

# Jubilee Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

St Ambrose's, Newmarket ~ St Brigid's, Red Hill ~ St Finbarr's, Ashgrove ~ t Joan of Arc, Herston ~  
St Mary Magdalene, Bardon ~ St Thomas More's, Petrie Terrace ~ Sacred Heart, Rosalie

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Take courage:** Today's Gospel comes from that of Matthew (10:16-23). When this Gospel of Matthew was first written, the Christian communities were already experiencing misunderstandings and persecutions. This is why Jesus said: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt 10:28). We read this line from the missionary discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, sandwiched in the midst of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee.

In fact, this whole discourse is full of encouragement from Jesus to his disciples. This is why after commissioning the Twelve to go out and preach (Mt 10:5-15), Jesus warned them of the coming persecutions in the mission entrusted to them (Mt 10:16-25). The persecutions that happened in the lives of the Twelve were not new. Just as Jesus himself had been 'the Pain of Truth' in the sides of the religious leaders of Israel, so his apostles and disciples will also be. But they are not to be afraid.

In the Old Testament, even prophets, like Jeremiah, experienced persecution in fulfilling their mission in conveying God's message. Jeremiah represents the people who suffer in this life, but nevertheless who have placed **their trust in God**. Like Jeremiah, they confidently say: "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph" (Jer. 20:11).

It is not easy to be a committed Christian, particularly in these more unsettled secular times. There will always be contradictions and persecutions when we witness to the words and deeds of Christ. It is heartbreaking for us to hear and to learn that there are many Christians who today are suffering from persecution across the globe. Nonetheless, we as the Body of Christ can feel this pain too as we hope and pray that the persecution may come to an end.

On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time, the Lord urges us to have courage by placing our trust in Him, and to be open to acknowledging our fears and worries to Him. For did He not say that He would be with us always, even to the consummation of the world?

Louie



**Sunday 21 June, Winter solstice:** The day of the year with the least daylight hours of any in the year.

An interesting idiosyncrasy of the winter solstice is that the sunrise is not the latest and the sunset is not the earliest. However, this day does have the least amount of daylight hours.

Because the path of the Earth around the Sun is an ellipse, not a circle, and because the Earth is off-centre on its axis, these combined phenomena can create up to several minutes difference between solar and mean time. This causes the apparent inconsistency in the "time" of both the summer and winter solstice. Around the date of summer solstice, these effects make the Sun

## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21 JUNE 2020 (YEAR A)

Proper of the Mass

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:10-13 **Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-15

**Response:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33

appear to move slightly slower than expected when measured by a watch or clock. As a result, the earliest sunrise occurs before the date of the summer solstice, and the latest sunset happens after the summer solstice. For the same reasons, around the winter solstice, the time of sunrise continues to get later in the days after the solstice.

These facts from the Australian Government's Geoscience webpage. I may not understand it and I do know that days get longer from here. Yippee!

### Parish Masses for up to 100:

Churches can have up to 100 people for Mass.

It is the same for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

### Registration for SUNDAY mass attendance:



- Registration for Sunday mass will be via online [Eventbrite](#).
- Families can book up to 6 spaces at one time.
- Yes, you do have to book every week.
- Parishioners who do not have access to internet can phone the parish office.

Sunday mass will continue to be live streamed at 8.30am Sunday mornings.

Weekday mass schedule: **No online registration required**. See schedule in Parish Diary.

**Planned Giving:** This letter has been sent to those in our parish planned giving. If you haven't received a copy it should arrive sometime this week. If you don't receive one by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, please contact the parish office.

Many thanks for your ongoing financial support of the parish. It is keeping us going. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected parish finances. I understand that it has also affected you financially and possibly your ability to contribute to planned giving. I appreciate whatever you can do.

For those using envelopes a new set of envelopes are due on the first Sunday in July. *Fr Gerry*

**From the chair of the Parish Finance Council:** *Parishioners of Jubilee,*

*Hopefully, you have come out of the COVID bubble with both your health and sense of humour intact.*

*The new planned giving season starts on Sunday July 5. The Parish is incredibly thankful to all past donations. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.*

*Over the past few months, it has become increasingly important to find more efficient ways of communicating due to social isolating requirements. The upside to this means that more people are becoming digitally and technologically accepting. To that end, for efficiency, and to avoid potential contact with money, the Parish is urging all Parishioners to consider the weekly pledge via either direct debit /credit cards as opposed to using the traditional envelopes. Whilst these envelopes will always be available, it would be good to see a greater use of the direct debit/use of credit card system.*

*The Parish is trying to establish a full data base of all parishioners to allow efficient communication via email. We would encourage you to be part of this database as this will allow your voice to be heard – notably when the Master Plan drafts go back to the broader community for comment. Please contact the parish office if we do not already have your email.*

*Yours in faith, Steven Campbell Chairman – Parish Finance Council*

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A PART OF PLANNED GIVING:** *To give via Direct Debit/ Credit Card*  
[Planned Giving Form](#)

**Sarah Dunlop** has taken up a new position with a different care provider to the parish. Sarah has provided significant support for several our parishioners during the years she has been working for Jubilee. I thank her for her ministry. Her passion has been and continues to the enhancement of the life of individuals, supporting community activities and advocating for people in all aspects of health and well-being.

