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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 February 2023

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Good choice

This week's readings instruct us to follow the rules. That can immediately put us offside as most of us don't like to be told what to do.

And it's not enough to just look like we're following the rules, by coming to Mass each week or other outward signs of our faith. We must embrace them in our hearts, in our very DNA.

What are these rules anyway? Some have been given to us over the past few weeks - share your bread, shelter the homeless, blessed are the peacemakers etc.

Matthew gives us some tougher ones this week - don't kill anyone, don't get angry, don't lust after another person's partner – and he has more in store for us next week. Something to look forward to...

But we are given a choice. The first reading, in particular, says the world is what it is - with all its good and bad bits - and God has given us the power to choose to follow the rules or not. The consequences of these choices are clear - water or fire; life or death. The psalm avoids this carrot and stick approach by simply promising happiness to those who make good choices. We all want to be happy.

St Paul makes good choices even more enticing by saying God has prepared things beyond our imagination for those who love him, while he warns against following passing masters or philosophies of the age, as these too are only surface devotions,

without foundation. But, amongst these choices, we can also choose to put aside the promises of carrots and sticks, eternal bliss and hellfire, and follow these core beliefs just because we know it is the right thing to do and a good way to treat our fellow humans. It's something to aspire to and can only be made possible with the help of

the Holy Spirit.

Jennifer Cahill





FIRST COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to John Chambers who was welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time. May this life giving bread feed his soul and nourish his spirit.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 February 2023 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 **Response:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord! 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 5:17-37

Caritas Caritas agencies are responding to a powerful and deadly earthquake in southeast Türkiye and Syria, AUSTRALIA where thousands of lives have been lost and the death

toll increases by the hour. Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help fami-

lies recover and rebuild from disaster. Visit caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/

"For all effected by the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria – the dead and injured, the homeless and the bereaved, emergency service workers and medical staff, we pray to the Lord."



CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE IN FIJI: One of the key themes of the assembly is



the oceans, particularly the intersection between the People of God and the seas. Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Suva, the current president of the federation, said the bishops of Oceania must tackle the reality of rising sea levels in their part of the world "because if we don't, no one else will".

Oceania's Catholic bishops have been invited to

imagine a "theology of the Pacific", that would allow the Church in the region to speak with a voice and a faith that is "distinctive". Archbishop Coleridge said finding that symphony of voices is one part of what this year's assembly is about – "listening to each other so that together we can speak with a distinctive voice and speak to the whole Church right around the world".

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY FEBRUARY 12: At inception, the day aimed to celebrate the "husband and wife as the foundation of the family and the basic unit of society." The day aims at honoring the idea that marriage should embody faithfulness, loyalty, commitment, and joy in the daily-ness of life. Marriage is a beautiful union of two souls, and it transcends the physical nature of this coming together. World Marriage Day illuminates critical light on marriage and shows that although it's hard, it's worth it. It's a day to spend time with your spouse, appreciate what you have, and plan for a more blissful future.

SR KARI HATHERELL OSU is being farewelled by the Archdiocese this Tuesday 14



February. She has made a significant contribution to the life of the Archdiocese in multiple roles. Sr Kari has been pastoral director, pastoral associate and Pastoral Advisor to the Bishops as well as her liturgical leadership at the Cathedral. Sr Kari has been appointed Provincial of the Australian Ursulines, effective March 2023. We pray that God continue the good work the Spirit is doing in her life. Thank you Sr Kari.

HEADSTART HOUSE.

Pedro and Beke have moved into the Headstart house. The parish is delighted to be in partnership as they grow as a family and save for their own home. Whilst living at Ashgrove they will continue to regularly be involved with St Joan of Arc mass community. Good to have you in the house!



MASTERPLAN: Things are moving slowly, but are edging along. Discussions with



Brisbane City Council continue to finalise approval by the Council.

The St Thomas More site will basically remain the zoning classification that it already has with the City Council.

Kennedy Terrace has predominantly been clarified amenably with Council, local

residents and ourselves. Hopefully the final decision will be in writing by the end of February. Rosalie site continues with requests for clarification from both sides. Questions from Council and responses and queries from the Archdiocese and Ethos Urban to them. So that "conversation" will continue. Hopefully definition by Easter. Continue the prayers!!!

PARISH DIARY



Monday 13 February
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 14 February
School Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 15 February Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 16 February Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 17 February
Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

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Saturday 18 November Individual Reconciliation (Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm (Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

Saturday 18 November Vigil Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 19 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



ST AMBROSE YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP MASS

Tuesday 14 February, St Ambrose Church, 9.00am

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 16 February Parish office, 7.00pm

WOODLANDS ANOINTING LITURGY

Friday 17 February, 10.30am

LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS - AN INVITATION TO REFLECT

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in a series of discussion groups to help prepare for Easter.

Easter is the most significant feast of the year for Christians. It symbolises hope for all humanity and taking some time each week to reflect on the Gospels helps us to reconnect with the meaning of Easter and the basis of our faith. Discussions will be guided by the reflections and resources from the Diocese of Wollongong.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a liturgical expert and you don't have to come every week. Just come.

