

Jubilee Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



How would you respond if Jesus asked you "Who do you say I am?" It was a certain grace provided to Peter, the future leader of His church, to recognise Christ's true identity. Jesus equips Peter as is needed. Peter is the divine instrument who will go on to build up the early church alongside his fellow apostles, Paul, Barnabas, Mary Mother of Jesus, and new adherents. For us, who Christ is, gives meaning and purpose to our lives. If He is as He says - the Way the Truth, the Life, - the Son of God - then we are who He says we are: His beloved.

The one sheep He would go in search of even when the ninety-nine are safe.

Christ will always equip us as we need. When I was in Papua New Guinea doing some mission work last year, feeling almost constantly out of my depth, the line "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called" was repeated regularly and clung too. This line is manifested in today's reading.

Jesus equips Peter with knowledge and strength, and solidifies the call to faith for the apostles. Christ calls Peter (*petros* meaning rock in Hebrew) to be the rock on which the church is built. It is often at the time of this reading when I reflect on the great richness of our Catholic faith. The apostolic succession following from Peter is a powerful witness to the movement of the Holy Spirit in His church. So, what is now asked of Peter? (and of us?) Courage.

Notice, Christ did not say the way forward was easy, but we know He is going before us.

Georgina Devenish-Meares

Numbers going up! As the number of people returning to Mass at St Ambrose Newmarket is increasing each week, seating has been rearranged so that it can now accommodate 96 people.

Booking is essential each week. Please visit the parish website to register for Mass using the Eventbrite tab or ring the parish office 33695351.

Baptism Preparation: This Wednesday 26th August at 7pm *IN SACRED HEART CHURCH* Given Tce Rosalie/Paddington. If intending to celebrate the baptism of your child in Jubilee parish in the next month you are asked to attend. The preparation night covers several important areas: baptism as a sacrament of initiation; baptism itself; and the practicalities of how it is celebrated in Jubilee parish. Also we make sure we have dates and times correct. We look forward to working with you in this wonderful celebration of life.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23 AUGUST 2020 (YEAR A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 **Second Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Mother and Son: Thursday 27 and Friday 28 are the feast days of St Monica (332-87) and St Augustine (354-430). The mother who persistently prayed for her wayward son. The son who experienced conversion and became one of the most significant theologians of our church.

Monica lived in North Africa. She married Patricius who lived a dissolute life marked by a violent temper, heavy drinking, and infidelity. Monica's mother-in-law lived in the same house and compounded her difficulties. But Monica's patience eventually won them over. Her husband was baptized a year before his death. Monica had three sons. Unfortunately, my quick research has not been able to find information on what happened to the other two.

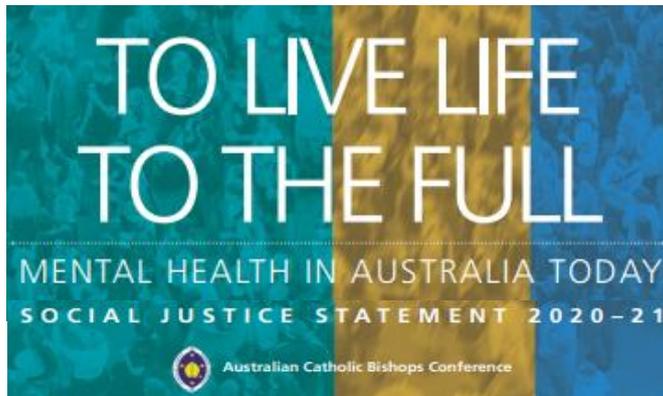
Augustine was a bit wild, smart, enjoyed travel, and curious. There is plenty to read in his *Confessions*. It was while walking in a garden that he heard the words, 'Pick up and read.' He began reading Romans 13: 'Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy.' That is one way to be woken up, and he did! He became the Bishop of Hippo, one of the four original Doctors of the Church and author of the Rule of Augustine.

Episcopal Council Visitation: During the week Deacon Andrew O'Brien (Director, Office of the Archbishop) and Mrs Teresa McGrath (Associate Director Parish Leadership) interviewed various members of the parish. These people had plenty to say and the delegates of the Archbishop were impressed by the quality of parishioners. (Of course they would be!!)

Members of the episcopal council have/ are meeting with every parish in the Deanery. A deanery is a church subgroup within the Archdiocese that is like an organizational unit/ area. The parishes of our deanery are: Bowen Hills, Buranda, Cathedral, Dorrington, Dutton Park – West End – South Brisbane, Lutwyche, New Farm and St John's Wood The Gap.

Saturday morning 29 August there is a feedback Forum for the Deanery. Everyone who has been interviewed as part of the consultation is invited to the Forum. It is an opportunity for the council to provide feedback from the consultations for further discussion. It will give a picture of the whole region. There will be an opportunity for discussion and Q and A.

Social Justice Sunday: will be celebrated on 30 August. The Bishops' 2020 – 2021 Social Justice Statement is titled "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today." The Statement is available electronically on the ACBC Office for Social Justice page along with liturgy resources, a prayer card and podcasts. A spoken word version is available as 3 podcasts. All resources are available at:



<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/#content>

Property: Ethos Urban continue preparing the development application for our masterplan to go to Brisbane City Council. To keep a parish eye overseeing this a property subcommittee held a Zoom meeting this week with members of the Archdiocesan Property and Building committee. On behalf of the parish and the Archdiocese David Cramb is the regular contact with Ethos Urban. He will also regularly hold a meeting with the property subcommittee to keep the lines of accountability, transparency and communication open. The property subcommittee consists of Steve Campbell, Paul Cooper, Tom Cranitch, Jacob Duane, Geraldine Knapp and myself.

