

# Jubilee Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Sharing from the table of plenty - Each weekend we gather to celebrate God's mercy and love – broken open and shared abundantly...in more ways that we can imagine. It's a rather special meal, a banquet if you will, of thanksgiving, blessing and salvation and much more besides.*

*This Sunday we hear of a banquet, which symbolises the blessings that God has in store for us. A banquet with a warm and*

*loving atmosphere for all. It is a good image for that loving communion with God and others towards which our lives are destined. In the Gospel, we see that God is like a king who invites all to a banquet, although some may refuse the invitation.*

*It is for us, if only we would choose to come, to participate and invite others too. We are called to share what we receive from the table of abundance and plenty, especially with those who have little or less!*

*All of this got me to thinking about hospitality and how we welcome and share with each other. Warm welcomes and sharing can happen when you least expect it. In the past week, I travelled west to visit Mission Australia's hardworking Families and Youth Support teams on the Darling Downs. I visited veterans and the soldiers from my Battalion. Whilst there I dropped into a western parish and unexpectedly came across Mass being celebrated. (I hadn't planned on being at Mass but simply to visit the Blessed Sacrament, a pause as I travelled further west on the Warrego Highway). After the dismissal, where we are sent forth to live what we have shared, the celebrant and all the parishioners greeted me warmly, wanted to know who I was and made me feel welcome. The welcome was extraordinary. Talk about the feeling of communion being lived out even as I turned up!!*

*As a part of the continuing banquet, they were sharing the gift of welcome and joy with an (almost) stranger who became more than that. And - get this – it happened right after they had received Jesus in the Eucharist and were being sent out into their community to live the Gospel of joy.*

*We take part in the Eucharist to give thanks to God, and share an incredible meal as a community. We gain strength from God and from each other. We come to notice the visitor, the stranger if you will, who has also come to the table of plenty to have their needs noticed and met. Not just 'any' table – rather a life-giving one that heralds eternal joy and with implications for you and me today and in the coming week – as we travel along the very streets and highways of our lives. Be blest, Deacon Peter*



Congratulations to Alejandro Montero-Blanco and Sofia Montero-Blanco who celebrate their reception of First Holy Communion this weekend. Alejandro and Sofia are welcomed into the common union we share in at the table of the Lord. May Alejandro and Sofia always know, experience and live our communion with Christ. Thanks to the parents for their ongoing formation of their children in the faith.

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11 OCTOBER 2020 (YEAR A)

### Proper of the Mass

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10 **Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

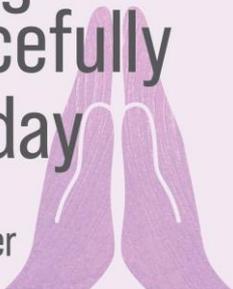
**Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

# Dying peacefully Sunday

11 October



## A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Queensland to the People, Clergy and Religious Catholic communities of the State.

“The Catholic Church is opposed to voluntary assisted dying. However, the Church strongly supports high-quality palliative care, respect for patient autonomy, preservation of personal dignity and a peaceful end to life. Nobody is morally compelled to suffer unbearable pain, nobody should feel like a burden, and nobody should feel that their life is worthless.

It is clear from appeals across the world to legalise some form of assisted suicide or euthanasia which in Australia is called voluntary assisted dying (VAD), that people are afraid of losing their freedom, their dignity, their worth, as they face what they believe will be a terrible process of dying. The Catholic Church maintains — based on its theological and philosophical beliefs on the nature of human beings, and on the empirical evidence of high-quality specialist palliative care — that none of these things need come true. Freedom, dignity, worth, and minimal suffering can all be achieved. Dying need not be horrifying. This is not to glorify or minimise how challenging the process of dying is. But it is a process that we as a society and as individuals must face in a way that respects and preserves those principles of freedom, dignity and the minimization of harm that we all hold dear.

Research also shows, however, that many people do not understand the Church’s position on end-of-life care. Misunderstandings may lead people to support voluntary assisted dying (VAD) legislation on mistaken assumptions about what dying entails and how the Catholic Church teaches one should respond to it. There is confusion about the right to refuse or end treatment, about the moral legitimacy of advance care planning, about the use of pain-relieving medications, and about when hastening death may be morally acceptable.”

