

# 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10 DECEMBER 2023**

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## Second Sunday of Advent

**Priest:** 'Console my people, console them', says your God. We pray.

**Response.** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Priest:** Christ you bring the promise, the new heavens and the new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. We pray.

**Response.** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Priest:** The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'.

**Response.** Come, Lord Jesus.

The Second Advent candle is lit



In today's reading from the Gospel of Mark, we encounter the figure of John the Baptist, whose mission was to call people to repentance and pave the way for the Savior. He preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and his message resonated with many people who were seeking spiritual renewal. John's call to repentance is as relevant today as it was in his time. We are all called to examine our hearts, turn away from sin, and prepare for the coming of Christ. Now, as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, let us take this opportunity to reflect on our lives and make any necessary changes so that we can welcome Christ into our hearts.

John calls attention to the need for humility and transformation. He recognizes that he is not the Messiah, but rather a humble servant preparing for the coming of the one who is greater than he. In our own lives, we can strive to be humble and recognize our need for transformation. We cannot allow pride or self-centeredness to hinder our ability to prepare for the coming of Christ. As we reflect on John's message, we are reminded of the importance of living lives that bear witness to the love and compassion of Christ. We are called to be agents of change in our world, bringing hope, healing, and reconciliation to those around us. Just as John's message challenged the status quo of his time, we are called to challenge the injustices and inequalities that we see around us, working to create a world that more closely resembles the kingdom of God.

Remembering John's example and his call to repentance and transformation, let us be mindful of the ways in which we can be agents of change in our world, bringing hope and healing to those in need.

Let us pray. *Lord, we thank you for the example of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of your Son. Help us to heed his call to repentance and transformation, and to live lives that reflect your love and compassion. Give us the strength and courage to challenge injustice and to be agents of change in our world. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.* **Fr Jose**

## Second Sunday of Advent—10 December 2023 (Year B)

### Proper of the Mass

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 **Second Reading:** 2 Pet 3:8-14

**Response:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

**Jubilee MasterPlan.** Kennedy Tce sale goes through 14 Dec. Even St Bernard statue has exited the site. Numerous sacraments celebrated and fond memories with deep affection for the site. Thanks be to God. New owners to continue with Dancing for the present future.



Money transfer will go to offset the parish loans. The main loan being paid down is that of the old Rosalie Convent. Many thanks to the wise stewardship of parish accountant who is maximising the benefit to the parish in paying down our loans. The parish does have loans for the management of the MasterPlan itself and on the renovation of Canali house. These will be paid down as well to reduce our regular expenses. It is complicated. A detailed explanation can be provided if you wish to know. Thanks be to God for accountants who deal with this detail.



Today marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

**HANUKKAH** is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. According to legend, Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah, which means "dedication" in Hebrew, begins on the 25th of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar and usually falls in November or December. This year it began Thursday evening, December 7, and continues through Friday, December 15. Often called the Festival of Lights, it is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah.

**JOHN OF THE CROSS, OCD** Feast Day 14 December. (1542 -1591) He was a Spanish Catholic priest, mystic, and a Carmelite friar. He is a major figure of the Counter-Reformation in Spain. John of the Cross is known for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit

of mystical Spanish literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature. Verse 4 of *The Living Flame of Love*

How gently and lovingly  
you wake in my heart,  
where in secret you dwell alone;  
and in your sweet breathing,  
filled with good and glory,  
how tenderly you swell my heart with love.

**AN INVITATION TO MERCY :** The Sacrament of Penance or the Rite of Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to be reconciled with God. No-one is perfect and we all slip up from time to time, but, through reconciliation, we can admit our failings to God and make amends.



It is a tangible expression of God's mercy and compassion. Many of us first encountered this Sacrament when we were children and, over the years, may have fallen out of the habit of participating and maybe even forgotten what to do. We shouldn't let this be a barrier to receiving this Sacrament.

In the lead up to Christmas, Jubilee Parish offers several opportunities for first rite of reconciliation. If you're feeling a bit unsure of the process, brochures are available at each location to guide you in an examination of conscience, prayers and responses.

Experience God's mercy before Christmas with first rite of reconciliation at:

- St Mary Magdelene, Bardon on Tuesday 19 December 7 - 7.30 pm
- 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 3324 3985

## PARISH DIARY



### Monday 11 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

### Tuesday 12 December

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

### Wednesday 13 December

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

### Thursday 14 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

### Friday 15 December

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

16/17 December 2023

### Saturday 16 December

#### Individual Reconciliation

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

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

### 16 December Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

### Sunday 17 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



### **CHILDRENS LITURGY**

**St Joan of Arc Church**

**Sunday 10 December,  
7.30am**

### **WOODLANDS ANOINTING LITURGY**

**Friday 15 December,  
11.00am**

### **WORKING BEE**

**St Ambrose Church**

**Christmas clean up.**

**Saturday 16 December  
10.30am—12.30am**

**The PARISH 2024  
CALENDAR  
is now available.**



## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK ( E Harrington)

2024 is year B in the three-year Gospel cycle, the year of Mark. Although the new liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, 3 December this year, not much will be heard of Mark in coming weeks because stories from Matthew, Luke and John that are not in Mark's Gospel are read during Advent and Christmas.

