

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15 OCTOBER 2023

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Many are Invited, but Few are Chosen

In today's Gospel we find Jesus delivering a parable to the chief priests and elders. On first reading it may seem like an improbable story. Invited guests knock back not one, but two invitations to the wedding feast of the son of a king. The king then sends his servants to seek out others who might accept the invitation. They do accept, but then one is evicted and punished for not wearing the required wedding garb!



But, of course, this is a parable, not designed to be a credible story. It is a story designed to get you thinking. This one was targeted to the chief priests and elders, the sort of people who would expect to be invited by the king to his son's wedding feast, but it is for all of us too, today in the here and now.

As with all of Jesus' parables the more you think about it the more messages you will find in it and it is likely that you will find different messages from those that I find.

This is what the parable says to me

As a baptized Christian, brought up and educated in the catholic faith, I know that the invitation to share in the feast which is everlasting life in the Kingdom of God is extended to every single person, equally and irrespective of their standing in earthly life. Therefore, like the chief priests and elders that Jesus addressed, I should not be too surprised to receive the invitation. But receiving the invitation is only the first step in joining the feast. To take the next step I need to recognize the invitation and be open to its significance, which is easy to miss when you are busy.

RSVP: "I'd love to come but I am too busy", and you don't join the feast. In case you missed the importance of the first invitation a second invitation comes.

RSVP: "Sorry still too busy, another time maybe?" Will a third invitation come? As God is a magnanimous, forgiving, and loving God, yes, the third invitation arrives.

RSVP: "Alright then, yes, I will come but I'll be a bit late and I haven't had time to get a present, and I'll come straight from work so I'll be in my work clothes, sorry".

These types of RSVPs are worse than inadequate. Our God extends to us an invitation to join a magnificent feast, a feast of eternal life, achieved through the death and resurrection of his only Son. If I am to truly join the feast, I must be ready to receive the invitation and accepted it joyfully, thankfully and with both hands. I also must be ready to participate in the celebration, clothed in the only garb that is required, a heart, mind and spirit that loves my God and loves my neighbour.

What is the message for you? **Gina Clare**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time– 15 October 2023 (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 **Second Reading:** Phil 4:12-14

Response: I shall live in the house of the lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of the heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called..Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to **Scarlett and Colin Cooper** who received the gift of the Holy Spirit this weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit blesses them and fills their hearts with love, peace and happiness today and for the days to come.



ST TERESA OF AVILA FEAST DAY 15 October: St Teresa suffered the same problem that Francis of Assisi did – she was too charming. Everyone liked her and she liked to be liked. She found it too easy to slip into a worldly life and ignore God. The convent encouraged her to have visitors to whom she would teach mental prayer because their gifts helped the community economy. But Teresa got more involved in flattery, vanity and gossip than spiritual guidance. These weren't great sins perhaps but they kept her from God. **Fr Marty.**

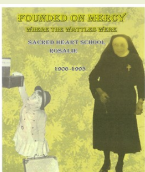


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY—The Luminous Mysteries refer to Christ's public life, and his Baptism in the Jordan; his self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana; his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with his call to conversion; his Transfiguration; and his institution of the Eucharist, "as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery," **Prayer intention for this week:** We pray that the world will open its heart to listen to the word of God and recognize Jesus as the Son of God who came to save us from our sins.



WORLD FOOD DAY & WORLD DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY 17 October: This year's theme draws on first-hand testimonials showing that those trapped in extreme poverty often work long, gruelling hours in dangerous, unregulated conditions but still cannot earn enough income to adequately support themselves and their families. This year's observance is a chance to stand in solidarity with people living in poverty, truly listen to their daily struggles, and renew commitments to create a just economy focused on protecting human and environmental wellbeing over maximizing financial gains.