Information available:

- Copy of the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter
- Copy of ‘Love to the End’ Prayer
- Ten facts you may not know about euthanasia and assisted suicide around the world (2019)
- For the Common Good – Love is stronger than death. Archbishop Coleridge 2019
- Expressions of Interest Form: at the church doors. For parishioners who might like to take up the call to action for a new “End of Life Care” ministry referred to at the end of the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter.

**Pope Francis** appeals to us all to start ‘a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet’. Climate change is a complex social and environmental problem that the Pope says demands ‘an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded and at the same time protecting nature.’

Will you use your Queensland State Election vote to benefit our planet and all people?

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3bXbb7q>



**Clergy and seminarian away:** Fr Anthony Girvan began his annual holidays 1 October. We will see him refreshed after his four weeks leave. Seminarian Louie is beginning week 2 of his 30 Day Ignatian retreat. Please keep him in your prayers. Louie returns 14 November.

# PARISH DIARY



## Monday

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

## Tuesday

Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

**School Mass**

## Wednesday

Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

## Thursday

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9:00am

## Friday

Mass (Bardon) 9:00am

Woodlands 10:30am

Rosary (Rosalie) MIDDAY

**29th Sunday in Ordinary time –  
18 October 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

**Volunteers Note:** Requirements regarding Blue Cards and Police checks for parish volunteers have changed.

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at Mass are **no longer required** to hold Blue Cards or undergo Police checks, **if these ministries are the only ministry they undertake.**

The Volunteer Welcome Portal will be updated to reflect the changes made by the government.

Many thanks to our Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the fantastic contribution to our liturgical banquet!

**Pastoral Renewal Group:** A reminder the next meeting of the PRG will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Parish Office.

**Sacramental Preparation:**

**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 [sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au) and a date can be organized for your child to receive First Holy Communion at a weekend mass.

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

**PARENT NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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

**Ceremony:** Saturday 31st October, 2020

This is the FIRST RITE of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the one-to-one celebration with the priest. It is the way it is celebrated when we go individually to the sacrament.

The Second Rite is when we celebrate communally with the common reading of the scripture and the praise and thanksgiving together at the end. The Second Rite is the rite the parish has during Advent and Lent. The Second Rite is also the way the younger children celebrate before their reception of First Holy Communion.

**Enrol your child for this preparation via the webpage or by phoning the parish office.**

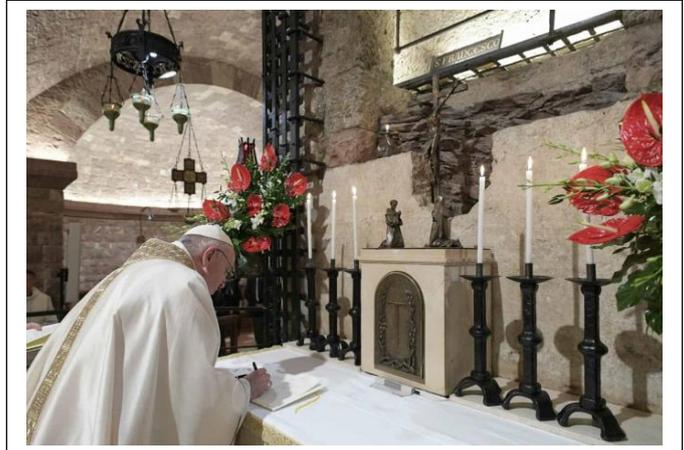
**A Message from Margaret Lawton:** Hello everyone, I hope everyone is as fine as can be in these troubling times. Unfortunately, due to health problems I will no longer be doing the bus tours. I have had much pleasure over the years with all aspects of the bus tours and became friends with lovely people. Thank you everyone for all your support and co-operation. I will miss everyone and the wonderful times and enjoyment that were had. Margaret Lawton

**Fratelli tutti (All Brothers and Sisters) is the 3rd Encyclical letter of the Pope Francis on the topic of fraternity and social friendship signed on 3 October, 2020.**

What are the great ideals and tangible ways to advance a more and just and fraternal world in our ordinary relationships, social life, politics and institutions?

This is mainly the question that Fratelli tutti is intended to answer. The pope describes it as a "social Encyclical". This encyclical has eight chapters. The first chapter entitled with "Dark Clouds over a Closed World," reflects on the many distortions of the contemporary era. It deals with global problems that call for global action. The Pope sounds the alarm against a "culture of walls" that favours the spread of organized crime, fuelled by fear and loneliness (see par 27-28).

