

# 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 ~ Sacred Heart, Rosalie ~ St Thomas More's, Petrie Terrace

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – 18 FEBRUARY 2024**

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## **Demons and rainbows**

Lent has begun and each year we're presented with 40 days to reflect and realign our behaviour in the light of Jesus' teachings. The Lenten groups, meeting throughout the parish, offer a good opportunity for this reflection in a supportive environment.

The first reading summarises the well-known story of Noah and the flood (also 40 days) and the symbol God gives us as a promise that 'no flood shall destroy the earth again'. After the rain, everything seems a little brighter and the rainbow reminds us of God's promise and hope for better times ahead.

Although Mark, compared to the other Gospel writers, doesn't go into much detail about Satan's temptations of Christ during his 40 days in the desert, we can pretty much guarantee there was not much rain and certainly no rainbows. It would have been extremely tough going both physically and emotionally for Christ, who already knew what was ahead of him. But he uses this time to grapple with his external and internal demons and find the strength and resolve to do God's will.

Most of us won't spend the next 40 days in the desert, but Lent does provide an opportunity to reflect and repent by trying a little harder to live the way God intended, following the Commandments and responding to the needs of others. We will be tempted by our desires and rescued by a few angels along the way, but we can look forward to the rainbow of Easter at its conclusion. **Jennifer Cahill**



**FIRST COMMUNION:** A big congratulations to **Samuel Jacob** who was welcomed to the table of the Lord. May the blessing of the Lord Jesus be poured on him from this day forward.

## **1st Sunday of Lent– 18 February 2024 (Year B)**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading:** Gen 9:8-15 **Second Reading:** 1 Pet 3: 18-22

**Response:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15



It doesn't matter how old you are – Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace! So, the team at Evangelisation Brisbane have created a few ways that you can engage the kids in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they make a new beginning with Jesus this

Lent. These ideas, as well as lots of others including a FREE Lenten Calender can be accessed and downloaded at: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/childrenandfamilies/childrens-ministry/kids-ideas-for-lent/>

**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: Lenten discussions are underway**



Several groups of Jubilee parishioners met this week to reflect on this week's Gospel reading.

On Monday at St Joan of Arc, Herston, the group considered the importance of Lent as a time to look inward and who are the 'angels' in our lives who help us through difficult times.

It's not too late to join a reflection group! Details are on the parish website.: <http://www.jubileeparish.com>



**FR TOMI'S** father, Alexander, had a recent fall and is now in hospital unconscious. Please keep Alexander in your prayers that he makes a full recovery. Thank you.

**FR IAN WREN REST IN PEACE.** Monday 12 February **Fr Ian Wren** died at the Wesley



Hospital after a long illness. Fr Ian served in the parish of Brighton as a Deacon and the parishes of Grovely, Caboolture, and Birkdale before moving to the Parish of Upper Mt Gravatt as Parish Priest, until his retirement in 2012. During his ministry he also served as the Archbishop's Secretary and held the role of Vocations Director for 5 years from 2004 to 2009 whilst serving as Associate Pastor at The

Cathedral of St Stephen.

A Funeral will be held on Friday 23 February 10.00am at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. May he rest in peace and experience the eternal presence of Christ he has both loved and served.

**FR DES REID CSSP REST IN PEACE.** Fr Des also died 12 February.



A Spiritan from Ireland his ministry spanned the world. In 1979 he spent six years in Pine Rivers Parish Strathpine. May he rest in peace in Christ after his ministry across the world.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

The first section of the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass – the part that comes after our “It is right and just” and before the “Holy, holy” – is called the Preface. The Preface can sometimes be over before we are aware of it which is a pity because it helps connect us to the feast or season being celebrated.

The Missal provides Prefaces for each of the six Sundays of Lent which reinforce the Gospel reading of the day. For example, on the first Sunday, the Gospel is about the Lord being led into the wilderness for forty days and tempted by the devil. The Preface takes this up and proclaims:

*By abstaining forty long days from earthly food,  
he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our Lenten observance  
and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent,  
taught us to cast out the leaven of malice,  
so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery,  
we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.*



**Rosalie SVDP Conference** would like to thank everyone who donated so generously in response to their appeal. 145 items were donated which enabled them to help those in need within our community. You can still drop any items in the white box located just inside the door of Sacred Heart



**PARISH DIARY**



**Monday 19 February**

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

**Tuesday 20 February**

School Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

**Wednesday 21 February**

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

**Thursday 22 February**

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

School Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

**Friday 23 February**

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**24/25 February 2024**

**Saturday 24 February**

**Individual Reconciliation**

(Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm

(Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

**24 February Vigil**

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

**Sunday 25 February**

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Mass (Bardon) 8:00am

Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am

Family Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am

Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am

Korean Mass (Rosalie) 10:00am

Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm



**ST JOAN OF ARC MORNING TEA**

**Sunday 18 February following the 7.30am Mass**



**ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS**

**Sunday 25 February**

**9.30am**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please



donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



**“Through the Desert  
God Leads us  
to Freedom”**

«I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery»  
(Ex. 20:2)