FOUNDED ON MERCY WHERE THE WATTLES WERE: Parishioner, Susanne Hodge has just published a book about the history and stories of the Sacred Heart School Rosalie from 1906–1995. There are many photos of classes and school events shown in the book for remembrance and celebration. The limited edition of 'Founded on Mercy-Where The Wattles Were' will be available for purchase at the Potluck Dinner on 27 October and from the Parish Office. The cost of the book is \$35.00 with all proceeds to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. A great little keepsake and Christmas gift idea.



MIDDLE EAST: With Pope Francis we mourn the many people who have been killed and injured. *"I pray for those (Israeli) families who have seen a day of celebration turned into a day of mourning and ask for the immediate release of the hostages,"* he said.



In his appeal, Pope Francis acknowledged that *"it is the right of those who are attacked to defend themselves"*.

However, he expressed concern for the "total siege facing the Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims." The Pope invited both parties to restraint in hopes of reaching a solution to the war. "Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, and revenge, causing suffering to both sides." We join in prayer pleading God to come to our aid and send the Spirit of dialogue to this conflict. This land of turmoil to which God sent his own Son is again plunged into violence. God your prophet Isaiah called for 'swords to be beaten into ploughshares' (Is 2::4), may hearts be turned from revenge to dialogue.

**Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE**

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With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

PARISH DIARY



Monday 16 October

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 17 October

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 18 October

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 19 October

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 20 October

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

**29h Sunday in Ordinary Time
21/22 October 2023**

Saturday 21 October

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

21 October Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 22 October

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

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING**

**St Joan of Arc Church
Morning Tea
Sunday 15 October
Following the 7.30am Mass**

**Children's Liturgy
St Joan of Arc Church
Sunday 15 October 7.30am**

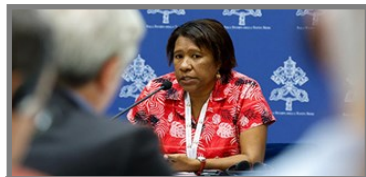
**Woodlands Anointing
Liturgy
Friday 20 October 10.30am**

**Jubilee Cards
Saturday 21 October
St Finbarr's Hall 12-4pm**

THE VOICE REFERENDUM: Votes have been cast, some still in process, others will read this the morning after knowing the result. As this is written the result is unknown. As disciples of Christ we are co-creators of God's reign of justice and peace. We are invited into God's wedding banquet as brothers and sisters. We are mindful of First Nations people who are one with us, and we are one with them. In our nation, we are clothed in garments for the end of violence and discrimination by listening, dialogue and partnership. together may we be the reconciliation God desires.

2023 REFERENDUM

14 OCTOBER 2023



Grace Wrakia at the Synod press briefing Wednesday (CNS/Lola Gomez)

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Vatican. Following extensive consultations with the Catholic faithful around the world, which were then compiled in diocesan, national and continental syntheses, a new stage in the Synod on Synodality is now being played out at the Vatican. It is a Synod assembly that has raised both fears and hopes. Where some people aspire to far-reaching change, others cherish the idea of a Church stuck in the 1950s. Both groups are likely to be disappointed. Although Pope Francis has indeed succeeded in setting the Church in motion, evolution is very slow and, without real commitment on the ground, there is no chance of transformation.

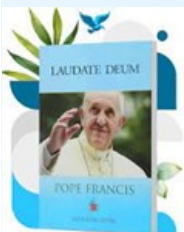
The universal phase of the Synod is taking place in two stages, between October 2023 and October 2024. So the conclusions are not for the immediate future. They may give more or less important impetus, but the implementation of a synodal Church will, in any

case, take place locally.

LA CROIX
International

"We don't know what this Synod assembly on synodality will accomplish now and in-between its two sessions of October 2023 and October 2024. But we know that there has never been a Synod assembly like this one, not before Vatican II or since. Those who think that nothing is going on in the Catholic Church, or that it is all scripted, are just not paying attention". Massimo Faggioli

"LAUDATE DEUM": a patchwork of conviction, faith and alarm. Eight years after "Laudato si'", the pope's new apostolic exhortation says a "collective conversion of cultures and mentalities" is urgent in order to respond to the climate crisis.