Mark's account is succinct and fast-moving. Unlike Matthew and Luke, it does not begin with the birth of Jesus but with his baptism as an adult. Because Mark's Gospel is so brief, there is not enough material to 'fill up' the entire year. For five weeks, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, it is supplemented with passages from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John.

Matthew is the first gospel in the bible because when the New Testament was formed it was believed to be the oldest of the four. Since the Gospels of Matthew and Luke clearly draw heavily on the text of Mark, it is now accepted that Mark's Gospel was written first.

Mark's main interest is the person of Jesus himself. He follows Jesus through his public ministry in Galilee, outside Galilee and finally in Jerusalem immediately before the passion. The question "Who is this Jesus?" dominates the first half of Mark's Gospel. Mark depicts Jesus as a teacher with a special type of authority, a miracle worker, and a healer, someone who is the fulfilment of the ancient promise of a Messiah, though different from what his contemporaries expected of a Messiah.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

At St Mary Magdalene's Bardon, the Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated in the School Assembly Hall – allowing us sufficient room to accommodate the numbers of people attending. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> after Mass, we need help moving a few articles down to the Hall. Anyone who is willing to assist is welcomed! Not Available on the 17<sup>th</sup>? Then maybe on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, you could assist with the positioning of 250 chairs in the Hall. Any amount of time in assisting would be most appreciated. Thank you.



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](mailto: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!



### 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](mailto:mtbah@optusnet.com.au)

St Brigid's Choir

## A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Sunday 17th December, 7.00pm  
78 Musgrave Rd, St Brigid's, Red Hill

**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](http://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!





## Calling all Angels and Shepherds!!

### St Ambrose's Nativity Pageant

**St Ambrose's Christmas Eve Mass 7pm 24 December 2023**



St Ambrose's Christmas Eve Mass features a nativity play and we are inviting all members of our parish and school communities to take part. The pageant features our children acting in the roles of the Christmas Gospel as it is read during Christmas Eve Mass and includes the singing of carols, led by our musicians and singers.

Mass commences at 7pm and all participants need to arrive by 6.30pm, please, in particular those with major roles. We also ask participants to attend the rehearsal after Mass on Sunday 17 December from 10:30am.

Children who are unable to attend the rehearsal are still welcome to join in as angels or shepherds on the night.

**Costumes:** The children wear very simple costumes and we can assist with providing some of the elements for these if required.

**Music:** We're very fortunate to have musicians available to help us to coordinate the music and singing and we welcome all musicians and singers to join in.

**Resources :** The Gospel drama and music can be emailed to you in plenty of time for you to practice for the rehearsal.

**RSVP:** Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to participate in any way. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact Lorna at pyele8j@gmail.com or 0407 016 526.

### Christmas Eve Mass Times

St Mary Magdalene, Bardon, Ray Lyons Hall 4.00pm Pageant

4.30pm Mass

St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove 5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.30pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie 7.00pm Mass

St Ambrose's Church, Newmarket 7.00pm Mass

St Brigid's Church, Red Hill 7.30pm Carols

8.00pm Mass

11.30pm Carols

Midnight Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie (Korean) 9.00pm Mass

### Christmas Day Mass Times

St Joan of Arc Church, Herston 7.30am Mass

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon 8.00am Mass

St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove 8.30am Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie 9.00am Mass

Petrie Tce, St Thomas More Church (Italian) 9.15am Mass

Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie (Korean) 11.00am Mass



### An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion,  
We turn to you with heavy hearts  
as we consider the needs of your family.  
Israelis and Palestinians,  
we are all your people,  
Each of us loved by You  
and called to live in peace and justice.  
We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
destruction of property and loss  
of human dignity.  
We are pained by so much suffering.  
We beg you to bring healing  
to this ancient place.  
Help your people find a way forward.  
Enable everyone to look  
each other in the eye,  
And embrace each other  
as sisters and brothers,  
As they find your image in every face.  
We ask that courage and grace  
will help create a wiser and  
more gentle future,  
Where everyone has a home.  
God of wisdom, come to our aid.  
Amen

by Michael McGirr, 2023



### 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  
**Sophia Clark &  
Elizabeth Matthews von Pethely** who  
were baptised this weekend.

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