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

(School Only)

Friday
Mass (Bardon) 9:00am
Rosary (Rosalie) Middy

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time –
30 August 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 are followed.

Celebrating the Season of Creation: In this special Anniversary Year of Laudato Si', the Brisbane Archdiocese is hosting a 4-part series of 1-hour online events to celebrate the Season of Creation.

These online events will take place throughout the month of September and focus on Laudato Si', the Eucharist and integral ecology, plus, present some concrete ways Catholics can live out the directives presented by Pope Francis.

Guest speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong (Suva, Fiji), Dr. Daniel P. Horan OFM, members of the QLD Community Alliance and Wildlife Queensland.

Join us and other Catholics from around the world in celebrating Season of Creation.

For more information on each online event and to register, follow the link: [Launch Event: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - Season of Creation launch Tuesday 1 September - 2pm](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vKV3l0yqTJORYFKRyl-MJA) Find out more and register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vKV3l0yqTJORYFKRyl-MJA



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK—SEPTEMBER 6—12, 2020

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme 'Putting children first'.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

Show your support for National Child Protection Week by raising awareness of it in your parish or ministry. Ask your Local Safeguarding Rep to assist.

Prioritising the poor isn't political, it's the Gospel: Pope

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Church teaching on giving priority to the wellbeing of the poor and marginalised is not a political or ideological choice; it lies at the very heart of the Gospel, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: *CNS*.

The preferential option for the poor, which includes feeding the hungry and drawing close to the excluded, "is the key criterion of Christian authenticity," he said during his weekly general audience.

The principle also would include making sure that any vaccine developed for the novel coronavirus helps everyone, he added.

"It would be sad," he said, if priority for a vaccine "were to be given to the richest. It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal and for all."

During his audience, livestreamed from the library of the Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis continued a series of talks on the principles of the Church's social doctrine as a guide for healing and building a better future, particularly as the world is struggling with a pandemic and its negative effects.

In fact, he said, a proper response to the pandemic is twofold:

"On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure for this small but terrible virus, which has brought the whole world to its knees. On the other, we must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation and the lack of protection for the weakest," the Pope said.

"It would be a scandal if all of the economic assistance we are observing – most of it with public money – were to focus on rescuing those industries that do not contribute to the inclusion of the excluded, the promotion of the least, the common good or the care of creation."



Pope Francis delivers the general audience yesterday (CNS/Vatican Media)



Hand Sanitiser Dispenser Units: A generous donor has provided the Archdiocese with five hundred automatic hand sanitiser dispenser units for parish use. We were lucky to obtain 10 units for our parish. A huge THANK YOU to the generous donor.

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Science Week – Deep Blue

National Science Week 2020 was this week (15 - 23 August) with a range of virtual tours, STEM & science activities.

The school theme of National Science Week 2020 is "Deep Blue: innovations for the future of our oceans" and embraces the innovative technologies, capabilities and skills needed to achieve economic, environmental and social sustainability of the world's oceans.

St Joseph's students have engaged with Science Week in a variety of ways. They have been busy investigating and exploring things to do with the 'Deep Blue'.

The beautiful Jackie French book, Flood has inspired a lot of inquiry in Year 2. The students have explored the Brisbane flood of 2011 through photos and videos, discussed the impact of dams (with both positive and negative consequences in different environments) and built a flood gate with LEGO WeDo 2.0. The WWF Free Rivers app (in Augmented Reality- AR) has been a useful tool in this exploration.

Our clever Year 3 students have been creating their own computer games using Hopscotch. Not only does this develop the students' skills in computer programming, it requires them to think creatively and to solve problems.

Even the tuckshop is getting into Science Week by offering 'fish fingers and chips' for lunch. Thanks Mrs D and her volunteers.

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.



Last Thursday our Year 5 Faith and Prep Charity class celebrated their first Buddy Mass. Although parents and parishioners were unable to join us, it was a lovely opportunity to come together under the theme; 'We give thanks for the gift of each other.'

The children considered the many gifts God has given us and how we should be grateful for these gifts and use them to their full potential. They also talked about the importance of the support of friends and our buddies to keep us happy at school during what has been a different year.

Beautiful gifts were placed around the Church with photos of the Year 5 children and their Prep buddies. Prep Charity then took some time to look around the Church with some valuable explanations from Father Rony



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.



AUTHOR VISIT

We were very fortunate to have Michael Gerard Bauer visit St Ambrose's on Tuesday 18th August, as an introduction

to Book Week, which is celebrated next week 24th August - 28th August.

In the first session, with Prep and Year 1, Michael spoke about his 2018 winning book "**Rodney Loses it**". He shared the book with the children and even told them where to look for the *magic yoyo*. Michael also taught the children how to do the "Rodney Shuffle".

In the second session, with Years 2 and 3, he explained where his idea for "**Eric Vale, Epic Fail**" came from. He showed the children a trailer of the first book in the series and explained how he built the story from a simple idea.

In the last session, with Years 4, 5, and 6, he explained how his story ideas came from his childhood experiences. "Just Dog" was based on his own pet. Ishmael, the main character from "Don't Call Me Ishmael", is based on himself. He was a shy boy and had a fear of speaking publicly.

After Michael's presentation, it was wonderful to see the children asking lots of questions and spending time talking with him. Michael commented on the behaviour of the children and how he enjoyed his visit to St Ambrose. The children are very excited about his books, which we proudly stock in our school library.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome into the church **Polly Lewis** who was baptised this weekend.

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