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

3rd Sunday of Lent - 3 March 2024

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"Destroy this Temple and in 3 days I will build it up."

Today's Gospel recounts perhaps the most provocative episodes in Jesus's ministry and probably that which precipitated his imminent arrest and execution. Just before Passover, Jesus strode into the Court of the Gentiles, the largest and busiest part of the Temple of Jerusalem. He fashioned a whip and drove the traders and money changers out of the temple. In apparent anger he ordered them; "Take all of this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

To understand the significance of Jesus's outburst of rage it is helpful to understand something of the social, political and economic role of the temple in Jerusalem. At the time, Galilee was ruled by Herod Antipas, who came from a family of provincial rulers appointed by Rome. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great, infamous for the massacre of the infants and responsible for building this, the second Jewish temple built in Jerusalem. Large and magnificent, the temple symbolised the power and wealth of the Herod family. It was also as a very tangible sign of Herod family's collaboration with Rome and the prominence of Rome's rule of Jerusalem. The temple had become a powerful, political symbol of a corrupt system that oppressed the poor and disenfranchised of Galilee, and kept the ruling classes wealthy and powerful.

As a bureaucratic and commercial hub, the temple operated to shore up the finances of the priestly classes. The reason for this goes back to 1400 BC, when the Israelites, led by Moses invaded Canaan, the Promised Land. The book of Joshua tells us that the land was divided amongst the 12 Tribes of Israel, to work and make a living from. Except that is, for the Levites: Joshua 18:7 ".... the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance." Thus the Levites and their descendants were to become the priestly class of the new nation. Under Roman rule, high priests were appointed and removed by Rome at will, with little regard for Levite lineage. In order to hold their position, chief priests became more concerned with pleasing Rome than with serving God or his people. The priests of Jerusalem made a very lucrative living from the sacrifices, tithes and tributes of temple. Holding a monopoly on the sale of sacrificial animals, they developed their own currency, the shekel of Tyre, the only coin accepted in the temple. Ordinary people who came to offer sacrifice to God were forced to change their money, at exorbitant rates, to purchase animals deemed suitable for sacrifice. As a source of power and wealth for the aristocratic, religious minority, the temple had become a place of everything that oppressed the poor and the vulnerable of Galilee. With all this in mind, when Jesus lashed out at the traders and money exchangers, he was actually railing against the politics of Roman occupation, and the corrupt commercial system that masqueraded as religion. He did this in full view of the security guards and Pilate's soldiers keeping watch over the Court of the Gentiles from the Antonia Tower. His criticism of Rome and the rulers and officials of Jerusalem could not have been plainer. His fate as trouble-maker, an enemy of Rome and a threat to the status-quo was sealed. Jesus was of course a Jew and no doubt his Jewish religion was important to him. But during his life on earth it was corrupted and no longer the religion of the prophets of the Old Testament. Jesus came to bring us to God in a new way and as members of his Christian church on earth we are duty bound to honour and protect it. We are called to keep his church a place of love, acceptance and equity, not concerned with wealth or power, existing only to serve the Lord. It is up to all of us to safeguard this most Gina Clare, Pastoral Associate sacred legacy.

3rd Sunday of Lent- 3 March 2024 (Year B)

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:22-25 **Response:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 2:13-25

AN INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

The lead up to Easter is a perfect opportunity to experience God's mercy with first rite of reconciliation at:

- St Joan of Arc, Herston on Wednesday 20 March 7-7.30pm
- Sacred Heart, Rosalie, Saturdays 4-4.20pm
- St Finbarr's, Ashgrove, Saturdays 5.15- 5.45pm
- Or at a time that suits you by contacting Parish Office 3324 3985

If you're feeling a bit rusty, brochures are available at each location to guide you in an examination of conscience, prayers and responses.

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend a lay led devotional hour of the Scripture and Rosary at Sacred Heart Church Rosalie every Friday between Noon and 1PM. The Devotional Hour prays two Rosary Mysteries (including the Sorrowful Mysteries) and also prayerfully meditates upon the Gospel of the coming Sunday. Enquiries welcome to Vincent and Susanne Hodge 07 33695117

LENTEN GROUP. A group of parishioners meet at the Harrington home every Monday morning during Lent and once a month for the rest of the year. Thirteen people registered for this year's Lenten discussions but not everyone can manage to come every week.



FORGIVEN

We are enjoying the Pietà resource book and the material has generated some very interesting discussion as well as providing us with the opportunity to spend time together in prayer and reflection. And it is lovely to catch up over tea and coffee at the end of each session! Elizabeth Harrington

THE GREAT WALL OF HERSTON. Wall and fence completed. Hurrah! Only a month



overdue. Check out what you get for \$60k. Being good neighbour and we wait to see what neighbour plans to do on their side of the fence.





FR TOMI UPDATE. The funeral for his dad Alexander was Friday 23 February. Fr Tomi is very appreciative of your prayers. He will be back in Jubilee on Tuesday 5 March.



THANK YOU. Helping this weekend in Fr Tomi's absence, we have Fr David Pascoe, Director of Clergy Life and Mission and regular Fr Gerard Hall. Jubilee Parish is very appreciate to both for their coming to our aid.

