

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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – 19 MARCH 2023

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Switch on the light

While last week's Gospel introduced living water, this week's readings focus on another element that is central to all life – light.

The sun and the light it generates bring new life, nourishment and growth, as well as being associated with knowledge and positivity. Each new day is a fresh start, full of possibilities and when the sun

comes out we see things much more clearly. Darkness, on the other hand, is associated with secrecy, fear and ignorance. When we don't understand something we say we're in the dark and St Paul proposes that the things people do in the dark tend to be things that they're ashamed of. He urges us to act more like we do when the sun comes and be like children of the light.

The first reading refers to seeing things in a different light. In identifying David as a future king, in spite of his youth and simple appearance, God indicates that our eyes aren't always the best tool to use to really see someone. He says to Samuel, 'man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart'.

Appearances also come in for question in the Gospel. After the man who was blind from birth is made able to see, the locals question whether it is really the same man or just someone who looks like him. The authorities don't take his word for it, of course, since they consider him a sinner – and Jesus too, for working miracles on the Sabbath – leaving us to wonder who are the actual blind people in this story. Is it the man who was blind from birth or his inquisitors who are in the darkness?

We all fail to see what's in front of us sometimes. It may be someone who needs our help or another point of view on a topic we feel strongly about or just the answer to that impossible sudoku in the weekend paper. If we pause and switch on the light from time to time, we might be amazed by what we see. **Jennifer Cahill**



THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS:

The 'Seven Penitential Psalms' continues with Colleen Tracey reflecting on Psalm 102.

To view go to the following link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/the-seven-penitential-psalms-psalm-102-with-colleen-tracey/>



The 4th Sunday of Lent – 19 March 2023 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13 **Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

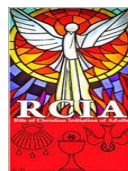
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1-41

rites of healing and strengthening:

Please continue your prayers in support of Eva, Michael and Karen as they continue their journey to initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter. All of us are journeying towards Easter and praying that's God's grace will inspire to celebrate and live the Easter mystery.



PARISH LENTEN GROUPS: Our Lent group meets on Monday morning at 9:00 am at Newmarket. We have enjoyed studying the gospel and listening to Fr Mark Battista gospel reflections. Mother Hilda Scott's spiritual reflections have provided many thought-provoking quotes that has inspired deep spiritual discussion. Some examples: "Called or Uncalled, God is present". "Angels ministered to Jesus, and they minister to you every day". "Think gracious thoughts, and you will be line with God who only thinks gracious thoughts about you." "In life, it is not what we see that has its lasting effects, it is how we see it." Each week our group shares their feelings, thoughts and insights about their faith and personal experiences. We are learning so much from each other as well as from the program. **Connie Barbera**
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.

THE SOLEMN FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH is often on **March 19th** in the Church's liturgical calendar. However, this year March 19th falls on Sunday, therefore the church moves the feast of St Joseph to the following day. Joseph is the patron saint of many things but is more commonly recognised as the patron and protector of the Catholic Church. Even though, we have few details about St Joseph, there is something in the gospels.



The gospels described the character of St Joseph, saying that he was a man of honour, and recording what he did for Jesus and Mary. However nothing of what he said is recorded. That was enough for us. From the gospel accounts, we can see that St. Joseph was of strong character and a man of faith. To quote a few instances: Joseph took Mary to be his wife even though he wasn't exactly sure how she became pregnant. After the birth of Jesus, when Herod was persecuting them, he did not abandon mother and child for his own safety. St. Joseph had a keen ear for listening to the will of God, whether it was by dreams or through visions of angels. So it was his actions that spoke louder than any words. It was by his actions that he showed his faith and trust in God. Indeed, this month as we honour St. Joseph, we must learn, not only from his actions, but also from his silence. Most of all, let us learn to do God's will, as St. Joseph did. **Fr Dang**

HARMONY DAY: We come together to celebrate Harmony Day on **21 March**.



Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide by conscientious citizens. Whether you want to be better friends with your neighbors or stand in the shoes of another, we've got some harmonious habits and unifying ideas to make your Harmony Day a picture of peace.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 25 MARCH: The Annunciation of the Lord, is the announcement by the archangel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Christian Messiah and Son of God, marking the Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Immanuel, meaning "God is with us". This is an opportunity to consider who Mary is to us. She is the mother of Jesus. Her husband was Joseph. They went through many trials. We all go through trials, yet Mary was always faithful to the will of God. God whispers to us all the time, yet we need the heart of Mary who always listens. **Fr Marty**



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

PARISH DIARY



Monday 20 March
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 21 March
Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 22 March
Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am
Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 23 March
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am
Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 24 March
Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

5th Sunday of Lent
25/26 March 2023

Saturday 25 March
Individual Reconciliation
(Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm
(Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

Saturday 25 March Vigil
Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm
Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 26 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 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

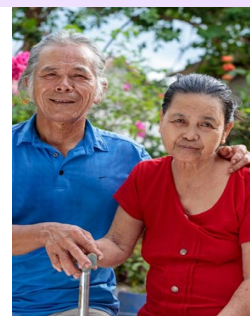
ST MARY MAGDALENE
MORNING TEA
Following the 8.00am Mass
Sunday 19 March

ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS
SUNDAY 26 MARCH, 9.30AM

FIRST RITE OF RECONCILIATION LENT. The First Rite of Reconciliation is celebrated one-to-one with the priest. Individual Reconciliation is available **Saturdays 4.00pm-4.20pm at Sacred Heart Rosalie and Saturdays from 5.15pm-5.45pm at St Finbarr's Ashgrove.** If these times do not work for you, you are most welcome to make a time with a priest. This Lent, the parish is also offering **Individual Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie on Wednesday the 29th of March from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.** Being one-to-one means as people arrive they can meet with one of the priests, pray together, focus on a piece of scripture, acknowledge sins and be forgiven. Once you have celebrated with the priest you are free to leave. The sacrament is a way in which we return to the Father and experience God's forgiveness.



