

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 3 DECEMBER 2023

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First Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Blessing: after the greeting the Presider says:

Christ came to bring salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome him.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: May this wreath constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ. We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Presider then prays the prayer of blessing.

WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED

The Gospel readings have been warning us to keep our lamps burning, stay awake and pay attention to the master for several weeks now, interrupted last week by being told to be kind to our brothers and sisters. It's as if we need reminding to be good.

The Israelites need reminding in the first reading. They feel abandoned by God and Isaiah implores the Father to return to them. Reading on, it seems that the people have abandoned God rather than the other way around. They know what they must do – act with integrity, avoid sin – yet they somehow feel that God is responsible for them not behaving in the right way.

There's more pleading and surrender of responsibility in the Psalm – 'let us see your face and we shall be saved'. It asks God to return to protect us, set us back on track and give us life.

Enter St Paul who gently reminds the people of Corinth that they have good teachers and preachers and have already received many graces and gifts of the Spirit. *continued overleaf.....*



First Sunday of Advent—3 December 2023 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:3-9

Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

continued from first pageSo, while there will be a reckoning to come, they have all that they need to keep them faithful and without blame.

St Mark is less gentle in the Gospel in assigning responsibility back to us. Stay awake! is perhaps a call to action to use this time of Advent, while we're waiting for the Saviour to be born, to reflect on the many graces and gifts we have received and understand how to best use them in the service of others. **Jennifer Cahill**

Advent: A new church year begins!
Change of colour.
Advent wreath, Candles lit.
Gospel of Mark for Year B.
Stay awake!

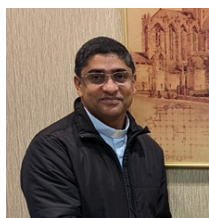


ST MARY MAGDALENE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Thank you for your prayerful support and generous donations to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. The 2023 appeal has been very successful. Through the generosity of our Bardon community we are providing 73 hampers as well as 46 Christmas gifts, and so helped to make Christmas more meaningful for many individuals and families.

THANKYOU FROM BRACKEN FAMILY: On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your prayers and kind expression of sympathy in our recent time of loss. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. **Marilyn Bracken**

FR TOMI ALEX: I am Fr Tomi, your new Associate Priest here in Jubilee Parish. I belong to the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Congregation (CMI). I come from Kannur district of Kerala and am the second eldest of 4 brothers. I was ordained in 2006 and worked as Principal in a CMI school for 7 years. I then moved to the Amazon mission of Brazil where I served as a parish priest for another 7 years. I would like to share with you a glimpse of the Amazon mission. I was in a region called Almerin, looking after about 85 small communities situated near the river Amazon and its tributaries. I used to travel by boat around the communities and the boat was my bedroom, kitchen and office. The people of that area receive three to four masses annually. The visit of the priest is really a feast for them because, as well as the Mass, the sacraments are administered on these occasions. Amazon people and Amazon mission will always be part of my heart. I look forward to working with you here in Jubilee. **Fr Tomi Alexander**



JUBILEE MASTERPLAN: Rosalie site development approval from Brisbane City Council received 14 November 2023. Details in last week's newsletter or from Parish Office. St Joan of Arc Herston leaning wall work probably not happening until the beginning of 2024. It will be happening.



CLERGY MOVEMENTS. Fr Marty has moved as chaplain St Paul de Chartres Residential Care Facility, Boronia Heights effective 27 November. Jubilee Parish is grateful for his latest time here. Our prayers for him will continue.



IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE 7PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS OR THE 9AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT SACRED HEART ROSALIE AND ARE HAPPY TO BE PART OF A SMALL GROUP TO LEAD THE SINGING, PLEASE SEE ELIZABETH HARRINGTON OR LIZ HAMPSON OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A GREAT VOICE OR BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC, JUST THE READINESS TO GIVE IT A GO.
A SHORT PRACTICE WILL BE HELD AT A TIME TBD THAT SUITS THE GROUP.
Thank you!

PARISH DIARY



Monday 4 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 5 December

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 6 December

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 7 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 8 December

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

2nd Sunday of Advent

9/10 December 2023

Saturday 9 December

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

9 December Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 10 December

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Mass (Bardon) 8:00am

Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am

Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am

Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am

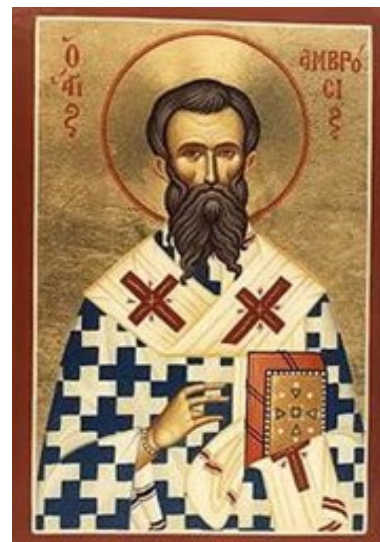
Korean Mass (Rosalie) 10:00am

Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm

ST AMBROSE FEAST DAY

Thursday 7 December

**Pray for us, especially our
Newmarket community**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Joan of Arc
Sunday 10 December,
7.30am

ST JOAN OF ARC

Working bee
Saturday 9 December,
from 6.30am

An invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Movies and TV programs sometimes still portray individual reconciliation – or “Confession” – as penitents kneeling behind a screen in a dark confessional box. This ignores the fact that the celebration of the sacrament of penance was revised after Vatican II so that it would better reflect the positive nature of this encounter with Christ.