Please join us for around an hour at one of the following times:

Private Home, Newmarket Mon 9.00am Private home, Milton Mon 9.30am 5.00pm St Joan of Arc, Herston Mon 7.30pm St Ambrose's, Newmarket Mon St Mary Magdelene, Bardon Wed 9.45am Wed 6.00pm St Brigid's, Red Hill (TBC) 7.00pm Private home, Bardon Wed Thurs 9.45am St Finbarr's, Ashgrove

Sign-up sheets are available at all churches this weekend and next weekend.

Please indicate which group you'd like to attend, provide contact details and the organiser will be in touch. For more information, visit Jubilee Parish website: www.jubileeparish.org.au



Thank you to all those who attended the St Finbarr's brain storming sessions last weekend. Your ideas and enthusiasm is great! But we need more people involved.

Our first step is to establish a Liturgy Team. A new group to look after the Art and Environment of our church, to prepare our church for our weekend masses and the special celebrations of Easter and Christmas. If you would like to be involved, or for more information contact Gina Clare

pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

RED HILL ROSALIE ST VINCENT DE PAUL are looking for volunteers to help with home visits. Red Hill Rosalie St Vincent de Paul Conference visits companions on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. If you have a few hours each month, a kind heart and a willingness to help please contact Anne-Marie Maw sh4064@svdpqld.org.au



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 February 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*

YEAR 3 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dear Year 3 Parents,

The Jubilee Parish Sacramental Program is now taking enrolments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These must be completed and submitted by Monday 3rd July.

Please visit http://www.jubileeparish.com/confirmation.html and scroll down to the Sacramental Program for a copy of the Confirmation Enrolment Form and we look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Night on Tuesday 11th July at 7pm Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie. *Emma Ferguson - Sacramental Co Ordinator*

BE WARY: The Archdiocesan *Integrity in Ministry* document states "clergy and religious avoid using their position to seek or obtain any financial or any other personal advantage". Clergy and religious are not to solicit funds for their personal advantage. Any emails you received that do this delete straight away. There are very clever computer programs that harvest information from parish newsletters purporting to come from clergy and they do not.

As you know, Fr Fortune came from Vanimo Diocese in PNG and stayed here for a number of weeks. He has returned to his parish and continues to finish building churches there. Parishioners have received social media requests from a "Go Fund Me" page suggesting it is raising funds for a roof on a church building. It is a non-descript email: "I'd really appreciate it if you would share or donate to this GoFundMe, *Put a roof and complete our church*

I have tried to contact Fr Fortune without success. That can be for numerous reasons: power out, communication lines down, cyberspace not working. **Be VERY alert and wary of the possibility of being scammed.**





The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



It was wonderful to see many parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends join the St Finbarr's school community in the celebration of our 2023 Welcome Mass and Yr 6 Commissioning.

Fr Gerry along with our Yr 6 Leaders, led the community in a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist, followed by the blessing of leadership badges for our newly commissioned leaders. They have been proudly wearing their new look 2023 leadership shirts that they also received on the day. The Yr 6 students have enjoyed stepping into their new leadership roles and have already demonstrated a wonderful level of energy and enthusiasm towards the jobs they have undertaken in classrooms and around the school grounds. They will continue their leadership learning in a formation day this week. Along with growing in their understanding of the many different qualities that make a strong servant leader, they will participate in a range of activities to plan and develop ideas for this year's leadership project groups. These groups centre around sustainability, student voice and Catholic identity. It will be exciting to see how our student leaders work together in these groups and how they evolve over the coming weeks.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fr. Dang for presiding at the Opening School Mass this week. His inspiring homily reminded us all to take risks and embrace all opportunities this year. With Fr Gerry and Fr Dang's guidance and support, we are confident that the coming year will be a successful one.

We are also excited to announce the blessing of our Year 6 School Leaders and Student Council Representatives took place this week. It is always a beautiful and uplifting ceremony that reminds us of the important role our young leaders play in our St Joseph's community. We are confident that they will use their talents and skills to make a positive impact on our school and parish this year.

Our Year 5 and 6 Student Council Representatives are eagerly looking forward to the Project Compassion launch on February 21 at St Stephen's Cathedral. This event is a significant opportunity for them to become involved in helping those in need and to learn about the important work of Catholic Mission. The students will be representing our school and will be able to share their experiences with the wider community upon their return.



"Our St Ambrose's School motto is, "Hospitality, Humility, Happiness" which was bubbling from our students on their first day back for the 2023 school year.

Our vibrant hive was certainly buzzing as we welcomed back existing families and especially welcomed our new families.

Many students arrived in our new St Ambrose's School Uniform, which you might see in the pictures below.





<u>Gloria</u>

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 Father.

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

As a Parish family we welcome Matthew Brennan, Edward Kelly, Leo & Niamh Rogers who were baptised this weekend.

We pray especially for

Erica O'Neale whose

anniversary occurs at this time.

We pray for the souls of all the
faithful departed;

May they rest in peace.