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



INFORMATION DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE GUIDES & WELCOMERS



You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen. **Thursday 20th April from 9:30am to 2:00pm** in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre. It's the 150th Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen. Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral. Register your interest at Cathedral Office via ph 07 / 33243006 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

ARCHBISHOP APPOINTMENTS:




Fr Joseph Nguyen OFM appointed as Parish Priest of Little Flower parish, Kedron, effective 1 February, 2023.
Fr Joson Antony MCBs appointed Parish Priest of All Saints parish, Albany Creek, effective 14 April 2023.
Fr Jaroslaw Zan OSPPE appointed Rector -Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, effective 18 February 2023. .
Fr John Sullivan OSA appointed Associate Pastor of St James Parish, Coorparoo, effective 13 January 2023.
Fr Luan Le OFM Cap appointed Chaplain to Australian Catholic University, Banyo campus, effective 1 February 2023.
Fr Zachary Lewis OSSPE has joined the community of the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley




Summit 23 is the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 2023. Earlybird discounts apply ending 31 March 2023. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 3324 3985 or email: jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

MAY 18 to 20 2023



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



Many Jubilee parishioners would be aware of the history behind **Nobert Eltran** and his struggles to stay in Australia.

His temporary visa expires on 30th March and he has been told that he will then be sent back to Sri Lanka, separating him from his wife and baby son. An immigration lawyer advises that the best way people can support Nobert's application to stay is to write a letter to Andrew Giles, The Federal minister for Immigration, asking him to intervene on Nobert's behalf and explaining why you believe he should do so. Save your letter as a PDF then go to the following link: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/contact-the-minister> Complete the form, remembering to including Nobert's client ID which is 45744287380, attach your letter and submit. Obviously this needs to be done as a matter of urgency. Thank you for your ongoing support .



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Our first Family Mass this year was a beautiful celebration and created much joy and excitement in our parish community last Sunday. St Finbarr's church was filled with many families, parishioners and school staff who helped to make it a memorable event. The highlight, was the beautiful singing and guitar playing by our St Finbarr's students, ably led by Mrs C. Special thanks to Fr Tony for presiding at Mass and to the many children and parents who also helped in welcoming parishioners, assisting with the music, altar serving and serving morning tea after Mass.

We look forward to our next Family Mass when our children and families can be involved in many more ways. It continued to be a great day in our St Finbarr's community where we were able to welcome many of our new families for Mass and then to join our exciting and very informative Orientation to Prep session in our Prep classroom and playground. We had many excited little faces, exploring their new place of learning.



Confiteor

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.



We would like to extend our blessings to all the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN students. May you feel calm, focused, and confident as you take on these assessments. We are proud of your hard work and dedication, and we know that you will do your very best.

Swimming Carnival

On another note, thank you to Mr James Strybos, our HPE teacher, for his excellent organisation of the Year 3 to 6 swimming carnival. This event takes place each year at Marist College Ashgrove, and it is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and sportsmanship. Swimming carnivals are great because they encourage students to get active, work as a team, and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. Congratulations to Mr Strybos for his recent appointment to the AFL Umpire List for 2023. We hope to see Mr Strybos officiating a Lions game at the Gabba in the near future!

Year 4 Mass Finally, Year 4 led a lovely Parish Mass on Wednesday. It was a beautiful and meaningful service. Year 4 have been discussing Right and Wrong choices in class and identifying how choices impact those around them. They have been discussing how the Bible and the life/teaching of Jesus gives us guidance in life, especially when making decisions.

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 catho-
lic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**



It's been a busy few weeks at St Ambrose's. We had the pleasure of working with Josh Arnold to help us develop a new school song. Our current school song has been sung with pride since 2007; however, we wished to include our Habits of the Heart and links to St Ambrose and his connections to bees. The children were involved in every aspect of developing the song, including lyrics, singing and movement. Soon, the new school song will be launched and celebrated. The song has been very well received by students and staff alike. Stay tuned to hear more. Our Song Creators in action with Josh!

This week and next, we have NAPLAN like all schools across Australia. We have changed our bell song to 'Don't Worry, Be (Bee) Happy' to put a spring in our students' step. We are reminding our children to be 'Prepared Rather Than Scared' about these tests.



In Transition

*As a parish family we welcome
Arlette Gonzalez, Grace Canniffe
and Aiko Bruton who were
baptised this weekend.*

*We celebrate with the families of
Linda Vu & Vinhson Vu who were
married this weekend.*

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