The second chapter, "Strangers on the Road" portrays the Good Samaritan as the herald of hope. An unhealthy society that turns its back on suffering and that is "illiterate" in caring for the frail and vulnerable. We are all called-just like the Good Samaritan- to become neighbours to others (par 81), overcoming prejudices, and personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. Love builds bridges and "we are made for love" (#77). Christians are to recognize Christ in the face of every excluded person (see par 8). Fraternity and Social friendship are the ways the pontiff indicates to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all, with an emphatic confirmation of a 'no' to war and to globalized indifference. (Will be continued...) *Fr Rony*



**World Food Day 16 October: Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.**

**What can you do?** Check out their list of everyday actions to become a food hero and make healthy food and sustainable habits a part of your lifestyle.

<http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/take-action/en/>

**A HUNGRY PLANET**

- Over 2 billion people do not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. The global population is expected to reach almost 10 billion by 2050.

**GROW NOURISH, SUSTAIN.**

- Today only nine plant species account for 66% of total crop production, despite the fact that there are at least 300,000 edible plants. We need to grow a variety of food to nourish people and sustain the planet.

**FOOD SYSTEM GAPS**

- Approximately 14% of food produced for human consumption is lost each year between the stages where it is grown or raised up to when it reaches the wholesale market. More food is wasted at the retail food and consumer stages.

# The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



It is school camp time at St. Joseph's. With holidays still fresh in everyone's memories the Year 4 students, along with teachers and school officers headed off to Luther Heights Youth Camp at Coolum for 3 days of learning and fun.

Our teachers witnessed many great examples of collaboration, effective communication, recognising feelings and emotions (mostly joyful, but not always) and of students trying new and challenging tasks. School camps are full of great opportunities that don't exist in a normal school day. They allow students to safely test personal limits, try new things, learn something new about themselves and importantly; experience how their choices impact others. A special acknowledgement and thanks goes to our brilliant staff and their families (who went without them at home for a few days) so that our students could have this experience. Next week it is Yr 5's turn to head to camp.

Also significant for our community recently was the celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Since the founding of our school, St Francis' way of following Christ has had a special significance to our community. Recognising his Feast day over the holidays is a little challenging, so plans are underway for a special assembly and whole school activities this coming week.



## Welcome back to our final term for 2020!

This week there was lots of excitement at St Finbarr's as our Year 5 and 6 students headed to camp at Mapleton. After postponements of camp and cancellation of the Canberra trip this year, the children and teachers were very excited to finally be able to get away. The students were at camp from Wednesday to Friday, working and playing together in an environment very different to school.

Our Year 5 students participated in a variety of activities that would encourage collaboration, push them out of their comfort zone and inspire problem solving skills, which will assist, with their leadership roles next year. Our Year 6 students shared in a variety of activities that strengthened their relationships and friendships while also allowing students to think differently while being involved in a variety of fun and sometimes challenging experiences. Camps are always a great opportunity to grow and learn about yourself and others.



## CARE FOR CREATION WEEK

During our final week of Term 3, St Ambrose's school focused on an element of Catholic Social Teaching – Caring for our Common Home.

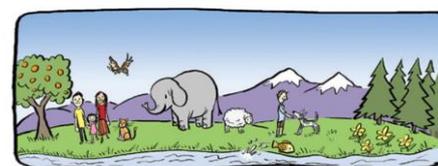
Throughout the year, we support Catholic Agencies; however, last term, we decided to take an environmental/sustainability approach, so we could all practise strategies and raise awareness for "Being the Change", as stewards of God's creation.

The Year 6 Ministry groups organised a variety of activities for the school to be involved in throughout the week:

The Recreation group hosted two *Walking to School* mornings on Tuesday and Friday.

The Pastoral Group organised a new display for the *Speaking Up Wall* and visited classrooms to share some of the story of St Ambrose.

THE EARTH AND ALL THE PEOPLE, PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.



GOD WANTS US TO TAKE CARE OF THESE GIFTS.

The Sustainability group conducted an emu parade. The Recreation group hosted an environmental Treasure Hunt. Well done to our Year 6 leaders who provided an exciting, educational, and motivating week for our school.

## 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 THE SOULS OF ALL THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY  
REST IN PEACE.**