

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20 AUGUST 2023

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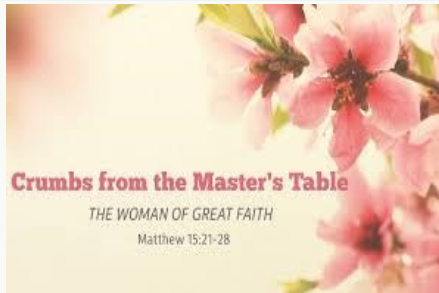
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Dear brothers & sisters in Christ, in today's Gospel, Jesus is approached by a woman, a Canaanite. She came to Him with a desperate plea, seeking healing for her demon possessed daughter. Her faith in Jesus was so strong that she persistently cried out to Him, despite the initial rejection she faced from the disciples.

Jesus' response seems harsh. He tells her, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman, undeterred, continues to plead for Jesus' help, falling at His feet. Jesus responds with a somewhat puzzling statement, saying, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." On the surface, this statement may sound harsh and offensive, as He refers to her as a Gentile dog. But this was a common metaphor used during that time, highlighting the distinction between the Jews and Gentiles. However, the Canaanite woman's remarkable response demonstrates her great faith and humility. She says, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Her humility and her acknowledgment of Jesus' authority reveal her understanding of His power and mercy. She recognizes that even a small act of mercy from Him would be sufficient to heal her daughter. In response to her faith, Jesus commends her and grants her request, saying, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." In that instant, her daughter was healed. So, what can we learn from this encounter? Firstly, we must recognize that Jesus' mercy extends to all people, regardless of their background, race, or social status. This story challenges us to confront any prejudices or biases we may hold and reminds us that Jesus came to save all humanity. Secondly, the Canaanite woman's persistence and unwavering faith teach us the importance of perseverance in prayer. She refused to be discouraged or deterred, even when faced with apparent rejection. Her example encourages us to persistently seek God's intervention in our lives and the lives of those we love. Lastly, the woman's humility is a powerful lesson for us all. Despite her desperate situation, she humbled herself before Jesus, acknowledging her unworthiness and recognizing Him as the source of healing and deliverance. Her humility reminds us that true faith requires surrendering our pride and recognizing our dependency on God.

In conclusion, the encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman teaches us profound lessons about faith, humility, and the boundless mercy of our Lord. We are called to recognize the universal nature of God's love, persevere in prayer, and humbly submit ourselves to His will. May we be inspired by the faith of this remarkable woman and strive to emulate her example in our own lives. Amen. *Fr Jose*

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to **Samuel Lorenz & Charlotte Cort** who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank their parents for their ongoing support in preparing for this major milestone and meaningful moment in their children's faith journey. May the blessing of the Lord Jesus be poured on them from this day.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time– 20 August 2023 (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 **Second Reading:** Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 19-20 August 2023. Be the face of Christ for others:



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

we will have gifts to share.

Through your kindness and generosity, we unite as a Catholic community to reach out to serve others - the homeless, the marginalised, the elderly, our future priests in formation and families in dire circumstances.

There are a number of ways in which you can donate. You could complete one of the envelopes provided at all the Masses this weekend or hover over the barcode displayed or go online to: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/ways-to-help/annual-catholic-campaign/>

We are called to be the face, hands and heart of Christ in our communities.

Every day, God showers us with blessings so



THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.

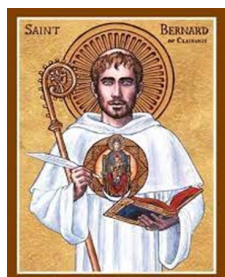


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St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153) Feast Day 20 August: Bernard was one of the greatest monastic leaders of the Church.



Born to an aristocratic family at Fontaines, near Dijon, he became a monk at twenty-two at a poverty-stricken, reformed monastery near his home. Three years later, he was made abbot of a new foundation at Clairvaux, a post he would hold for the next thirty-eight years. The monastery prospered, establishing other foundations in France, Britain, and Ireland.

In his monastic life he was extremely active in the affairs of the world. He was involved with politics, popes and crusades. He preached an exhausting campaign against the Albigensians in southern France. Some of this theological and devotional writings have become classics, particularly *On Loving God*. His best-known work were his eighty-six sermons on the Canticle of Canticles. He was also influential in promoting devotion to Mary.

