

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

embracing the parishes of

Good Samaritan & St John the Baptist

Joined in joyfully praising and worshipping God



16th July 2023 — 15th Sunday Ordinary Time — Year A

The Seed and The Generous Sower

Today Jesus used that which the people were familiar to teach a great lesson about the word of God and the different hearts that receive God's word. This happened at the beach side. Some came with different things in mind. Jesus' detractors, who always look for any opportunity to discredit him, were there, as well as his disciples and the many who genuinely wish to learn from His wisdom and see in Him hope in their hopelessness.

Jesus without calling anyone out, told them the parable of the generous Sower and the seed and then let them fit themselves into the parable.

In the parable, the same seeds were scattered to the ground, but they produced different outcomes. Some were eaten up immediately by the birds, some were scorched by the heat of the sun, yet some were choked by the thorns and worries of life and the fourth group received the seeds well to bear fruit some hundredfold, some sixty, and others thirty. The seeds fall on four different soils or environments. They represent the different human hearts that receive the word of God today. With this Jesus explains why there are different responses to the way people interpret and live out the gospel today. It is not that the word of God is no longer powerful, but that there is a lack of transformative encounters with Jesus and an open heart to His word.

A pastor was once asked by a curious member "why are there lots of members who do not live out the demands of the gospel, only a few seemed to be understanding your message?" "More should be done pastor", she said, "If it is preached well, it must certainly touch the hearts of everyone, for the word of God is alive and powerful!" "Don't you think so", she asked. Her pastor replied, "I don't think so ma! Yes! the word of God is life and it's powerful but not many of Jesus' people followed Him. "See", the pastor continued, "the hearts of some people are hard and flat, like pavements.

At homily time they tune off and let it pass into one ear and out the other. Some have covered their hearts with rocks, they are emotional and easily controlled by passions. They are there to appear religious, afterwards everything is business as usual. There are still a set of people who carry their personal and group ideologies and they scrutinise and criticise what is said in the church based on ideologies and their socio-political affiliations, but not from the point of faith." "Finally", he said to the woman, "there are a few who are here for God's word and prepare themselves to hear God speak through the readings and the homily. They are those few that you commended."

Are you among the group who see the word of God as life giving even when it challenges you?

My dear friends, the problem is not the seed; the problem is the ground, the environment and the soul that receives the good news. Let us do our best to create the conducive environment for the word of God. Let us not give up or shy away from opportunities to sow the seed through good counsel to others and in our actions.

Have a beautiful weekend,

Fr Ihemelandu Uzuegbu



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St Carthage's

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GORDON PARK

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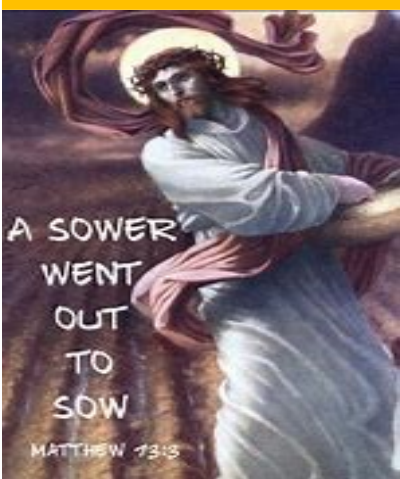
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READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND 16th July 2023 — Year A — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd July 2023 — Year A — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 In the place of sin, you give repentance.
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Lord, You are good and forgiving.
2nd Reading	Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit Himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.
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 13:24-43 Let them grow together until the harvest.

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 8th & 9th July 2023

	Direct Debit	Credit Card	Envelopes	Cash
Enoggera	\$482	\$118	\$101	\$330
Everton Park	Inc. with Enoggera	Inc. with Enoggera	\$438	\$232
Gordon Park	Inc. with Wilston	Inc. with Wilston	\$99	\$104
Wilston	\$1015	\$275	\$441	\$377

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.

