Jubilee Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

St Ambrose's, Newmarket ~ St Brigid's, Red Hill ~ St Finbarr's, Ashgrove ~ St Joan of Arc, Herston St Mary Magdalene, Bardon ~ St Thomas More's, Petrie Terrace ~ Sacred Heart, Rosalie

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 February 2023

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Salt and Light Ordinary Time 5

Two beautiful images we have to ponder today. And I use the word ponder deliberately as they are rich in meaning and help us to understand symbolically how to journey in this life. Salt is a preservative and is essential for keeping food.

Light, we all need light to survive.

I love quotes for they are far wiser than I can ever come up with. Having been a chef though, salt is a vital ingredient in any dish. It gives flavour and helps the pallet to digest food a little more easily. This is a quote from Jason Fried: "Meetings should be like salta spice sprinkled carefully to enhance the dish, not poured recklessly over every forkful. Too much salt destroys a dish. Too many meetings destroy morale and motivation."



Salt can help us symbolically see how we need to be mindful of how we apply this to our lives. Do we give only a little salt to our dealings with others, or do we splash it around recklessly. How do we allow others to share their own salt to others? In 2023 we need to think deeply about how we treat others and how we allow them to be empowered to share their own gifts and talents. For if we do not treat salt with respect it becomes worthless and then is thrown away. Symbolically how many times have we thrown things away because we have not been intentional with how we treat ourselves? If we use too much salt, we can damage ourselves and others. Care for the body, the mind and the spirit is so vital in being a better person. Salt is one of the ingredients to life which is worth thinking about in terms of how we live our lives. Light is like breathing. How many times have you intentionally turned on a light without even thinking about it? Think about our Stone Age people, they discovered they needed light to see. Light is such a human need inside of us. We yearn to walk in the light. As I drive around our parish, there are so many people up at first light. There is something about being out in the light that lifts our spirits. Conversely, the absence of light can be quite distressing for ourselves. I had to have an MRI at the end of last year and while unpleasant, it was unnerving because of the lack of light. For 15 minutes you are trapped in darkness. So, we are naturally drawn to the light. The other type of light some people like is moon light. It is a different type of brightness, yet it does draw us into the mystery of a softer light. It can be soothing and relaxing, especially in the depth of night. These images ultimately lead us into pondering who God is, the God of light and of saltiness. The God who forms us, and who gives us life. The use of light and salt can help us to consider our transformation into who God wants us to be.

A final quote to ponder on these images today. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross: "People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within." Have a beautiful week and be mindful Ash Wednesday is only two weeks away! Fr Marty

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 February 2023 (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word



of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/

From Pope Francis' writing on The Word of God # 12 "When sacred Scripture is read in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written, it remains ever new. ... Sacred Scripture accomplishes its prophetic work above all in those who listen to it. ... The sweetness of God's word leads us to share it with all those whom we encounter in this life ... We should never take God's word for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it."



BLESSING OUR MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The parish is grateful to those who proclaim the scriptures at mass. Essential to our worship they make a difference in how we hear the Word. We are grateful for their prayerful pondering of the Word, their preparation with the assistance of *Break Open the Word*, and putting it into practice in their lives. "Everlasting God, when Jesus read in the synagogue at Nazareth, your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which he would give up his life.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to Cerise Castillo, Aria Lacy, Tyrone Lee & Jade Linnan who were welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time. May this life giving bread feed their soul and nourish their spirit.



WELCOME INTO FULL COMMUNION: Stuart Donnelly has been walking in the ways of



God all his life. Lately he has been learning more about the Catholic Church. Stuart has had a particular fascination with God's Word so it is most appropriate that he is welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church on this Word of God Sunday.

Stuart the Lord receives you into the Catholic Church. His loving kindness has led you here, so that in the unity of the Holy Spirit you may have full communion with us in the faith that you have professed in the presence of God's family. Stuart will be Con-

firmed in the fullness of God's Spirit and receive Communion for the first time in the Catholic Church.

Thank you to Stuart for his thoughtful questioning about the faith, to Gina as catechist and Meg his faithful sponsor. Moreover, to the support of his family. May the Word of God enlighten the eyes of your mind; the Spirit flavour your life; and our gracious God make you a witness in the world.



ST AMBROSE WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Tuesday 7 February, 9.00am

ST JOSEPHS BARDON

WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING MASS Wednesday 8 February at 9.00am

ROSALIE AGED CARE ANOINTING MASS

Rosalie Aged care Facility Friday 10 Feb at 11.00am

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK is a Catholic Church awareness day, or observance, on February 11, aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister. The day falls on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and it is an important occasion for individuals in the Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who care for them.

PARISH DIARY



Monday 6 February
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 7 February
Whole School Mass (Newmarket)
9.00am

Wednesday 8 February
Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am
Whole School Mass (Bardon)
9.00am

Thursday 9 February Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 10 February
Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/12 February 2023

Saturday 11 November Individual Reconciliation (Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm (Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

Saturday 11 November Vigil Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 12 November
Mass (Herston) 7:30am
Mass (Bardon) 8:00am
Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am
Mass (Newmarket) 9.30am
Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am
Korean Mass (Rosalie) 10:00am
Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm

THE WAY FORWARD FOR ST FINBARR'S: For many years, the day to day functioning of St Finbarr's church has been the responsibility of a handful of volunteers. With the inevitable passage of time, we have lost many of the parishioners who were active in the background keeping our community vibrant, our liturgies beautiful and our church well maintained. For St Finbarr's community to continue to be a welcoming and the beautiful place of worship, we need a new plan, a new way of getting things done. There will be a meeting today after the 8.30am Mass in the John McGrath Room under the church:



Please come along to share your ideas and have your say.

