

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

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The Parable of the Prodigal Son! What a wonderful passage! At the very human level, this parable provides a keen illustration of the emotions that run deep within families. It is hardly surprising that the story has been made into several movies and the theme – the black sheep returned to the fold - has formed the basis of many more stories ever since it was first told.

There is something here for everyone. If you are a parent, I encourage you to go home and read it. If you *have ever had* a parent, likewise go home and read it. If you have a *sibling* go home and read it. Think about whose side you take. Who is the hero and who is the villain? Is the father not just as prodigal as the son?

My family chose this gospel for my father's requiem mass. An odd choice you may think, but let me explain. When I was a kid, living in the family home I identified with the "good" older brother. The father's actions in the parable were simply *not* fair! I witnessed my own parents acting similarly on many occasions, lavishing with love (or money) one sibling over another. Those of us who missed out would bleat 'but that's not fair!' and our parents (mainly Dad) would respond. 'No one ever said it was going to be fair.' – Harsh!

As an adult and now a parent, I have come to understand the nature of parental love a little bit better. It is not something that is, can be, or should be divided equally among your offspring! Those of you in the parent's camp will know that once you have lavished all your love on one child, all your love is still available to lavish on the next. According to need and circumstance, the loving parent has an unending capacity to give to *all* their children.

I have also come to understand that the father in the parable had no choice but to forgive his prodigal son, because love and forgiveness are two sides of the same coin. You cannot love without forgiveness and if you have ever been truly forgiven, you know you are truly loved. So why did Jesus tell this parable and why did my family choose it for Dad's requiem mass? By showing us the love and forgiveness of the father for his prodigal son, Jesus gives us an insight into the eternal, infinite love and forgiveness that God has for us. In fact, the love that we have for others is born of God's divine love, the love of the living God in our lives.

As for my father and his funeral? Well, what a wonderfully comforting thought to take into eternal life..... God loved us before we were born, and yesterday, he loves us today, here and now and always will and we are forgiven to the end.

God's love is infinite. It is indivisible.

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Gina Clare

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 27 MARCH 2022 (YEAR C)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 **Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Family masses are back! This weekend sees the return of the family mass at both Ashgrove and Newmarket. Fabulous to have these back in the parish worship regime. Families are always welcome and we strongly encourage parents as they share their own love of God and nurture their children in the practice and love of the faith.



Fourth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 28th March)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Rosalie, who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through Caritas Australia's partners, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Caritas Bukavu, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

She joined a savings group which helped her with a loan to start her own small business selling second-hand shoes and natural remedies.

"I can eat, dress, maintain my health and help others. My children study and manage to eat twice a day. I have learnt to work hand-in-hand with other members of the community. Really, there is more joy in sharing with others." - Rosalie. Watch a short film about Rosalie's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



PARISH DIARY



Monday 28 March

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 29 March

Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

Wednesday 30 March

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 31 March

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9:00am

Friday 1 April

Anointing Mass (Rosalie) 9am

5th Sunday of Lent

2/3 April 2022

Saturday 2 April

Individual Reconciliation
(Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm
(Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

Saturday 2 April Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4:30pm
Mass (Ashgrove) 6:00pm

Sunday 3 April

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

Baptism
PREPARATION
30 March 2022 at 7pm
Parish Office

PALMS Help! We need palm fronds for our Palm Sunday Liturgies! If you can help by contributing any – no matter how few – we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish office on 33243985 or email me at: pa.bardon.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

Liturgy Meeting
SATURDAY
2 April, 10.00am
Parish Office

First Friday
Anointing Mass
Friday, 9am Rosalie

Maria Matika was a regular at Rosalie. Sadly she died a couple of weeks ago. As of yet we haven't heard from her relatives regarding her funeral service. That doesn't mean we can't pray for her as she makes the transition into the fullness of God's life.

I suggest that at the First Friday anointing mass on 1 April our particular intention be for the repose of the soul of Maria. As we celebrate as a community the Eucharist in which she would always be present we will pray that God will welcome her into the light of God's glory. *Fr Gerry*



Getting into Lent

THE CATHEDRAL SEMINARS

What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Throughout 2022, the Archdiocese's Adult Formation Team will be hosting four seminars to help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience. In this first seminar, Shane Dwyer (Associate Director, Adult Formation) will lead participants through the significance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for our lives today. Come and participate in this practical Catholic theology seminar and help yourself get the most out of Lent this year. March Seminar: Getting into Lent Details: Time: 7-8:30pm Date: Thursday 31st March 2022 Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$10pp

RSVP: Tuesday 29 March Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/Gettingintolent>

First Rite of Reconciliation Lent: The First Rite of Reconciliation is celebrated one-to-one with the priest.

Individual Reconciliation is available

Saturday 4 – 4.20 at Sacred Heart Rosalie and

Saturday 5.15 – 5.45 at St Finbarr's Ashgrove.

If these times do not work suit you are welcome to make a time with a priest.