The individual rite may be celebrated face-to-face or anonymously. It begins with the priest warmly welcoming the penitent and inviting them to have trust in God. Either the penitent or the priest reads a passage of scripture.

After this, the priest helps the penitent to confess his or her sins and offers suitable counsel. The priest proposes an act of penance which, as far as possible, corresponds to the seriousness and nature of the sin. It may take the form of prayer, self-denial or works of mercy.

Then the priest asks the penitent to express sorrow for sin using one of several prayers given in the rite or in a similar form of words. The priest extends his hands over the penitent's head and says the words of absolution.

Finally there is a proclamation of praise for God's mercy followed by the dismissal: “The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.”

Celebrated properly, penance is indeed a joyful reconciliation which leaves the failures of the past behind and looks forward in confidence to a future to be lived in fidelity and harmony.

You're invited to celebrate first rite of reconciliation at:

St Mary Magdalene, Bardon on Tuesday 19 December 6-7pm

Sacred Heart, Rosalie, Saturdays 4-4.20pm

St Finbarr's, Ashgrove, Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm

Or at a time that suits you by contacting Parish Office on 3324 3985



At the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Finbarr's Church Ashgrove, we will be holding a Nativity Play.

All the costumes are already made, we just need some children to play the roles of Mary, Joseph, the 3 shepherds, the Angel Gabrielle and all the little angels.

If your child is interested, please contact Gina Clare by email

pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au Include what role your child would like to take. Older children for Mary, Joseph and Angel Gabrielle please.

Carols on Clyde



Christmas carols

Supper

Christmas cheer

All Jubilee parishioners are invited to join the St Joan of Arc community for a family-friendly carols service, followed by supper and Christmas cheer!

When: 6pm, Sunday 10 December

Where: St Joan of Arc church, Clyde Road, Herston



Everyone welcome!



St Brigid's Choir

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Sunday 17th December, 7.00pm
78 Musgrave Rd, St Brigids, Red Hill

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St Mary Magdalene's, Bardon

Christmas Eve Mass will be held in the School Assembly Hall. The Service will begin at 4.00pm with the Christmas Pageant and Carols, followed by Mass at 4.30.

Children of all ages can be involved. Costumes are basic (no sewing required). Rehearsals will be held on Monday 18 December Dress Rehearsal on Friday 22 December in the School Assembly Hall at 9.00am. If you can't make it to both rehearsals, then make the one that suits you, but please let me know of your intentions. If you can't make it to either, contact me and we can sort it from there. Anyone interested please contact Therese Beavis on 0403 784 778 or email

mtbah@optusnet.com.au



FREE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES for Kids

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of free resources to help engage children and parents in your parish during the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Resources can be accessed at tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023, including a printable Advent Calendar, craft activities, a weekly Advent video series and animated Nativity story video. We hope that you and your Children's Ministry staff and volunteers will find these resources useful in the lead up to Christmas!



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Our final week of the school year has been full of joy and much to celebrate. We celebrated our amazing Year Six leaders as they marked the end of one journey and the beginning of another. They have been shining lights this year, in so many ways and their actions have shaped their lives and experiences that make them the special young people they are today. We are very proud of them and give thanks for all they have shared within our school community.

We also celebrated our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass to show gratitude for a wonderful year of living and learning in Faith and Love. We gave thanks for the year that we have shared and for all of the many wonderful achievements of all those in our school community. As our school year closes and we focus on preparing for celebrating the birth of Jesus, we remind ourselves of the great community we are part of and wish all in the Jubilee Parish much love and joy for the coming Christmas season. May peace be with you!



Year 6 Thanksgiving - Let Your Light Shine This week, we bid farewell to our Year 6 students, we celebrated not an end, but the beginning of a new journey. A journey where they will continue to let their light shine brightly, illuminating their paths and those of others.

These young individuals, have grown tremendously during their time at our parish school. They've learned to harness their unique lights, whether it be in academics, sports, arts, or service to the community.

As they finish at St Joseph's Primary School, we are confident that they will continue to shine their light in every corner of the world they touch. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing the remarkable things they will accomplish in the future.

May you always walk in the footsteps of Jesus and act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

We wish all our families a blessed Christmas



St Ambrose's School Year One students brought some festive cheer to Mercy Community Care Home residents last Wednesday, donning Santa hats, singing Christmas carols and sharing some festive treats.

The students have been visiting Mercy throughout this year as part of the Intergenerational Learning program, which sees the students video-call the aged care residents once a week to share stories, play games, tell jokes and ask interesting questions.

Although Christmas can be challenging for the elderly, this in-person connection adds some extra cheer to those who need it most. Not only do the elderly benefit, Michele Pezzimenti, the Year One teacher, says that the project has brought joy and more focus to the classroom, and improved well-being. It has aligned perfectly with the Year One HASS curriculum.



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 **Joseph Jenkins & Alice Dempsey** who were married this weekend.

As a Parish we welcome **Alexander & Adrian Harper Jurado** who will be baptised on Monday

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