'SIGNS OF HOPE— PEOPLE OF FAITH ' THREE SEQ CONCERTS with PETER KEARNEY

THE GAP / ST JOHN'S WOOD. MONDAY July 31st, 7.30pm.

ST JOHN'S WOOD/THE GAP PARISH HALL, 41 Chaprowe Rd. The Gap. Donations welcome. Cuppa at conclusion.

BURLEIGH WATERS. WEDNESDAY August 2nd, 7.00pm.

MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Donations welcome. Wine & cheese at interval.

WAVELL HEIGHTS. THURSDAY August 3rd, 6.30pm.

ST PASCAL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 30 Warraba Ave. Donations welcome.

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:

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

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

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.
Looking for volunteers to assist adoration at Everton Park Church 9:30 & 10am
Please contact Fiona on 0402 408 786

Special Feast Days this week

15th St Bonaventure, bishop,

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, craft works on sale 2:00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St Ormiston 4160

www.carmeliteormiston.com

VINNIES VIBES

Our local Conference of SVDP, St John the Baptist, presents a musical afternoon of entertainment provided by the local Second Wind Community Band. All proceeds go to SJB Vinnies.

Tickets on sale now!

When: Sunday, 13 August 2023 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

Where: Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside St, Everton Park

Tickets: \$15 – email to sjb4051@svdpgld.org.au or book via

Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

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

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

Please see flyers at back of Church Catholic Foundations Module Two "Understanding Praying & Living the Scripture".



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



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

What does it mean for your child to celebrate his/her First Holy Communion

Now that first Communion time is upon us, families and children will soon be planning for their First Communion outfits, their first Communion cake and the party. They will plan to dress up in their fanciest white dresses and crispiest white shirts just for this special occasion, while their parents plan for their family gatherings and big celebrations. But... there is more to the event than the pretty white dresses or a smart white suit and a Communion cake and party.

While First Communion is indeed such a beautiful occasion for celebration and should be memorable and special, the true point of that holy and beautiful day must remain the *Sacrament of the Eucharist as the children are welcomed to the Table of the Lord*. We just remind the children and parents that this is what we're about, this is what is central to our faith and this is why we do it.

It can be a challenge to keep focused on the meaning of First Communion rather than all the trimmings. What the key is:- good, solid, basic **catechesis**.

I try to tell all parents at meetings if their child's first Communion is their best Communion, then we have failed in what we are doing. True, this is the children's first time, but people seem to forget that the children will be receiving the sacrament every time they go to Communion – that is, every Sunday.

An essential part of first Communion preparation, is attending mass especially on the Sundays chosen for the families as it provides a basis for the children to build up their knowledge and their experience about the mass and its parts. An additional opportunity for catechesis is the retreat (in Retreat and Practice) held for both the children and their parents before the celebration of First Communion. While the retreat brings them together, the follow up is just as important. We give the parents the materials and the books, and they are responsible for going through them with the children at home. We make it clear that they are the first educators in their children's faith. The schools also follow up during religious education classes.

The retreat day for the children — “a Jesus Day” — is geared toward helping them understand the meaning of their first Communion. The entire retreat is focused on Jesus and the Eucharist explained, and it includes different activities focussing on the special day coming up. At the practice session, they also get to sample the bread and in the days before Covid, the wine too.

I wish all parents to see that they are bringing their children to the table of the Lord, that they are now initiated into the Eucharistic community, which has the honour and privilege of celebrating the sacrifice of the Lord and our subsequent salvation! And that includes the intimate experience of Christ through Receiving Jesus' body and blood. There is really no frilly white dress or shirt, cake or the party after that could truly beat that.

Marie-Louise Singson

Pastoral Coordinator

We pray for those who are unwell

Donn Anderson, Yvonne Boyle, Chris Burton, Wilma Burton, June Crimmen, Emma Datoc, 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, 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
Mary Dunn Andrew Carroll