INFORMATION MORNING: Pastoral care to the sick in hospitals (volunteer role).



Pastoral Centacare, in conjunction with the Institute of Faith Education, will conduct a registered training course in spiritual and pastoral care to the sick in 2024. Date of the information session: Wednesday 6 March, 10am - 1pm, Level 1, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Bne City. For further infor-

mation, or to attend the information morning please email or phone 3324 3193.

PARISH DIARY



Monday 4 March

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 5 March Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 6 March Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am Class Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 7 March Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 8 March Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

4th Sunday of Lent 9/10 March 2024

Saturday 9 March **Individual Reconciliation** (Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm (Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

9 March Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 10 March 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 JOSEPHS SCHOOL Middle Years Mass Wednesday 6 March, 9.00am St Mary Magdalene Church

ROSALIE AGED CARE ANOINTING LITURGY Friday 8 March, 11.00am



CLERGY OF THE CENTRAL DEANERY: A deanery is an organizational structure within a diocese. It is a smaller grouping of clergy and parishes within the larger entity of a diocese. The Brisbane Archdiocese is subdivided into 13 deaneries. We are in the Central Deanery with Fr Anthony Mellor, the Dean of the Cathedral as our Dean. The parishes within our deanery are Bowen Hills, Buranda, Cathedral, Dorrington, Dutton Park West End South Brisbane, Jubilee, New Farm and St John's Wood the Gap.

The clergy from the deanery are meeting this Thursday 7 March at Jubilee.

Please pray for our ministry of shepherding God's people

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY: International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, econom-



ic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. The IWD 2024 campaign theme is Inspire Inclusion. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be

included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

AUSTRALIA Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of



worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a

better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. *Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia*



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 Calendar can be accessed and downloaded at: https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/childrenandfamilies/

childrens-ministry/kids-ideas-for-lent/

FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION:



Movies and TV programs sometimes still portray individual reconciliation - or "Confession" – as penitents kneeling behind a screen in a dark confessional box. This ignores the fact that the celebration of the sacrament of penance was revised after Vatican II so that it would better reflect the positive nature of this encounter with Christ.

The individual rite may be celebrated face-to-face or anonymously. It begins with the priest warmly welcoming the penitent and inviting them to have trust in God. Either the penitent or the priest reads a passage of scripture.

After this, the priest helps the penitent to confess his or her sins and offers suitable counsel. The priest proposes an act of penance which, as far as possible, corresponds to the seriousness and nature of the sin. It may take the form of prayer, self-denial or works of mercy.

Then the priest asks the penitent to express sorrow for sin using one of several prayers given in the rite or in a similar form of words. The priest extends his hands over the penitent's head and says the words of absolution.

Finally there is a proclamation of praise for God's mercy followed by the dismissal: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace."

Celebrated properly, penance is indeed a joyful reconciliation which leaves the failures of the past behind and looks forward in confidence to a future to be lived in fidelity and harmony.



TAP N GO facility available at, St Finbarr's, St Mary Magdalene's, St Brigid's and Sacred Heart Church. It's a quick and easy 3 Step Process:

SELECT amount TAP credit or debit card RECEIPT select Yes or No and off you GO



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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





PLAYTIME EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP Last week at St Finbarr's we welcomed 12 families to our first ever 'Playtime Explorers' playgroup! Led by our team of Early Years experts, our playgroup has a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) focus and runs twice a term with the next session being held in March. As a school of one hundred thousand welcomes, we appreciated this opportunity to connect with our community and create a genuine sense of belonging. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers of little people aged 0-5 are warmly welcome to attend!



Leadership Day:

This week, Middle Years engaged in a reflective session centered around the theme "Coming Together," focusing on celebrating diversity and deepening mutual understanding. The highlight of the day was witnessing their remarkable capacity to reflect on personal experiences and demonstrate empathy towards others. It's evident that Middle Years' guiding principle is to nurture fearless leaders who, simply by embracing their true selves, become extraordinary superheroes. Harry David, Facilitator.

Open Day:

St Joseph's Bardon will be hosting an Open Day this Wednesday 6 March at 9am. Check out our school Facebook account for more information. We would love to see any families who are interested in seeing what St Joseph's can offer to your child's education. (www.facebook.com/stjosephsprimarybardon



We are beginning to prepare for our Lenten Project Compassion Appeal – Walk for Water.

In week 10, we will 'walk in another's shoes' as we walk for water at Corby Park. Each year level has a specific area of the world to support who is experiencing crisis from war, poverty or climate change.

Families will be asked to donate in the coming weeks so we can help people in these areas receive the assistance they so desperately need. Daily we are bombarded with heart wrenching images from multiple news sources of the devastation they face, this will be a practical way to support them.

Our Year 2's are holding a special Liturgy on Tuesday. We are looking forward to celebrating God's word together.





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, throught 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.

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 Max and Addison Mossman who were baptised this weekend.

We celebrate with the families of Laura Greenhalgh & Christopher Hartley and

Brigid Lacey & Alec Pokarier who were married this weekend.

We pray for all the souls of the faithful departed;
May they rest in peace.