

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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 21 MAY 2023

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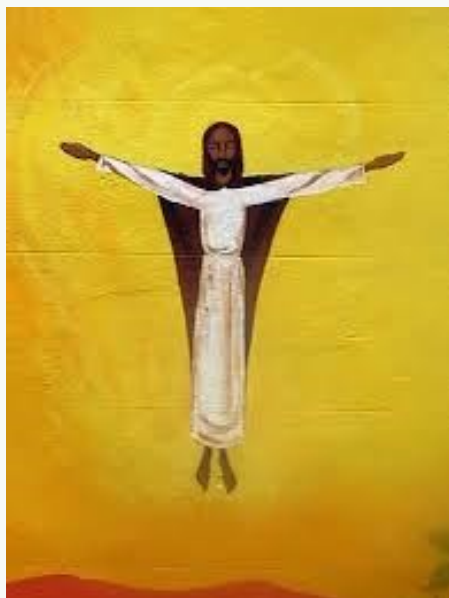
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As we contemplate the rising of Jesus into heaven, it is a good time to ask the question: Who is God for you?

What image of God comes to mind when the name God is mentioned?

What feelings and emotions come to mind when you hear the voice of God in your life.

Julian of Norwich, whom I am a big fan of, says "I see God, sitting at a table, smiling, completely relaxed, his face like a marvellous symphony."

The first image we get of God in the Old Testament, immediately after creation, is that of a God looking down on this earth and saying: "It is good; indeed, it is very good!"

This is paralleled at the beginning of the New Testament, at the baptism of Jesus, when God is seen again as looking down from heaven, on

his child, and saying: "This is my beloved child- in whom I take delight!"

The essential attitude of Jesus can only be understood in this light. He knew God intimately and thus, in the deepest part of himself, could hear God say the deepest thing that God does say: "You are blessed. I am pleased with you. The earth is blessed. I am pleased with it."

Because he heard this inside of himself, Jesus could look at the world, and everyone in it, see that we are blessed as well.

Ronald Rolheiser takes this one step further and says: Do we ever view God as relaxed, content, pleased with us and pleased, in fact, with the world?

Do we ever believe that God takes delight in us and in the world?

I am a big believer that there are three types of people in the world.

Those who see the glass as half full, those who see it as half empty and those who say: "Hey, I ordered a cheese burger!"

In other words, there are those who see what is good and delight in it.

There are those who see what is wrong before they appreciate it and they judge before they are pleased.

And then there are those who see things from a different angle and ask unique questions that challenge and push tried and tested boundaries for new solutions.

The Ascension of Jesus reminds us that we continually need to call to mind what our image of God is, so that God- who has done the impossible in Jesus, may also do the impossible in us- to set us free. **Fr Marty**

FIRST COMMUNION: A big congratulations to **Vincent Sedawie**, who was welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time. May the blessing of the Lord Jesus be poured on him from this day forward.



The Ascension of the Lord – 21 May 2023 (Year A)

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 **Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Some parishioners have been meeting quite regularly on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at St. Ambrose to meditate on the Gospel of the following Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Alfonso (0405269791) just to be sure the meeting is actually happening on that particular Tuesday. Everyone welcome.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: With the feast of Ascension, the Easter season is closely drawing to an end. In the last 6 weeks, the Church has joyfully proclaimed the Resurrection of Our Lord. Come with the glory of Easter we are reminded of who we are: we are the Baptized! It is in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit that we enter a new life that is immersed in the Paschal Mystery of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this joyful time, we also have an opportunity to celebrate the feast of our Lady of Fátima. The central message of Fátima is the good news that God, the Holy Trinity constantly invites us to have a personal relationship with him, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our Lady, reminds us that in order to enter into this "heart to heart" relationship with our God, we must repent of our sins and be reconciled with our Lord and with one another.

This was beautifully shown in the life of one of the visionaries of Fátima, Sr. Lúcia. She was granted a vision of the Holy Trinity. In the vision, the Son of God was depicted as the Crucified One. Under the right arm of the cross of Jesus appeared Our Lady of Fátima. Under the left arm of the cross appeared two words that encompass the revelation of Fátima: Grace and Mercy.

