Pubilee 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 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - 12 MARCH 2023

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Lent Three presents us with a long reading, yet one which is intriguing to ponder. It's all about our journey into faith. What does it mean to be a Christian in our society today? Whenever I am out and about, I always think, there are many people of good will. Good will is a sign of God in the world, even if people do not claim to be Christian. When you are next out, look for people's kindness in ordinary ways.

Here is a short reflection on this week's Gospel:

When Jesus decided to pass through Samaria, he stopped at Jacob's well because it was mid-day and he was both tired from the journey and thirsty. Jacob's well was a good mile and a half from the nearest town, called Sychar. It wasn't easy to draw water from this well since it was over a hundred feet deep. Jesus had neither rope nor bucket to fetch the water.

When a Samaritan woman showed up at the well, both were caught by surprise. Why would a Samaritan woman walk so far in the mid-day heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than in her local town? She was an outcast and not welcomed among her own townspeople. Jesus then did something no respectable Jew would think of doing. He reached out to her, thus risking ritual impurity and scorn from his fellow Jews. He also did something no strict Rabbi would

dare to do in public without loss to his reputation. He treated the woman like he would treat one of his friends - he greeted her, asking for a drink of water and then spoke at length with her. Jesus' welcoming approach to her, and their further



conversation, broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and tradition to bring the good news of peace and reconciliation to Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles alike. He demonstrated the universality of the gospel both in word and deed. No one is barred from the love of God and the good news of salvation. There is only one thing that can keep us from God and his redeeming love -our stubborn pride and wilful rebellion. *Fr Marty*

The 3rd Sunday of Lent - 12 March 2023 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-74 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Gospel: John 4:5-42

RITES OF HEALING AND STRENGTHENING: Within the parish people are preparing to



celebrate the sacraments of initiation at Easter. At Ashgrove Eva is preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and First reception of Eucharist. Over the next three weeks the community will be praying Rites of Healing and Strengthening for her as she continues this journey to initiation into the Catholic Church. As per the Gospel, may the Word of God become a living spring welling up insider of her.

At Bardon Michael and Karen are already baptised and are coming into fully communion with the Catholic Church through the celebration of Confirmation. We prayerfully support them in their faith journey as well.

All of us are journeying towards Easter and praying that God's grace will inspire to celebrate and live the Easter mystery as well as the Samaritan woman did in sharing the Good News with her community.

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS :

The Lent discussion group which meets at the Harrington home at Milton on Monday mornings gathered for the third time last Monday. The gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (the Samaritan woman) and Fr Mark De Battista's commentary on it elicited much animated discussion. One interesting point that arose was that it is not where we worship (an issue that divided Jews and Samaritans) that matters but that we wor-



ship God in spirit and truth. Those who had already read Mgr Graham Schmitzer's reflection on Carracci's "Christ and the Samaritan Woman" found his explanation of the marriage imagery in the painting and in the gospel very interesting.

And, as always, everyone loved Mother Hilda Scott's wise and thoughtful Spiritual Direction segment. Her final sentence says it all: "We do not set out on our days of vulnerability to encounter God, but God sets out to encounter us." *Elizabeth Harrington* Groups meet throughout the parish on different days, at various times and places. It **IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN ANY OF THE GROUPS.** For information please contact the parish office 3324 3985.

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY is observed on the third Thursday of March, falling on



March 16 this year, and advocates for health equity of Australia's indigenous people and educating the public

about the health issues and barriers to well-being faced by them. Since 2007, National Close the Gap Day brings together Australians from all over the country to advocate for health equity and take meaningful action to create better and more equitable conditions for the indigenous people. The campaign encourages people and organizations to plan events that draw attention to the health issues of Australia's indigenous people and to support

legislation and programs for the improvement of their conditions.

ST PATRICKS DAY: Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Known



as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. He is known only from two short works, a spiritual autobiography, and his *Letter to Coroticus*. At age 16 he was forced into slavery in Ireland. He spent six years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervour to his faith. Although reunited with his family in Britain he felt called to return to Ireland, where he spent many years converting the people to Christianity. Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove 'snakes' out of Ireland,

(despite the fact that snakes were not known to inhabit the region). Tradition holds that he died at Saul on 17March and was buried at Downpatrick. *Fr Marty*

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2023. All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website on this link: https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/.

