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

PALM SUNDAY - 2 APRIL 2023

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This Sunday is known to us as Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday.

It is the only Sunday in the year when we proclaim two Gospels – one at the beginning of Mass and another at the regular time.

There is a steep contrast between the two; one is a story of welcome and the other, a story of rejection.

When Jesus enters Jerusalem at the beginning of the week he is welcomed by great crowds of people. A few days later, according to Matthew, those same



people, pressured by their religious leaders, call on Pilate to have Jesus crucified. Even though they are two very different stories, interestingly, Matthew makes a subtle connection between the two. In the first gospel, Mathew reports that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, 'the whole city was stirred'. In the second gospel, at the moment Jesus died, according to Matthew, 'the earth quaked'.

Both the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the passion and death of Jesus are events which shake us out of our usual posture.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem and the whole city shook, people asked the question, 'Who is this?' The earth-shattering nature of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem made people ask this fundamental question. When Jesus died and the earth shook, this question received an answer from an unexpected group of people.

Seeing the earth quaking and all that had taken place, the Roman centurion and the soldiers who were with him said, 'In truth this was God's Son'. This group of pagans, according to Matthew, recognized God's presence in the death of Jesus.

It is worth noting that at the beginning of Matthew's gospel, the child Jesus was given the name 'Emmanuel', God-with-us. It is above all in the hour of his passion and death that Jesus shows himself to be God-with-us, God's loving presence in our midst. We are all invited to listen to the story of Jesus' passion and death this holy week not just as a tragic story, but, more fundamentally, as the story of God's presence, of God's love, embodied in the person of Jesus.

That is why we continue to proclaim this story as good news, the good news of a divine love that is stronger than sin, stronger than death. *Fr Dang*

GO AHEAD AND INVITE' PEOPLE TO EASTER SERVICES Easter is an excellent time for



churchgoers to invite family and friends to church services. Four in 10 Australians would attend an Easter service if they were invited by a close friend or family member, a recent survey has found. Source: *The Catholic Leader*. People are more receptive to attending church at a significant time like Easter — so go ahead and invite them. They are welcome!

Palm Sunday - 2 April 2023 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Our Lenten Discussion Group has been meeting for the last 6 weeks on Wednesday



evenings. Our Group agreed that the whole programme has been very rewarding. The Gospel reflections by Fr. Mark have given us clarity and "in depth" understanding of the point of the Gospel readings.

Mother Hilda's reflections have been insightful and uplifting, with her last reflection pointing to the depth of love that Jesus showed for us through his crucifixion, surely the most horrendous form of execution ever invented, dying to himself for the benefit of all of us. Our discussions focussed on how individuals in our

society have 'died to themselves' for the benefit of others in need and how we can do likewise by at times putting the needs of others ahead of our own. The Artwork each week and the explanations about the artists and their interpretations have been outstanding and informative on a deeper level. As this year's discussion came to an end, the members of our group enthusiastically commented they are looking forward to next year's meetings and discussions. If you have missed out this year, be sure to join a group next year. Stuart & Therese Beavis, SMM Bardon.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES



The anxiety of our age echoes that of the world of the first Palm Sunday. The drama of this feast holds paradoxes in tension with resolution in God's providence. Palm Sunday is a day that the Church is mindful of the plight of refugees around the world. We rejoice with those who will be given permanent residence in Australia. We share the struggle of those excluded from permanent residence in Australia, and with them ask a more generous and

just policy. We pray that all refugees will be able to be reunited here with family members from outside Australia.

In advocating for the just and humane treatment of people seeking asylum in Australia, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) invites all to walk together on Palm Sunday. CAPSA will walk in solidarity with members of Catholic and other school, church and civic communities in our local areas around the nation. For more information on walks throughout the country, visit https://capsa.org.au/palm-sunday-australia/.

Brisbane – Palm Sunday Rally for Peace and Refugees, **Sunday 10 April 12:00pm** onwards. **Reddacliff Place**, 266 George Street Brisbane (opposite Treasury Casino and at the top of the Queen Street Mall).

PRAYER VIGIL FOR NORBET: Parishioners came together at a vigil held on



28 March at Sacred Heart Church to offer prayers and support to Nobert and his family. It was a spiritual experience for everyone uniting our community in support of this young man and his family. Everyone left with a clearer understanding of his story.

LATEST UPDATE: Norbert's visa has been extended for another month so we thank all those who continue the fight for compassion from our leaders.

The Catholic Leader have written a story. To view go to: https://cathnews.com/2023/03/29/vigil-held-for-srilankan-asylum-seeker-facing-imminent-deportation/

Youtube: https://youtube.com/shorts/Qs0aRHKMcPQ

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/reel/910022973566775/?s=single_unit **Twitter:** https://twitter.com/TheCatholicLead/status/1640519584951173122

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION—APRIL 7 2023

Australian parishioners have always been most generous to the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds. This will take place as a leaving collection at the Good Friday ceremonies. Thank you again so much for your assistance and commitment to this annual Pontifical Collection for the people of the Holy Land. Your generosity is most appreciated.



PARISH DIARY



Monday 3 April
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 4 April
Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 5 April

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am Mass (Bardon) 9.00am Canticum Concert (Rosalie) 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 6 April
Mass of The Lord's Supper
(Red Hill) 7.00pm

Good Friday 7 April
Stations of the Cross

(Bardon), (Newmarket), (Red Hill) & (Rosalie) 10.00am

Passion of the Lord

(Ashgrove), (Bardon), (Herston) & (Red Hill) 3.00pm

Canticum Concert (Rosalie) 5.30pm

<u>Easter Vigil 8 April</u> (Ashgrove) & (Rosalie) 7.00pm (NOTE CHANGED TIME)

Easter Sunday 9 April
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





Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift

themselves and their communities out of poverty. 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, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413. .