MASTERPLAN: The Jubilee MasterPlan application is still alive. Our Archdiocesan representatives and Ethos Urban



have had a meeting with Brisbane City Council to deal with their concerns. Since then the Archdiocese and Ethos Urban have met to discuss our response strategy to Council's Further Information request. We now have a plan on how best to move the application forward with Council. Early this week the Archdiocese and Ethos are meeting with myself and members of the Property Committee (from the Parish Finance Council) to discuss this before we formalise our response to Council to ensure it aligns with the parish's expectations.

Prayers that it keeps going always fruitful. With the speed of the Council we dream of a decision around Easter.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION February 2023 Parishes: "Sometimes I think that we should put a sign on the door of parishes that says, "Free admission."



Parishes should be close-knit communities, without bureaucracy, people-cantered —a place where the gift of the sacraments can be found. They have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. And to those included. To all. Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging. Please, let us be daring. Let us all rethink the style of our parochial communities. Let us pray that parishes, placing communion — communion of people, ecclesial communion — at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need."

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS — AN INVITATION TO REFLECT

You're invited to prepare for Easter by joining with fellow Jubilee parishioners in reflection and discussion during Lent.

Once a week for six weeks, groups of around 5-10 people will meet to reflect on the Gospel reading for the week and discuss how the themes in the readings relate to our own experiences.

Everyone is welcome. More information about days and times of the groups in next week's newsletter.



RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION: Have you ever thought about Volunteering to present Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) in your local primary State School? Do you have a Blue Card, or are eligible to apply for one?

The Ashgrove State School Christian (RI) Cooperative has a vacancy. Training is both required and provided. Interested? For further information phone 33665103 and ask for Mary.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER—JUBILEE PARISH

If your child has completed their Confirmation and is now preparing for First Holy Communion, please be reminded that during the Lenten period from 22 March to 2 April, no communion celebrations will take place.

If you haven't already collected your Communion folder from any parish weekend Mass, please remember to do so at your earliest convenience. Simply ask the greeters as you arrive.

Communions can be celebrated any weekend from 15 April. Group communion dates are confirmed at all parish churches on the following weekends: 6 & 7 May, 17 & 18 June, 29 & 30 July.

Emma Ferguson - Sacramental Co Ordinator

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH

Your financial support of Jubilee Parish is always appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation, hover your phone camera over scan code. Scroll through the various ways in which you can make a contribution.

Alternatively, visit our website at www.jubileeparish.org.au and select "Donations & Payments" on the top bar. Thank you.



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

St Finbarr's School, Ashgrove. St Joseph's School, Bardon. St Ambrose School, Newmarket



Be You, Be Kind, Belong Our theme for this year is alive at St Finbarr's in 2023.



ing to see the many ways that teachers and students

have already been unpacking and sharing our guiding theme in classes this week. Busy learners and smiling faces have filled our classrooms and playgrounds exploring what it looks like to Be you, Be Kind and to Belong at St Finbarr's. Our theme asks us to 'Be you'. To celebrates the unique gifts and talents that we each bring to the community and encourages us to share our ideas, our wisdom, and our uniqueness with others. It asks us to 'Be kind'. To be friendly, generous, and considerate in the way that we interact with others and to choose kindness that brings joy and light to the lives of others. Our theme also reminds us of the importance of genuine belonging and how important it is to recognise that each one of us makes up a significant part of our great community and that we all feel valued and welcomed.

We look forward to continuing to build on our theme that will guide the way for us in Faith, Love and Charity in 2023.



In the first 3 weeks of the school term. our teachers are focused on building new relationships and setting students up for a successful year by priortising the Personal and Social Capabilities. We welcome several new staff to our school this year: Di Staatz (Prep B Teacher), Harriet Green (2B Teacher), Annmaree MacGinley (3B Term 1 Teacher), Will Collins (4W Teacher), James Strybos (HPE Teacher), Michelle Moran (Music Teacher), Adrienne Studley (PW School Officer), Harry David (Classroom School Officer) and Jess Delbridge (Classroom School Officer).



Our Middle Years students participated in a BCE Servant Leadership program facilitated by Steph Unger from

BCE and Matt Gillett from the Brisbane Broncos. The students enjoyed learning about the attitudes and qualities of a servant leader and participating in team building activities with the Broncos. We look forward to celebrating our Opening School Mass for 2023 on Wednesday 8 February at 9:00am in the Fr Ray Lyons Centre (school hall). A blessing of our Year 6 Leaders and Student Council for Semester 1 will also take place at our school assembly on Friday 10 February starting at 2:15pm in the Fr Ray Lyons Centre (school hall).



"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4: 12)

In the African tradition, "Ubuntu" means I am because you are. At St Ambrose's, we have added the Catholic Perspective to this African concept: "We are we because of He" because of Jesus, we love, respect, support and include our neighbours both at a community and global level. St Ambrose's Catholic School is a faithfilled community and we believe in Jesus together. Faith is not something that we do alone. It is something that we do together. We all are gathered here at St Ambrose's by our love in Jesus. In 2023, St Ambrose's School will continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, our role model, who teaches us how to make a difference to the lives of others and in the world we live in. He teaches us how to be Ubuntu to others. Our 2023 graphic illustrates Ubuntu through the circular symbol of hands coming together (our school community), with the cross (Jesus) and the school logo at the centre. The indigenous colours highlight our inclusion, support and respect for the dignitv of all individuals.



Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, We adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

In Transition

We celebrate with the families of Enrico Manai and Geraldine Ducusin who were married this weekend.

We especially pray for Margaret Clifford and Lenore Hancock who recently passed away and for the souls of all the faithful departed; May they rest in peace.