Sarah is open to parishioners contacting her personally/professionally if they wish. I wish her well and every blessing in her new endeavour.

### Remember:

- Stay at home if you are vulnerable.
- Appropriate physical distancing.
- Churches required to record contact details of those who attend. These are kept confidentially and securely, for 56 days and then destroyed.
- Cleaning protocols will be met before and after mass.

# PARISH DIARY



**Monday**  
Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

**Tuesday**  
Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

**Wednesday**  
Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

**Thursday**  
Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am  
Mass (Ashgrove) 9:00am

**Friday**  
Mass (Bardon) 9:00am  
Rosary (Rosalie) MIDDAY

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time –**  
**28 June 2020**

**Saturday Vigil**  
Mass (Rosalie) 4:30pm  
Mass (Ashgrove) 6:00pm

**Sunday**  
Mass (Herston) 7:30am  
Mass (Bardon) 8:00am  
Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am  
Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am  
Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am  
Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Individual Rite:** The first Rite of Reconciliation is available by appointment. Please email one of the priests, or phone the office and ask for Fr Rony or Fr Gerry. We will organize a time, place and ensure all health protocols followed.

# Parish Noticeboard

- Wednesday Private prayer – Bardon 9:30-10:00am
- Friday Rosary – Rosalie 12:00pm-1:00pm



**St Thomas More, Feast Day 22 June:** Thomas (1478 – 1535) was the eldest son of John More, a well-known English lawyer and judge during the reign of King Edward IV.

As soon as Thomas More became a lawyer, he found himself contemplating another path in life. He lived next door to a strict Carthusian monastery outside London city, and subjected himself to the discipline of the Carthusians, taking part in the monastic life as much as his legal career would allow.

It wasn't long before Thomas More attracted the attention of King Henry VIII, and they became close friends. Henry VIII appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions. In 1529 the King appointed More to the exalted position of Lord Chancellor because of his fame for being fair and not being open to any kind of corruption. As Chancellor, he worked tirelessly to defend the Catholic faith in England and stood firm in his loyalty to the Church of Rome and the pope.

In due course, More resigned the role of Chancellor due to Henry VIII's request for a marriage annulment from his wife, Catherine of Aragon, Spain. Holding fast to the teachings of the Church, More stood his ground and strongly opposed the request. Amid all this pressure his reputation never left him.

At one point he was urged to take an oath to support the Act of Succession, which rejected papal authority and accepted Henry as head of the Church in break-away England. Refusing to acknowledge the Act of Succession, Thomas More was arrested and locked away in the Tower of London. He faced trial and was sentenced to death.

His last words in front of his executors and spectators have long been remembered. He uttered these now-famous words: "I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first."

He was canonized in 1935. Saint Thomas More is known as the patron saint of lawyers, civil servants and politicians. He is the patron of our church in Petrie Terrace.

*Louie*

## Sacramental Initiation for Year 3 and 4 this year and next:

**For those in Year 4 upwards who are already preparing for First Holy Communion:** continue preparation with your family at home, and when possible join in weekend mass.

When your passport is complete contact Jenny Donnelly and a date can be organized for your child to receive First Holy Communion at a weekend mass. Dates for larger celebrations will be provided when they can be celebrated in accordance with government protocols.

## Preparation for Confirmation for those presently in year 3:

Because of limits at weekend masses, AND uncertainty of unrestricted gatherings I am postponing preparation and celebration of Confirmation until early 2021.

There would be two groups: one for those in year 4 early in the year and one later in the year for those in year 3 in 2021.

Those in year 4 in 2021 would be able to begin preparation for first holy communion immediately after Confirmation in 2021.

Those in year 3 in 2021 would prepare for first holy communion in late 2021 or 2022.