Pope Francis is convinced that there can be no reversal without conversion, both at the personal and collective levels. Eight years after he published his 2015 encyclical Laudato si', the pope uses Laudate Deum to explain his position with conviction, even if it might shock people.

"Regrettably, the climate crisis is not exactly a matter that interests the great economic powers", even though "the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point". Yet, "it is no longer possible to doubt the human – 'anthropic' – origin of climate change". While "the most effective

solutions" will come "above all from major political decisions on the national and international level", "civil society with its organizations is capable of creating effective dynamics". In any case, "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes... without personal changes".

"Let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue as something purely ecological"; it is no longer the time for that. The truth is that "human life is incomprehensible and unsustainable without other creatures".

By Arnaud Alibert Oct 2023. **LA CROIX**
International

MASTERPLAN UPDATE :Kennedy Terrace: A contract of sale has now been exchanged for the property. Handover of the property will occur in December 2023. It is the Parish's understanding that the dance studio lease will be retained until the lease expires in 2024. There is future intent for the rear portion of the property on Lizzie Street to be utilised for detached residential dwellings. Future intent for the former brick church building is not known. If any further information comes to light, it will be shared with the congregation.



Jubilee Master Plan

A response to Council's draft approval conditions was submitted to Council three weeks ago. We anticipate we will receive Council's finalised approval conditions for the master plan within the next month. An update will be given again once the final approval is received.

2023 Jubilee Catholic Parish

POT LUCK DINNER

6.30pm Friday, 27th October

Join us at St Finbarr's
Catholic School, Ashgrove

Music!
Food!
Fun!



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Supporting
Vinnies

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



This week St Finbarr's School staff participated in the Religious Education Validation process with Religious Education Officers from Brisbane Catholic Education. This provided an opportunity to present a current version of our St Finbarr's Religious Education Program and to show evidence around the progress and growth in the priority area of strengthening Catholic Identity with a focus on Religious Education.

We were very proud to have our students participating during the introduction of this presentation and to share about their roles as leaders. Members of our RAP Team presented our St Finbarr's Acknowledgement of Country and shared the work they had done this year in supporting NAIDOC Week and Sorry Day. Our Year 6 Catholic Identity leaders shared our St Finbarr's School Prayer and members of our Student Voice and Sustainability Teams shared their thoughts on living and learning in faith at St Finbarr's and how they have grown as leaders throughout this year.

It was also a great opportunity to share the work of our dedicated staff who highly value Religious Education at St Finbarr's.



Wednesday morning was an absolute delight for our Prep students as they embarked on an exciting adventure with Wild Rangers Wildlife Encounters! They had the incredible opportunity to get up close and personal with an array of fascinating creatures. Among their new friends were Freddo, the charming Green Tree Frog; Bubblegum, the Blue Tongued Lizard; Sunny, the endearing Bearded Dragon; Noodle, the gentle Carpet Python; Dorris, the majestic Tawny Frog Mouth; Twinkles, the enchanting Squirrel Glider Possum; and even Shrek, the adorable baby Saltwater Crocodile! Our Prep students' memorable encounter with the diverse wildlife through Wild Rangers Wildlife Encounters beautifully aligns with our Franciscan charism, exemplifying our commitment to stewardship and reverence for all of creation. This experience underscores our 2023 theme of being 'caretakers of creation', reminding us of the importance of nurturing and protecting the natural world entrusted to our care.



Congratulations to Adelaide Miller (former St Ambrose's School student) who was recently voted in as Mount Saint Michael's School Captain for 2024.

Throughout her years at St Ambrose's School, Adelaide is remembered for being an enthusiastic leader who was always keen to volunteer for roles of responsibility, demonstrating fantastic values to her fellow students.

Adelaide follows an illustrious list of St Ambrose's School alumni who have moved into formal secondary school leadership roles.

We couldn't be prouder Adelaide. Congratulations to you and your family from everyone at St Ambrose's School and the Jubilee Parish.



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, we welcome
Finlay Leavers
who was baptised this weekend

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