give growth.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 64:10-14 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
2nd Reading	Romans 8:18-23 All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23 A sower went out to sow.

MASS INFORMATION

MONDAY Immaculate Conception 9:00am Mass
TUESDAY Immaculate Conception 8:30am Rosary followed by 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 1st & 2nd July 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$81	\$359
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$398	\$170
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$202	\$118
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$297	\$176

Ignite Conference 2023 will be held from 21st—24th September 2023 in Brisbane. The theme for this year is "Wonder".

Ignite offers something for everyone: kids, high-schoolers, young adults, adults specifically parishioners, priests, parents, grandparents.

Visit <https://igniteconference.com.au/> for more information and to register.

Please see message below from Dawn Marano



"I was very touched to receive a birthday message as I turned 90, in the church newsletter, and I thank you all for your prayers, as one who is now quite unwell. I have had a blessed life surrounded by wonderful people and never neglected by my Church community. May God Bless you all. With my special thanks. Dawn Marano."

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)



Vinnies Winter Appeal:

Your donations are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided at each church, or you can donate via direct deposit:

BSB: 064 786, A/C No: 100 026 726,
A/C name: SVDP ST JOHN ENOGGERA

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	

If you wish a receipt, please send your details to:
sjb4051@svdpqld.org.au.

Parish Notices

The Baptism Preparation Session for next month will be held on Saturday 2nd August 10:00am at the St John the Baptist Parish Hall.

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 13 July. Visitors welcome.

BEHOLD!

It's less than 2 weeks until MAX2023 BEHOLD! This is the last men ALIVE MAX weekend in Brisbane! After 2023, MAX will be on tour to other capital cities and not be back for 3 years. Come along. 50% of starting prices. Engaging workshops. If you seek to be closer to our God and the key people in your life, just come along. You are invited. See options at --<https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE> or <https://www.menalive.org.au/>

or Robert on 0412 745 734

LOOK?SEE?BEHOLD >> DON'T waste/miss this opportunity! Last days!!



Save The Date

Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

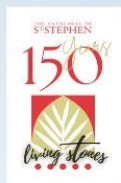
Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023
Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

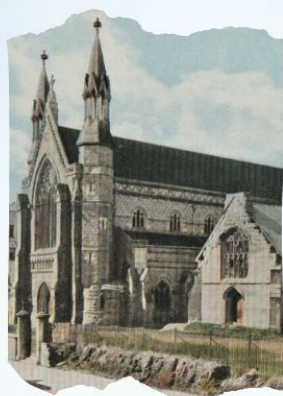
More details will be provided by email.
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023

THE CARMELITE SISTERS invite you to celebrate with them Our Lady of Mt. Carmel SUNDAY 16 JULY 10:30 am Mass. Stay for a picnic lunch - tea, sandwiches, cake available Piety stall, Sisters' craft works on sale 2:00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St Ormiston 4160

www.carmeliteormiston.com



Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrated Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.
email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

Special Feast Days this week

Saturday 8th July—
Mass of Virgin Mary
(green/white)

11th July St Benedict,
Abbot

15th St Bonaventure,
bishop, doctor

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

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



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION in the KBCC Parish

The Role of Parents is Important

Parents are the primary educators of their children. In celebrating Baptism of their babies, parents pronounce out aloud and make a commitment to forming their children in their faith life. Parents are spoken to by the Priest: "Parents you have asked to have your child to be baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of raising your child in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring your child up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and neighbour." (RB #39) Parents have firstly the right and their duty to be very closely involved in preparing their children for First Communion. Catholic catechism is there to help parents grow in their own understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist and so they can actively and readily participate in the catechising of their children (NCD #121). Parish and school programmes of religious formation assist parents in this most important responsibility but never take over the role of parents that is rightfully theirs.

Your Child's READINESS:

When we talk about a child's readiness to celebrate a sacrament, there are three areas to consider: the family, the child and the parish community. The Family is the primary place of child formation. Parents are the role models for their children and therefore are encouraged to act as witnesses by their regular participation in church life within the parish. Here are some points to ponder on:

- Does your family participate in the life of the community in the areas of worship, service and formation?
- As parents are you willing to commit to the continuing formation of your child in worship, service and formation?
- Does your family pray together at home?
- Is your child baptised, confirmed and have you prepared your child to participate and celebrate fully in mass?
- Has your child expressed an interest or a desire to celebrate Eucharist?
- Does your child participate in the liturgy on a regular basis at the parish not just in school time or just at Family Masses?
- Does your child continue to be formed in faith including basic knowledge of who Jesus is and what He has done?
- Can your child distinguish Eucharist from ordinary bread?

As sacraments are commonly celebrated in community, the parish has a great responsibility in the sacramental preparation in partnership with parents.

Your parish provides the parents with the necessary support and information to enable you to fulfil your role as primary educator of your child. Your parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through the masses, through children's liturgy, through prayer, through children's choir, through Family Masses in cooperation with the school, through Altar Servers Training, through Reader's Training and through the Sacramental Preparation.

The proper context for the celebration of the Sacraments is the parish community. A privileged time and place for the sacrament, namely Confirmation and First Eucharist, is the Sunday Mass. Immediate preparation for the sacraments involves Sacramental Preparation programmes supported by the Catholic School Religious Education programmes. Sacramental catechesis takes place during parent information meetings combined with parent/family prayers and rituals, family sacramental workshops and retreat time.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

Preparation for any sacrament is a journey of the heart that prepares us and the children most especially to meet the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. It involves a commitment to the Sacramental preparation, reflection, prayer, faith sharing and the ritual celebration with parents and other sacramental children. This is not an educational process or a time to "make up or catch up" on catechetical material. In the case of preparation for First Communion, if a child is lacking age appropriate foundational catechesis, then it might be suggested to hold back your child, or probably as parents to refresh your own knowledge, where you are in your faith journey, your own commitment to your practice of the faith and lastly your commitment relation with your child's faith journey. Immediate catechesis for the sacrament of Eucharist is to be short and focused on the preparation for the celebration of the sacrament. The goal of this catechesis is to help children participate in the Mass in a meaningful and reverent manner. The content of the preparation is to have at its core the format/structure of the Eucharistic celebration. Themes should include "sharing, listening, eating, conversing, giving, thanking and celebrating" (NCD #133).

If you would like to look into the complete Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, please visit

www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/.../sacramental-life-of-the-church Web **Sacramental Policy** of the **Archdiocese of Brisbane** Second Edition, September 2015.

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, 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, Cristina Neroni, Moira O'Sullivan, 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

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