As this holy Season of Easter is coming to an end, may each one of us continue to have a greater desire for the "indwelling" of the Holy Trinity in our lives. Let us never forget that we are the Baptized! May the Easter gift of "grace and mercy" be ours through the intercession of Our Lady; the Mother of the Risen Lord! Our Lady of Fátima, pray for us.

Fr Dang

TAKE AND DRINK The reception of communion from the chalice was permitted in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Holy Thursday and will be reintroduced in Jubilee Parish at Pentecost. This situation provides an opportunity to reflect on how we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Certainly we receive Christ fully and totally when we take Communion under the form of bread alone, but participating in Communion is more than receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. It is also the action of eating and drinking together at the Lord's Table.

The General Instruction on the Roman Missal states that: "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharist banquet and the relationship with the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom are more clearly evident." Some people say that drinking from the chalice is unhygienic, but transmission of a disease has never been traced to the shared communion cup. Of course, precautions are taken, such as wiping the rim inside and out firmly with a clean cloth and rotating the cup after each communicant, and washing the cups in hot water after each Mass. Drinking from the common cup is a powerful sign of our unity as sisters and brothers in Christ as we respond to the invitation of Jesus: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

Jubilee Parish plans to recommence offering communion from the chalice from Pentecost Sunday, 28th May. This will rely on more parishioners becoming involved in the ministry of Special Minister of Communion at some of the Churches. If you are willing to serve as a Communion Minister at the Mass you attend, please speak to the Mass co-ordinator or contact the parish office. **At St Finbarr's** we need an additional four or five such ministers available for both the 6pm mass and the 8.30am mass. If you think this ministry might be right for you, please contact Gina Clare: pa.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

THE LORD'S DAY - Letter from Archbishop Mark. "The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church." The significance of the day and our gathering as church. Copies of the letter are available on tables at rear of Church or from the Parish Office.

MASTERPLAN: Hurrah! Brisbane City Council approval on Kennedy Tce has been given. It was supposed to have been received Wednesday. It means the parish can proceed with next steps. The process for that will be communicated. Application on Rosalie site finally getting a response from Council. That will elicit a further response from our urban negotiators. Keep praying this will take another couple of month at least with the present council.

LAVALLA UPDATE:

The new Colourbond roof between the 2 buildings is now complete and downpipes in place. The end is nigh!!

PARISH DIARY



Monday 22 May

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 23 May

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 24 May

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

School Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 25 May

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 26 May

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Pentecost Sunday

27/28 May 2023

Saturday 27 May

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

Saturday 27 May Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 28 May

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 21 MAY

ST JOAN OF ARC MORNING TEA

following the 7.30am Mass,
SUNDAY 21 MAY

ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 28 MAY, 9.30



PENTECOST IDEAS FOR KIDS: Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, that day 2000 years ago when the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples empowering and equipping them with the gifts that they were going to need to take the Gospel far and wide, and so the Church was born! Of course, the really special thing about Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit came for everyone. Evangelisation Brisbane would like to share a few resources to engage the children in the celebration of Pentecost. There's a YouTube video and some fun ideas at the following link: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/kids-ideas-for-pentecost/>



LAUDATO SI' WEEK: A new edition of Laudato Si' Week will be held from May 21 to 28 “**Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity**”, will be this year's guiding theme. The Week will be celebrated with the film “The Letter” to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. This global celebration will unite Catholics to rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and show how the protagonists of “The Letter” are already doing so. You can watch the movie at the following link: <https://www.theletterfilm.org/>



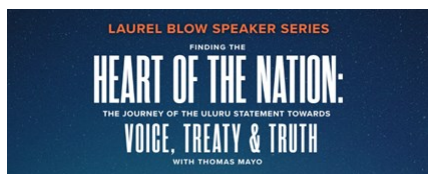
PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS: Aboriginal elder, educator and artist Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann will meet Pope Francis as the Australian Embassy to the Holy See hosts a series of events focused on reconciliation with Indigenous Australians during National Reconciliation Week. “This will be a unique opportunity to exchange perspectives on many priority issues for both Australia and the Holy See,”



Ms Porro said. “It will also be an emotive journey by one of our country’s most respected Indigenous leaders, and it stands to be an inspiration and an example that will resonate strongly with Aboriginal communities across Australia.”