#LENT  
2024



**POPE FRANCIS** in his Lenten message for 2024 said. *“Lent is a time to free oneself from slavery and take action to free others suffering from the multiple forms of slavery that afflict the world. Even though baptism has begun a process of liberation, there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom. God enables people to embark on a new journey and experience a Passover from death to life.*

*“Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom” during which Christians seek to rediscover God’s call and promise, he wrote. “It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.”*



**THE GREAT WALL OF HERSTON.** The ground has dried sufficiently for concrete to be poured into the two metre deep footings for the steel posts. This is becoming an incessant recurring news item. This week the concrete “sleepers” will create the wall. Backfill happens. Then fence on top. Yes, you have heard this before; hopefully the fence goes up this week.

**POWER TO SACRED HEART.** More work performed Friday 16 February.

**7:00 am – 9:30 am** - BTrans shuts down power to the 10 Herbert Street MSB, also impacting the Sacred Heart Church. Power will be reinstated by 9:30 am to both buildings.

**3:00 pm:** Re-energize Sacred Heart Church Switchboard, Test, and Commission.

All things cooperating three phase power for organ and air conditioner.

**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 20 FEBRUARY:** World Day of Social Justice is an international day recognizing the need to promote social justice, which includes efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections.



Proposals to advance social justice include improving inclusive and effective governance of work, ensuring employment opportunities and lifelong learning, reforming institutions for fairer labor market outcomes, and extending social protections across peoples' lifetimes. An integrated approach across all these areas is touted. For more details go to: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>

**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 14th February – 1st April, no communion celebrations will take place. Passport stickers can still be collected.



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 6th April or group communion dates are confirmed at all parish churches on the following weekends – May 11 & 12, June 15 & 16, July 27 & 28. Bookings required.

**YEAR 3 CONFIRMATION**



The Jubilee Parish Sacramental Program is now taking enrolments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These must be completed and submitted by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie.

Please note that ceremony numbers are capped so if you require a particular time and date return your enrolment as soon as possible. If you have any questions contact Emma – [sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Respect & Protect.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

Jubilee Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of the parish community, particularly children and vulnerable adults. Protecting the vulnerable from abuse is everyone’s business and we rely on the whole community to ensure we meet our Safeguarding responsibilities.

# The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



As a school of a hundred thousand welcomes, this week we welcomed families to a Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast prepared by our generous team of staff. Teachers and school officers gathered bright and early to cook almost 200 fresh pancakes for our school community! It was wonderful gathering which was so well supported by our families. On the following day, we marked the beginning of Lent by recognising Ash Wednesday. Our Year 6 students joined the parish for an Ash Wednesday Mass and our Prep to Year 5 students participated in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy with their class. As we begin the season of Lent, we are focused on the 3 pillars of 'Give up, give to and prayer'.



## Confeitor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God

**Amen.**



Daniel, Madeleine and Edith, three of our terrific Year 6 leaders attended the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Launch at St Stephen's Cathedral. Following the liturgy, our leaders enjoyed some morning tea and pancake races on the lawn of the Cathedral. On Wednesday, we joined together for a whole school Ash Wednesday Mass. Fr Gerry spoke to the students about the importance of the Cross, Cloth and Caritas. We look forward to supporting Caritas Australia and making an impact in the lives of others this Lent.

## 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.**



## Launch of Project Compassion 2024 – "For Future Generations"

Last Tuesday, three members from our Year 6 Pastoral Ministry group, were invited to attend the launch of Project Compassion at St Stephen's Cathedral where our Archbishop Mark Coleridge presided over a Liturgy of the Word. Over 60 Brisbane Catholic Education schools were in attendance. All were commissioned to make a difference for "For Future Generations" back in their communities through prayer, engaging in the Project Compassion Stories, acting justly in relationships and in caring for the environment, and standing up with those who are in need. The girls reflected on their experience and shared the following: *Ambrose – Some of the words that impacted me was when the Archbishop spoke about Project Compassion and said, "don't just throw some loose change, throw yourself out there". Ella – It was wonderful to see all the students from different schools participating in different parts of the Liturgy. The choir was well-prepared and sang beautifully.*

*Bella - After the liturgy, we were involved in an art activity where we coloured waterdrops and wrote prayers inside them. We also participated in a pancake race for Shrove Tuesday which was difficult but fun.*

## In Transition

*As a Parish family we welcome Eleanor Frisby & Addison Stubbings who were baptised this weekend.*

*We especially pray for Erica O'Neale whose anniversary occurs at this time and for all the souls of the faithful departed; May they rest in peace.*