

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Finding the wonder

After several weeks of talking about bread, the readings over the past couple of weeks have had a different focus, yet still offer nourishment.

In the first reading, Moses commands the people to follow the laws and customs that he teaches. It's interesting that he refers to both laws and customs.

The laws including the

commandments that he brought down from the mountain top; the customs being the rituals and observances that bring people together as a community and demonstrate their devotion. These public duties and worship could also be a definition of liturgy within the Catholic church, the highest form of which is the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to gather to profess our faith together and could easily be seen as a series of rituals. In his 2022 Apostolic Letter on the liturgy, *Desiderio Desideravi*, Pope Francis urges us to experience the Mass as more than this by honouring the rituals, while continuing to be astonished by their beauty. He reminds us that '*Wonder is an essential part of the liturgical act*'. It's easy to be distracted during Mass and fail to see the wonder, but if we can focus our attention during the readings, the consecration and/or the prayers, then the wonder is revealed. Even more so when participating in activities such as reading, taking up the gifts or singing.

It's also easy to be distracted from observing the laws and teachings of Jesus in our every day lives. Jesus reminds us in Mark's Gospel that it is a person's actions that define whether or not they '*live in the presence of the Lord*' as in the psalm. While Jesus is respectful of the ritual observances, his focus is on what is in the hearts of his disciples, demonstrated by their actions.

Let's seek the wonder this week in both our observances and our actions.

Jennifer Cahill

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to all of the following children who were welcomed to the table of the Lord. May they feel the warmth of God's love and joy on this special day and continue to walk in His light all the days of their life.



*Dylan McKenzie Harry Patricks Henry Tracey
Ezra Williams Edward Leydon Ben Armstrong
Case Purcell*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 September 2024 (Year B)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 **Second Reading:** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation.
May they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers in their prime.
May their example and manfulness give strength
and compassion to our world.

We pray for older fathers.
May they share their wisdom and heart with each generation.

We pray for fathers whose children are lost or suffering.

May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow and hope.

We pray for all of them that they mentor
and guide their children with fatherly love.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no
longer with us but who live forever in your resurrection.

May they enjoy the fullness of your life and continue to intercede on our behalf
that we may live their best virtues in the life that is Yours. Amen.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the dads. May your heart continually be filled with the love, strength and vulnerability that comes from the heart of God.

SUNDAY GOSPEL. This year we are in the Year B cycle of Sunday readings. Predominantly the church has been following a semi-continuous reading of Mark's Gospel. Unfortunately, Mark did not know the length of our Sundays! He came up a little short. Those tasked with setting up of the Lectionary wisely included the "Bread of Life Discourse" from John's Gospel to be added to the Year B Sunday readings. This is what we have been nurtured by over the past 5 weekends. This Sunday we return to Mark. It is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The church takes up the story at Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Congratulations to all the children who received the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday and Friday nights. May God bless their lives with happiness, devotion and love like he fills the sky with stars and sunshine.

Many thanks to Emma Ferguson, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, the Principals, APRE's, teachers and other helpers who made the celebrations flow so smoothly. Praise also to Roland and the choir who led uplifting music and song to the sacramental celebration.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION: Each year from September 1 to October



"Hope and act with creation"

World Day of Prayer for
the Care of Creation

1-IX-2024

4, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth and we rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our

common home and all who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "Hope and Act with Creation" The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

The new Season of Creation Devotional APP is now available from the Apple & Google store. For further details relating to the APP, go to: <https://qct.org.au/news-events/news-items/new-season-of-creation-app-available-now>



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS: Spring is about to be sprung and I am leaping into my annual holidays. I'm away from 2 -30 September. Flying to Scandinavia and the Baltic States.

The rest of the regular clergy crew are here. Fr Tomi is available as your pastor and all sacramental needs. Other pastoral requests can be attended to by Kathleen McClafferty or Therese Beavis our pastoral associates. Jane has the office and front desk. Cathy has Baptism and weddings. Emma has young people sacramental initiation. Adjö **Fr Gerry**

PARISH DIARY



Monday 2 September

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 3 September

Yr 3 Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 4 September

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 5 September

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

No Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

6 September

Anointing Mass (Rosalie) 9.00am

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8 September 2024

Saturday 7 September

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

7 September Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 8 September

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Mass (Bardon) 8:00am

Family Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am

Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am

Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am

Korean Mass (Rosalie) 10:00am

Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm

*What's
happening?*

**FIRST FRIDAY
ANOINTING MASS**
Friday 6 September 2024
Sacred Heart Church,
9.00am

LITURGY MEETING
Saturday 7 September
Parish office
10.00am

**ST FINBARR'S
FAMILY MASS**
Sunday 8 September
8.30am
Sausage sizzle to follow

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1-7 SEPTEMBER

Child Protection Week in Queensland is coordinated by the Child Protection Week Committee under the auspicing body of Act for Kids. The objectives of Child Protection Week are to:

- raise the profile of all issues connected with child protection, including child abuse prevention, treatment, research, education, service provision and support for children, young people and families.
- create a statewide umbrella focus for child protection allowing government and non-government agencies to present a cooperative and coordinated community oriented campaign.
- support and value professionals and volunteer child protection workers by providing 'best practice' training and a forum to exchange ideas and Information.
- offer a framework to recognise advances in the field, and thereby contribute to better outcomes for all children and young people, especially those who have been harmed or are at risk of harm.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 8 September: Jubilee parish and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. For more information go to: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

SALE OF PROPERTY – 187 KENNEDY TERRACE: I am pleased to confirm that the property at 187 Kennedy Terrace, Paddington has been put under unconditional contract. Following Centacare’s confirmation of their desire to move out of the property, the property was deemed surplus to parish strategic requirements. With support of the Parish Finance Council, the property was marketed via a public campaign and subsequently an agreement with a purchaser has been made prior to the planned auction. The contract is planned to settle in the coming months.