August 21: Victims of terrorism continue to experience uncertainty and anxiety as armed conflicts, violent attacks, and terrorist acts around the world continued to make headlines and trigger their traumas. Remembrance of and paying tribute to victims of terrorism plays a central role in demonstrating that their status as victims is respected and recognized. The International Day serves to commemorate and uphold the dignity of victims and highlights the importance of global solidarity in ensuring that victims are not forgotten.



Our Prayer of the Faithful: "we pray for those killed or suffering as the result of terrorist acts and for those working to minimise the threat of terrorism."

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: 130 Children will celebrate the fullness of God's spirit in their lives as they come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Brigid's Church next Thursday & Friday nights.



The Parish welcomes Bishop Tim Norton and we thank him for presiding at the sacrament.

We thank Emma Ferguson, our Sacramental Coordinator for her organisation and management of all that is involved in getting us to this celebration. The spirit of gratitude also extends to our Principals, APRE's, teachers, Pastoral associates and office staff who have all been heavily involved. They will also assist in the celebrations on Thursday and Friday.

We thank all of the parents for their ongoing support and for fanning the flame of faith with their children. To the children, we wish you a life full of faith and love and may you be blessed in all you do.

ST MARY MAGDALENE LOWER CAR PARKING: re: Parish Sunday parking from 14 August –mid October. The space on the 'inside' of the temporary fencing will be allocated to Premier (construction) for the duration. The remaining car parking area along Cecil Road will be accessible as usual. We will 'lose' the parking spots by the tennis shed and some of the spaces that are closest to Rosewood reserve (for duration). The rest of the area will be available as usual.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 21 August

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 22 August

Mass (Newmarket) 9am

Wednesday 23 August

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 24 August

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

25 August

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
26/27 August 2023

Saturday 26 August

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

26 August Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 27 August

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



CHILDRENS LITURGY
ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH,
Sunday 20 August, 7.30am

ST JOAN OF ARC
MORNING TEA
Sunday 20 August
Following the 7.30am Mass

ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS
Sunday 27 August, 9.30am

ST FINBARR'S FAMILY MASS
Sunday 27 August, 8.30am

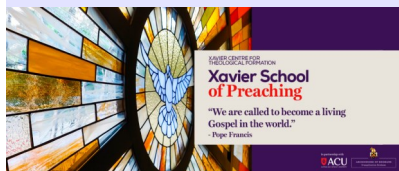
FR KERRY CROWLEY
50th ANNIVERSARY MASS
Sunday 27 August, 12.00pm
Sacred Heart Church

FIFA WORLD CUP: It was a night of Thrills & Spills for the Tills but in the end it wasn't to be for our Mathilda's. We wish them all the very best for the match against Sweden on Saturday. Another big night at Suncorp! Kick off at 6.00pm



CENTRAL DEANERY MEETING. Every quarter the clergy of the deanery gather to discuss issues across the parishes and Archdiocese. A deanery is a church structure which arbitrarily groups parishes with common borders together. This grouping then aims to support the clergy and assist with functional realities across parishes and the Diocese. Central Deanery comprises Bowen Hills, Buranda, Cathedral, Dorrington, Dutton Park West End South Brisbane, Jubilee, Lutwyche, New Farm and St John's Wood the Gap. The next meeting is this Thursday. We will follow on from the convocation.

XAVIER SCHOOL OF PREACHING: Pope Francis invites us to *"renew our confidence in preaching, based on the conviction that it is God who seeks to reach out to others through the preacher, and that he displays his power through human words"*. The Xavier School of Preaching, which is only in its second year will be hosted by the Brisbane Archdiocese at the Holy Spirit seminary, Banyo from August 24-26. The school is for anyone, men and women, who preach the Gospel in the life of the Church, including, parish lay ministers, priests, deacons and seminarians, teachers and school leaders, diocesan and catholic education leaders, members of ecclesial movements, catechists, and youth ministers. For further information go to: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/schoolofpreaching/> or collect a brochure from the Parish Office.



ACBC ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: The Australian bishops' on Thursday launched their Social Justice statement for 2023: Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



It considers the place of First Nations peoples in Australian society today. It was prepared in partnership with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. NATSICC speaks directly in the statement about the history of injustice and mistreatment faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and shares what they hope for in the future.

"Let us commit ourselves to fostering a civilisation of love in Australia," the statement says. "Let's come together in friendship and love to show all that love can not only change individual lives, but that it can change society for the better."