LAUREL BLOW SPEAKER SERIES-GUEST SPEAKER THOMAS MAYO



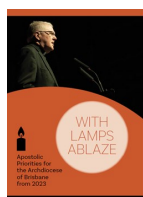
When: Thursday 1 June, 10am-12:30pm

Where: Guadete Centre, ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

RSVP: Monday 29 May

You're invited to engage in this important conversation and listen with an open heart by registering now at: app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow

LAMPS ABLAZE— PRIORITY SIX: IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY



Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other. Fratelli Tutti (a recent Papal Encyclical) focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY 26 MAY. Every May 26 in Australia, National Sorry Day reminds our nation to remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

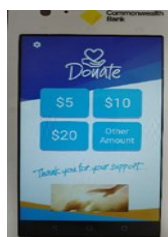


HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SORRY DAY:

Learn the stories of the Stolen Generations.

Children were torn from their rightful families and forced into an unfamiliar and difficult life living with strangers, as well as trying to keep up with the schooling, traditions, and family dynamics of white Australians. Read a few of their stories.

SMART TERMINAL DONATIONS: We acknowledge that we are fast moving to a society that is reducing its reliance on cash. We acknowledge this progress and we all have to accept the accompanying changes it will bring. To make donating easier, in the coming weeks we will have the facility to allow tap/pay donations at the following churches: Ashgrove, Red Hill and Rosalie. We will continue to have the donation plates circulating twice during the mass for those who prefer



to use the envelopes and cash. The tap/ pay facilities will allow parishioners to use their debit/credit/cash cards at standing terminals conveniently located near the front doors of these churches. We hope this will encourage more parishioners and visitors to conveniently contribute to the financial well-being of our parish. **Chair – Parish Finance Council**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK MASS

As the Church community celebrates Pentecost, you are invited to join the Jubilee Parish community to also mark National Reconciliation Week and our community's commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation.

Date: Sunday, 28 May at 8.30am

**Where: St Finbarr's Catholic Church
202 Waterworks Rd, Ashgrove**

***Stay after Mass for breakfast
and a collaborative art activity.***

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



We are currently in cross country season and our fit and fabulous students have been getting out of bed early on Monday and Thursday mornings to attend training sessions at Dorrington Park. These sessions have been coordinated by our fantastic PE teacher Miss M and run by our very supportive teaching team. The training sessions helped the students to perform very well at our recent St Finbarr's cross country event and will keep them extra fit for our upcoming Zone 4 Carnival. It was very touching to see the kindness from our students cheering each other on and encouraging each other to do their best right until the end of each race. We also had a large contingent of parents and friends cheering on the students and assisting on the course throughout the morning. What a super supportive community we have at St Finbarr's!



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



On Friday, the Student Council at St. Joseph's School announced the launch of Vinnie's Winter Appeal during our school assembly. The entire school community eagerly anticipates supporting this social action initiative, which aims to provide assistance to those in need during the winter season. The students of St. Joseph's are excited to come together as a community and show their compassion by actively participating in this worthy cause.

Thank you to Diana Carrigan for your assistance in creating a list of goods for our community to collect for Vinnie's companions. Students from the Student Council have created PowerPoint presentations, posters and organised baskets to make this fundraising effort a success.

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.**



Last week, our Year 5 students and 3 staff members went to "Camp Good Enough", an outdoor adventure and education centre at the Tweed Hinterland.

The camp focuses on the development of personal characteristics and promotes valuable life skills such as communication skills, cooperation, teamwork, self-confidence, personal development, self-discipline/self-reliance and problem-solving.

Two favourite activities were the crate stack and billy carts. The crate stack is where teams work together to stack as many crates as possible in their allocated time. The trick is, they have to climb them and maintain their balance without the crates toppling over. The billy carts require the groups to work together and problem-solve. They are supplied with all the components, tools and a comprehensive set of assembly instructions. Despite being exhausted when they returned to school, all students had a wonderful time creating many life-long memories.



In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Lily Whitfield & Sophie Whitfield**, who were baptised this weekend.

We celebrate with the families of **Enrico Hodde & Marcelina Tjandra** and **Sharon Vadakara & Prince Johnson** who were married this weekend

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