CANTICUM CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT - HOLY WEEK - Wednesday 5 April, 7.30pm & Friday 7 April, 5:30pm Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 369 Given Terrace, Paddington.

Tickets (\$38 / \$28 conc / under 16 free) available through Trybooking via the following link: https:// www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1004620&

In our annual Easter musical offering, we perform James MacMillan's powerful Seven Last Words from the Cross. This spellbinding and expressive work for choir and string orchestra conveys Christ's final

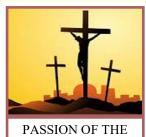
utterances, combined with other liturgical texts. MacMillan is considered the pre-eminent Scottish composer of his generation. This will be complemented by selected movements from Lamentations of Jeremiah by Thomas Tallis.



HOLY THURSDAY Red Hill 7.00pm



STATIONS OF THE **CROSS** Good Friday 10.00am



LORD Good Friday 3.00pm



EASTER VIGIL Ashgrove & Rosalie 7.00pm (Note Changed time)



EASTER SUNDAY **Usual Mass Times**

GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE: The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat.

The practice of fasting was recommended by Christ, both by example and by teaching. In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal on a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Catholics were once well known for their practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays.

The purpose of fasting and abstinence is *not* to punish but to teach us a detachment from whatever may keep us from God. These practices on Good Friday are to heighten our hungering for God's love revealed in the crucifixion. Then will our hearts, minds and bodies be made ready to rejoice in Easter and Christ's resurrection.

For the full article, visit https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/ resources/liturgy-lines/days-of-fast-and-abstinence/

COVID UPDATE FROM BISHOP KEN. As we prepare for our Easter celebrations, I'd like to share some updated COVID protocols for liturgical practices. Recently, in reviewing our current protocols, we consulted with a infectious diseases expert. He has encouraged us to resume

normal practices as much as possible as in his words, "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future".

New Guidelines: We will reintroduce the reception of communion from the chalice from Holy Thursday, 6 April. Those who are unwell should refrain from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue. (As this communique was only received Wednesday we will work towards this in the Easter season. Fr Gerry)

HOLY THURSDAY - 6 APRIL Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm Red Hill After mass there will be time for silent prayer, concluding with Night Prayer of the Church at 9.30pm **GOOD FRIDAY -7 APRIL** Bardon Newmarket 10:00am Stations of the Cross Red Hill Rosalie CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 7 APRIL Ashgrove Bardon 3:00pm Passion of the Lord Herston Red Hill EASTER VIGIL - 8 APRIL (N.B. There will be no 4.30pm or 6pm Masses) Ashgrove 7:00pm Easter Vigil Rosalie

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - 9 APRIL

NORMAL MASS TIMETABLE

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Review and Update of Current Guidelines:

- Anointings: It is no longer deemed necessary to wipe hands between individual anointings.
- Sign of Peace: People may choose to shake hands or embrace if they wish to do so.
- Veneration of the Cross: It is recommended that parishioners be encouraged not to kiss the cross during this time. May this holy season be a blessed time for you and your parish community. Yours sincerely in Christ, Bishop Ken Howell

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Strybos and the St Joseph's Swimming team for their fantastic results at the recent Zones swimming carnival.

Our school was awarded the Percentage Winner in the A school division and finished 2nd on overall points in the A school division.



It was pleasing to witness the team spirit, and humility of all the students representing our school.

Prep Night School

Thank you to our Prep teachers for their creativity and enthusiasm for our first ever Prep Night School event this week. Our Prep students enjoyed a sleep in and came to school from 2:00pm – 6:00pm on Thursday. They enjoyed a number of learning activities and opportunities!

Wishing everyone in the community a happy Easter!



Be you. Be kind. Belong.

Term 1 has been full of exciting learning and many wonderful achievements at St Finbarr's including our very successful 'Colours for Caritas' event last Monday. On Thursday during our Awards Assembly, we acknowledged the many special ways that all classes have embraced our theme this term. We also acknowledged three students from each class who have been outstanding in the way they have demonstrated their love of learning and significant achievements at school, connected to our theme.

Easter Blessings



We ended our term in prayer, with our whole school joining with the parish community at St Finbarr' to celebrate together at Parish Mass. We would like

to wish all in our Jubilee Parish a happy and blessed Easter and hope that your Lenten journey to Easter has been filled with love and compassion.



On Sunday 26th of March, we celebrated Family Mass with our Yr 2 families. It was lovely to see so many children coming to mass to be part of our extended Parish Family. The singing was a lovely addition to the communion reflection. This week, we are engaging in a Self-Guided Stations of the Cross experience around our school. The children were invited to listen to scripture, pray and reflect as they moved around the Stations. At the final Station, they listened to the hymn, Lord of the Dance, and took away butterfly pictures to complete to symbolise Jesus' resurrection. At our recent P& F meeting and in our school newsletter, we have shared our 2023 Annual Goals - our 2023 theme, 'Ubuntu' - We are We bee-cause of He' is a future-focused theme set in the context of the Religious Life of the School. Our Explicit Improvement Agenda is focussing on developing refined skills to compose and comprehend text through explicit and consistent pedagogy.

Have a happy and safe Easter. From the St Ambrose's 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, 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.

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

We celebrate with the families of Sheridan Alfirevich & Brenton Richmond who were married this weekend.

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