Each year's Social Justice Statement is an opportunity for Australia's bishops to share teachings on a contemporary social issue and to offer guidance on how the Catholic faith can inform people's actions and attitudes in responding to these issues. You can view the statement at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24> Social Justice Sunday is 27 August.

LITURGY NOTES: The Eucharist: Doing what Jesus did. The Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass is based on what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The Gospel accounts tell us that Christ **took** the bread and the cup of wine and **gave thanks** to God for them; he **broke** the bread and **shared** the bread and wine with his disciples. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts when the bread and wine are **taken** forward, placed on the altar and prayed over. Along with the bread and wine we offer ourselves to God and as the bread and wine are blessed, we too are blessed by God. In the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the centre and high point of the celebration of the Mass, we **give thanks** to God for the gifts of bread and wine and for the whole work of salvation.



After the sign of peace, the celebrant **breaks** the bread. Early Christians considered that this part of the ritual was so important that they called their Sunday gathering "the breaking of the bread". The breaking of the bread into many pieces signifies that we are made one when we receive Communion from the one loaf. The Lamb of God litany accompanies the action of the breaking of the bread. In the communion procession we walk and sing together as we go to the altar to **share** in the paschal meal. By taking and eating the Body of Christ, the faithful become the Body of Christ, united in service to the world and in working for the Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

This is not the whole story. There is more to come. Keep tuning in over the next few weeks

POPE FRANCIS has renewed calls for prayer for Ukraine and entrusted to Mary her people's prayers for peace. Source: OSV News.



"The din of weapons drowns out attempts at dialogue," the Pope told an estimated 10,000 people gathered in St Peter's Square to pray the Angelus with him on the Feast of the Assumption.

"The law of force prevails over the force of law" and respect for human rights, "but we must not be discouraged," the Pope said. "Let's continue to hope and pray because it is God, it is he who guides history. May he hear us."

The day's Gospel reading focused on the Visitation, Mary's decision to rush to visit her cousin Elizabeth when she heard the older woman also was expecting. The passage also includes the Magnificat, when Mary praises the greatness of God and all he has done for her. The Gospel also makes clear how praise — especially of God but also of others — changes the quality of one's actions and one's life, he said.

"Praise increases joy. Praise is like a ladder: it leads hearts upward," he said. "Praise elevates souls and defeats the temptation to give up." "Haven't you seen how boring people, those who live on gossip, are incapable of praise," the Pope asked the crowd. "Ask yourself: Am I capable of praise? How good it is to praise God every day, and others, too! How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upward instead of keeping a long face!"

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



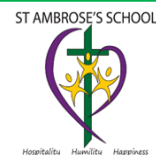
St Finbarr's community celebrated in style last Saturday with its first ever 'Garden Party on the Green'. What a fabulous and successful fundraising event it was for St Finbarr's! Expertly organised and coordinated by our wonderful parents, the event brought together parents and staff from our school with our local extended community. The weather could not have been better, drinks were chilled, and a delicious long lunch was served. We even finished the afternoon with delicious deserts, beautifully home-made, by our talented families. Special thanks to all our wonderful local sponsors who made the event possible and contributed to the many auction and raffle prizes on the day. Also, to the band of dedicated helpers who assisted with the set-up, pack down and clean up, over the weekend, thanks for all your hard work.



Congratulations to the remarkable students of the Senior Band and Senior Strings ensembles for their outstanding performance at the Queensland Catholic Music Festival (QCMF) on Friday. The school community were treated to a performance at assembly last Friday, and the talent, dedication and hard work shone on the stage. Thank you to our wonderful music teachers, Mrs Linda Pendrith and Miss Mimi Versace who worked to prepare our students for this event.

The Arts are on show at St Joseph's now, as all students are busily preparing for our upcoming Arts

Showcase in Week 9. Mrs Amber Pryor, is working very hard behind the scenes to prepare another memorable Showcase event for our school.



Classroom Open Morning
During Week 5 of each term, St Ambrose's School celebrates Wellbeing Week.

Last week, on Wow Moments Wednesday, parents were invited to our Classroom Open Morning, where they spent some time in their child's learning environment and experienced first-hand the amazing schoolwork they are currently undertaking. It was also a great opportunity to informally connect with their child's teacher.

We thank our teachers, students and parents for their support of our inaugural Classroom Open Morning.



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**

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 **Benedict Bell** who was baptised this weekend.

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