## Preparation for celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation in year 5 and above IN 2020

Would remain at the already proposed time of:

**Parent Information Night:** Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie 7pm, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Ceremony:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020

**Nativity of St John the Baptist, 24<sup>th</sup> June:** The Gospels portray John as the forerunner of Jesus, since John announces Jesus' coming and prepares the people for Jesus' ministry. The central theme of his ministry was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near". And the authenticity of repentance was evidenced in very practical terms: share with those in need, eliminate graft, and prohibit extortion. He was called "The Baptist" because his practice was to baptize those who responded to the message he proclaimed and sincerely repented of their sins. John used baptism as the central symbol of his pre-messianic movement.

As was the case with Jesus, his birth was meticulously recorded. His entrance into the world was marked by angelic proclamation and divine intervention. John's birth not only parallels that of Jesus but confirms the important occasion of the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah.

John was that voice crying in the wilderness preparing the way for the coming Messiah. In this sense his message and ministry marked the culmination of the law and the prophets but proclaimed the inbreaking of the kingdom of God. So, John was truly a transitional figure, forming the link between the Old and New Testaments. He covers the ages with one foot strongly planted in the Old Testament and the other directly placed in the New.

Even today the invitation of John the Baptist to repent is relevant. Let us respond positively to his call for repentance.

*Fr Rony*



**Baptismal Preparation:** Back on! This Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. NOTE venue has changed to Sacred Heart Church Rosalie. Booking in for preparation essential – email [baptisms@jubilee.bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:baptisms@jubilee.bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the parish office on 3369 5351.



# The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



grateful  
thankful  
blessed

- John 1:16 -

## We are grateful, thankful and blessed

We have been consistently inspired by the stories and feedback from our Joey's school community over this extraordinary time of lockdown and learning from home. We

particularly acknowledge and thank everyone of our amazing Joey's staff: teachers, guidance counsellor, student support teacher, primary learning leader, school officers, office staff, grounds staff and cleaners for their unwavering commitment to keeping us safe and/or delivering quality education during these extraordinary times. The collaboration, innovation and sharing has been evident across the entire school.

We also wish to thank our Joey's parents for supporting the school as the health warnings came thick and fast, oft times with little warning. We believe it is because of our incredible community spirit we have managed this time so well. We appreciate that it has been tough and will continue to be so for many in our community: loss of work/jobs, isolation, working from home, children at home and trying to support their learning, previous illness that makes us even more vulnerable, difficult/interesting family situations, the list goes on. It has been extremely hard for so many and again, we feel grateful, thankful and blessed.

Then there are the children - the reason we are all drawn together as a Joey's community. They have shown resilience, lack of understanding about all of this, an attitude of life goes on, an enormous range of emotions, many they cannot understand. But yet, they come back to school with smiles, energy and a 'joy de vivre' as they meet up again with their friends and classmates.

In short, we are grateful, thankful and blessed to have everyone back.



What an interesting and everchanging term we have all shared. Each week more of our normal practices are returning, so it is wonderful to be back sharing our everyday school experiences once again with those in our parish, through the parish newsletter. You have all been in our thoughts and prayers during these changing and challenging times.

With school still looking a little different and the changes with church attendance numbers, we began weekly class liturgies. These liturgies have been prepared, with regard for what the students are learning in their religious education curriculum. The teachers have also chosen a year level core text to help their students develop a deeper understanding of this scripture text. By recontextualising the text for the class liturgy, the students are witnessing and connecting these stories to their own life journey.

Each Thursday, it has been wonderful to begin our day with these liturgies and to watch the students participate so respectfully and thoughtfully. The liturgies have been recorded and placed on our class posts, so that parents don't miss this special experience



Our Yr 2 students engaged in a thoughtful Liturgy about The Good Samaritan which was linked to our Habits of the Heart. They created kindness 'rocks' that they can bring to the world. Louie joined the students and helped them reflect on the story of the Good Samaritan and what it can mean in their lives.

Yr 5/6 A celebrated a Peace Liturgy which is very timely in the tumultuous times we are seeing across the world.

Louie joined the students to celebrate this special time and gave the students some thoughtful reflections.

## Religious Life of the School - Circle of Belonging Mural

Our Catholic Faith celebrates religious icons and symbols to tell stories.

We are blessed to have some beautiful art works that capture the spirit of our community. Knowing the STORY behind these artworks is a part of our school history and culture. Do you know the story about our Circle of Belonging mural?

In term 3 there will be a QR code beside the artwork that will give you the history of this piece of our school story. If you visit our school please stop to take a photo of the QR code to find out more about this special mural.

Keep an eye out for other symbols and QR codes around the school coming soon.



## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
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

We pray for **Giacomo Carlino & Egidia (Gina) Contarino** whose funerals occurred this week.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL  
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY  
THEY REST IN PEACE.**