This Lent priests of the parish are also offering

Individual Reconciliation at St Ambrose' Church

Newmarket on Tuesday evening 5 April from 7pm to

7.30pm. Fr Gerry, Fr Dang, Fr Tony and Fr Gerard

Hall will all be there.

Being one-to-one means as people arrive they can meet with one of the priests, pray together, focus on a piece of scripture, acknowledge sins and be forgiven.

Once you have celebrated with the priest you are free to leave.

The sacrament is a way in which we return to the Father and experience God's forgiveness.

Holy Thursday – it evokes memories of my childhood the smell of spices on the Hot Cross Buns as the baker removed them from the oven at the local Bakery while we waited, salivating impatiently – buns that formed part of our evening meal, after returning from Holy Thursday Mass. The magic of walking to Mass in the dark of night and entering the Church that was ablaze with light and candles; the beautiful flowers, the heavenly singing from the choir loft, the incense, and the procession to the Altar of Repose, accompanied by the singing in Latin of the Tantum Ergo. It's still a favourite of mine – changed in a few aspects..but the same in essence!



Holy Thursday celebrates the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ given at the Last Supper and the Sacrament of the Priesthood. In Jubilee, we take the opportunity to come together to celebrate in unity this special Liturgy – to celebrate in unison as

the Jubilee Parish. Be a part of it - Come join us!

At St Brigid's Church, Red Hill at 7.00pm on 14 April.

Therese Beavis

No such thing as 'just war', Pope tells Patriarch Kirill



In a video conference with Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Pope Francis said there is no such thing anymore as a "just war".

"As pastors we have the duty to stay close and to help all the people who suffer from war," Francis said. "At one time we also spoke in our churches of holy war or just war. Today we cannot speak like that. The Christian conscience has developed on the importance of peace." "The churches are called to contribute to strengthening peace and justice ... Wars are always unjust, because the ones who pay are the people of God," the Pope said. On Friday 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Pope consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

From the prayer consecration:

**"Mother of God and our mother,
to your Immaculate Heart
we solemnly entrust and consecrate
ourselves, the Church
and all humanity,
especially Russia and Ukraine. ...
Mary accept this act that we carry out with
confidence and love.
Grant that war may end, and peace spread
throughout the world."**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLMENT

Year 3 Parents,

The Jubilee Parish Sacramental Program is now taking enrolments for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These must be completed and submitted by Monday 4th July.

Please visit:

<http://www.jubileeeparish.com/confirmation.html> and scroll down to the

Sacramental Program for a copy of the Confirmation Enrolment Form and we look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Night on Tuesday **12th** July at 7pm

Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie. *Emma Ferguson*

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

All are invited to join in praying the Rosary as an offering for peace in the world and an end to the conflict in Ukraine.

Where: St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon

When : Monday 28th March, 5:30pm

THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Interested, Curious, Searching, to enrich and strengthen your faith in these times?

The Cursillo Movement is holding a 3 day live-in encounter - with self, with Christ, with others- from 23-25 April at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Cursillo,- translated as a 'short course' - is a world -wide lay led movement of the Church to help each person live out the Good News on their Christian journey.

For more information you can call Rosemary on 0431 464 211 or Peter 0407 588 014.



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Thankful Thursday - Dress as a Real Hero

Last week our school community participated in a dress as a "real hero day". This was a day where students dressed as people who are heroes and do not require a cape! Some of the costumes students dressed in were Army personnel, doctors, paramedics, nurses, mud army, SES volunteers, fire fighters, council workers, just about anyone who assisted with the recent Brisbane floods.

Students were asked to make a gold coin donation. The Joey's community generously donated money which we have passed onto the SES. The SES do such an amazing job of tirelessly helping others in extreme adversity.



Living and Learning in Faith and Love

On Monday we celebrated **Harmony Day**, which is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, with regards to the successful integration of migrants into our country and our communities. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This day is held every year on March 21. The Day also coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In our classrooms this week the students have done a variety of activities to acknowledge the relevance of this special day. As we near the end of the term, I am asking for families to please send in their **Caritas Money Boxes** so this money can be sent to caritas to assist those in need. Thank you all for your assistance with helping those who need our support. Our money is a great support for so many people.



ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



This year, St Ambrose's School is going to support the poor and underprivileged of our world by participating in a whole school fundraising event on the last day of school when we will all "Walk for Water".



The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. St Ambrose's school community will walk together on the last day of this term at Corbie Park for one hour to raise awareness and money for the many ventures and programs assisting the destitute throughout the world supported by Caritas. It is our goal for all children to experience walking for an hour to raise awareness and build empathy for disadvantaged children who need to walk this distance and more every day to collect clean water for living and, if they are lucky, school. Our generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to also create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential and thrive.

Confessor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God
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 **Isabelle Casey, Jude Croker, Isabella Hogden, Fraser Swan, Alexandria O'Rourke & Ella O'Rourke** who were baptised this weekend into the Church.

We remember & pray for **Patrick John Cranitch** whose anniversary occurs at this time.
WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.