SYNOD NEWS: Next Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September, 140 Synod members will gather at Xavier Hall at Holy Spirit Seminary Qld to begin discussing, debating, discerning and voting on actions that we can take as an Archdiocese to implement the Decrees of the Plenary Council of Australia. Please pray for all those participating that they may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the stories, questions, challenges, hopes and joys of others. The SYNOD24 Opening Mass is open to the public and will take place at 9am on Friday 6th September in the ACU Chapel, Banyo.



SOME WORDS FROM KATHLEEN: Can I start by saying THANKYOU. I have had a warm hearted, friendly and inviting greeting at 3 masses I've attended this past weekend. This weekend I'll be at St Finbarr's on Saturday night and St Ambrose on Sunday morning. My current parish is Mother of Mercy (Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton, Clayfield), I am familiar with multiple church communities in one parish. I have a background in Early Education & Childcare industry, involving kindy, additional needs support and as a lead educator. I have had children as young as 2 months through to school age. I was baptised at St. Paul's, Rainworth, where my parents were married and grew up in The Gap/St John's Wood. I attended both St. Peter Chanel and Mater Dei. Over the years I have been involved in many church roles including: Reader, Communion Minister, liturgy, music and choirs, children's church, Antioch, youth and young adult groups. I have participated in church training and workshops. From 1998-2000 I was the chair for Australian church Library Association and coordinated the national conference. **Kathleen**



RESPECT AT WORK AND OTHER MATTERS BILL: Dear Parishioners, We call your attention to a Bill now before Parliament and ask your assistance in writing to your local MP. We need both sides of politics to commit to opposing or fixing this bill.

The “Respect at Work and Other Matters” Bill is set to go before Parliament in the week of September 8th, the last sitting days before the election. This bill, in its current form, will have serious impact on all churches and faith-based organisations: It proposes to:

Make anti-vilification easily weaponised by one minority group against another, to silence speech that they consider “hateful” – with no protection for good-faith religious discussion.

Ban “harassment on the basis of sex” on the *possibility* that staff or volunteers might be offended, including:

- Teaching religious beliefs about gender and sexuality
- Having separate ministry roles, or places of worship, for men and women
- Requiring staff and volunteers to live according to their faith in regards to sex and sexuality .

Authorise the Anti-Discrimination Commission to investigate churches, mosques and synagogues to enforce compliance. You can read more at : <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld-ad-respect>)

Church leaders have sought meetings with the Government, to address our concerns and offer solutions. To date, they have not met with us. There is a website to make it easy to find and write to your MP: <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld-ad>

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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

St Ambrose School, Newmarket



A Week of Growth and Celebration at St Finbarr's

This week has been another wonderful journey of learning and growth for both students and teachers at St Finbarr's.

Infusing The Arts into Religion Lessons

On Wednesday, our staff had the privilege of participating in a workshop led by Evelyn Chapman, Education Officer – Catholic Identity. This term, the focus is on integrating drama strategies and scripture into religion lessons, allowing children to experience the stories of our faith in a profound and engaging way.

Year 3 Confirmation Preparation

Our Year 3 students have been diligently preparing for the Confirmation Sacrament under the guidance of Fr Gerry. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them on reaching this significant milestone in their faith journey.

Celebrating Fathers and Father Figures

Our Prep Faith students led a touching assembly to honour the special men in their lives – their fathers and father figures. We hold them in our prayers as we celebrate their love on Sunday.



Last week there was a whirlwind of excitement at our school as we celebrated Book Week! The students and staff alike immersed themselves in the joy of reading and storytelling. We were incredibly fortunate to host some remarkable guests. Poet Phillip Wilcox captivated our students with his dynamic and engaging poetry sessions. His ability to bring words to life has inspired many budding poets among our students.

Adding to the excitement, we welcomed authors Aunty Rhonda and Jacki Ferro. Aunty Rhonda and Jacki Ferro shared their rich cultural stories, connecting our students to the deep traditions and wisdom of Indigenous storytelling. Their passion for writing and storytelling was infectious, encouraging many young writers to pick up their pens and start their own stories.

Book Week has truly been a celebration of creativity, culture, and the power of words. We are grateful to our special guests for making this week unforgettable and to our dedicated staff Nena and Lorraine for organizing such a fantastic event.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Hospitality Humility Happiness

Our school was 'buzzing' with excitement last Friday morning as we welcomed our parents, grandparents, and the very special people in our lives into our school. The Bolton Centre was full to the brim as we celebrated with a beautiful prayer ceremony and finished the morning with our Book Week costume parade! The theme of this year's Book Week was 'Reading is Magic,' and WOW, did our students deliver! The costumes, enthusiasm, and turnout from our St Ambrose's community were SO special! Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated our grandparents and loved ones in our lives.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.
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

As a parish family we welcome **Thomas Miles** who was baptised this weekend

We pray for all the souls of the faithful departed and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time;
May they rest in peace.