PARISH DIARY



Monday 13 March Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 14 March School Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 15 March Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am School Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

> <u>Thursday 16 March</u> Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am NO Mass (Ashgrove)

Friday 17 March Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

3rd Sunday of Lent 18/19 March 2023

Saturday 18 March

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

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

Sunday 19 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 FINBARR'S FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 12 MARCH, 8.30am, Followed by morning tea

WOODLANDS ANOINTING LITURGY FRIDAY 17 MARCH. 10.30AM

JUBILEE CARDS ASHGROVE SATURDAY 18 MARCH, 12.00pm -4.00pm

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Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

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

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS:

The 'Seven Penitential Psalms' continues with Clare Schwantes reflecting on Psalm 51. To watch go to : https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/the-seven-penitential-psalmspsalm-51-with-clare-schwantes/

PALMS NEEDED!! We need palm fronds for our Palm Sunday Liturgies! If you can help by contributing any - no matter how few - we would love to hear from you. Please phone Therese Beavis on 0403 784 778 or email pa.bardon.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au Thank you! Your assistance is much appreciated.

S^T.STEPHEN

MASTERPLAN. The BCC have delayed decision on Kennedy Tce again. The decision is "expected to be received by



mid-March (approx. 2 weeks). The delay is due to Council resourcing". Thank goodness Christ's resurrection didn't have to go before a Council or we would've been waiting a long time. Decision on Rosalie is to come after that. I might be in the grave by the time BCC make a decision.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street, **Brisbane**

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese All Welcome car parking available from 6:00pm



Be empowered, inspired and equipped to engage in the mission of the Church.

Start's the evening of Thursday 18 May, continues on Friday 19 May, 9.00am-9.00pm & Saturday 20 May. 9.00am - 3.00pm. Please contact the parish office on 3324 3985 or via email: jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au







ST BRIGIDS MORNING TEA following the 10.00am Mass, SUNDAY 19 MARCH.

ST JOAN OF ARC MORNING TEA following the 7.30am Mass, SUNDAY 19 MARCH

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish St Finbarr's School, Ashgrove. St Joseph's School, Bardon. St Ambrose School, Newmarket



Blessing of the Preps

We will welcome our Preps and their families into our parish community this week, with a special liturgy and blessing. The liturgy will be led by Fr Gerry and our Yr 6 Leaders who will join with their Prep buddies to share this special occasion. Our liturgy will be followed by a picnic in the Prep playground for the children and their families.

Family Mass

It is also exciting to be celebrating our first Family Mass for the year this Sunday 12th March 8:30am at St Finbarr's. We are looking forward to some of our current and new families, school staff and parish community joining together to celebrate this special occasion. This will be followed by a shared morning tea and then an opportunity for our up-and-coming St Finbarr's students to participate in a Prep readiness session. What a great day for our community!



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.



Harry David - School Chaplain

We are delighted to have Harry David working as our school Chaplain on Wednesdays and Fridays each week. Harry is a spiritual leader in our school, who provides guidance and support to students, staff and families within the school community. He will offer a listening ear, a compassionate heart and a sense of hope during times of difficulty. Harry will also be involved in supporting the Religious Life of the School. We are very fortunate to have Harry as part of our team.

Year 3 Mass

On Wednesday, our Year 3 students celebrated Mass with their peers. The theme of Faith, Hope and Love was at the forefront of the Mass and reminded us of the importance of these values in our daily lives. The Year 3 students participated so beautifully, and the highlight for many was their singing.

Upcoming Religious Life of the School Dates

Wednesday 15 March: Year 4 students will be attending Mass at 9:00am. Wednesday 22 March: Prep students will be participating in a Liturgy at 2:00pm.

Friday 24 March: Acknowledging the retirement of Mr Mark Deegan at assembly. Wednesday 29 March: Year 2 students will be leading a Liturgy at 2:00pm.

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

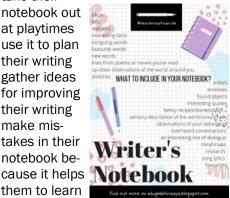
the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Yesterday, we had a visit from Mr David Cashman who is our Brisbane Catholic Education Cluster 3 Senior Leader - School Progress and Performance. David accompanied the school leadership team on "Walks and Talks" to all our classrooms to observe teaching and learning that has evidence of our 2022 Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) in the area of Spelling and this year's EIA that has a focus on Writing.

Students in Years 2-6 at St Ambrose's this year all have a "Writer's Notebook" which is a special book for planning, reflecting, organising and gathering inspiration to ensure that they can be the best composers of text they can be by writing sensational sentences with correct sentence structure and spelling. Prep and Year 1 have a shared "Writer's Notebook". Some of the students reported that they love the fact that they can: take their

notebook out at playtimes use it to plan their writing gather ideas for improving their writing make mistakes in their notebook bethem to learn



In Transition

As a parish family we welcome Ennio McEvoy, Oscar McArdle, William Dean L Josephine Robinson who were baptised this weekend. We celebrate with the families of Kevin Nguyen L Trang Vu, L Charles Wong & Evanna Paul who were married this weekend. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed; May they rest in peace.