

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

CHRIST THE KING – 24 NOVEMBER 2024

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Jesus never said "I am King"
In our gospel today Pilate seems to have the upper hand... He

appears to be in control of the question he asks of Jesus, but it doesn't work out that way. Jesus imparts a message about the Kingdom.

Jesus identifies that his kingdom is present now. Jesus is longing for his words to be heard. A voice fundamentally about a kingdom where being witness to the truth is essential. A spiritual kingdom.

Let us make sure we are doing our work and creating our lives with the best intent to act upon his word and to live out this in our daily lives.

Also, today's gospel reminds us that we are not walking around on our own. We are here, being guided by Jesus who is directing us to the kingdom. A kingdom not on this earth but a heavenly kingdom.

We are encouraged to think about places or times in our lives when we have allowed Jesus and his word to guide us. We can meditate, listen, feel, think, and be guided by his Spirit. When we listen to his word and allow ourselves to be led by him, we acknowledge the fullness of God in our lives. **Kathleen McClafferty**



BLESSING OF MUSICIANS : Our musicians add colour and character to our liturgies. They help us to worship and ponder. They lead us and enliven us. They tune us into God. Jubilee Parish is extremely grateful to our marvellous musicians and singers. In conjunction with the feast of St Cecelia, patron saint of music and musicians, this weekend we will acknowledge and pray God's blessing on all those who serve our worshipping community through this ministry .



THANK YOU: A Big Shout-out and even Bigger Thank You to all those generous volunteers who applied extensive levels of muscle and elbow grease in the cleaning of the St Mary Magdalene's glass louvres and ceiling fans. Your generosity and hard work is much appreciated – and the results speak for themselves!



FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to **Miranda Stewart & Chris Alforon** who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May God's blessings shine upon them on this precious day and their faith be strengthened bringing them closer to God.

Christ The king – 24 November 2024 (Year B)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Dan 7:13-14 **Second Reading:** Rev 1:5-8

Response: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year (26th November this year) the Church celebrates the solemnity of Christ the King, or “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”, as it is now called in the Roman calendar. The feast was instituted by Pius IX in 1925 as a way of countering the increasing atheism and secularisation of society. It was an assertion of Christ’s sovereignty over all human societies and institutions.

Some people might have problems with the language and imagery used in the texts for this celebration, believing that words like ‘king’ and ‘kingdom’ carry patriarchal and authoritarian connotations that are incompatible with Christianity and would prefer an image that speaks less of power and authority.

The kingship of Christ is not about the power or splendour often associated with royalty. The Preface for the Feast describes Christ’s Kingdom as “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace”. With so much conflict across the world at present, the Prayer over the Offerings is very appropriate: “As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace”.

In the Prayer after Communion we look forward to eternal life with Christ our King: “Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom”.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP: When the time comes and your family is planning your funeral: Would they know what your wishes are? Take all the guess work out... Come along to our workshop at the Parish Office on **Tuesday 26th November at 10:30**. We will provide you with a package of information, helping you to record your wishes about your funeral preferences, plan your mass or liturgy and give you tips on what to expect and what is or can be included.

*Please RSVP by 24 November to pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au
Thank you. Kathleen*



BAPTISM PREPARATION

7.00pm Wednesday 27 November Parish Office.

This is for parents wanting their infant child (up to 3 years old) baptised in the Parish in the following months.

Baptisms for 3 + year old children,
please contact the parish office on 3324 3985.

CHANGE DISCERNMENT 2024 BEGINNING 2025: Jubilee Parish is needing to make some changes to our mass schedule. For the background and reasons behind this please refer to newsletters from 27 October to the present.

The Archbishop has appointed Fr Tony Girvan to be sacramental minister at Dorrington Parish effective 1 January 2025. He will still be celebrating masses in Jubilee until then. After that there will only be Fr Tomi and myself. There is a need then for changes to some masses.

Last Sunday I met with representatives from each of the mass communities. This group is assisting me in the prayerful pondering of the necessary changes. I am grateful to Robert Tredenick (Ashgrove 6pm), Carey Power (Ashgrove 8.30am), Kathrine Howlett (Bardon), Diane McKeone (Herston), Tony Foran (Newmarket), Dominic McCarthy (Red Hill) & Heather Whitely (Rosalie 4.30pm) & Anthony Sullivan (Rosalie 5.30pm)

This Sunday the discernment group is meeting with Deacon Peter Devenish-Meares, the administrator of Dorrington Parish. We will listen to God’s Word, pray together, and listen to each parish’s needs and possibilities for Sunday masses. I know each of our mass communities has its own life and vitality. The changes will be made in appreciation that faithful parishioners have worshipped together at these times and places over many years. It is the celebration of the Eucharist that creates, binds and nurtures us. The parish will need one of the Sunday morning masses to move to a Saturday evening as a sustainable option for two priests. Fr Tomi and I will not be able to maintain the Saturday 6pm mass at Ashgrove as well as this mass and Rosalie Saturday evening.*Continued page 3*

PARISH DIARY

Monday 25 November

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 26 November

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 27 November

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 28 November

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 29 November

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

1st Sunday of Advent

30 Nov/1 Dec 2024

Saturday 30 November

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

30 November Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 1 December

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

What’s happening this week?

ST JOSEPHS YEAR 6 THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Thursday 28 November
6.00pm

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Vinnie’s conferences
launch their annual
Christmas Appeal next
weekend. We thank you for
your ongoing generosity in
supporting those in need
within our community

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Books are now available for
rostered readers to pick up at
all the Churches. We ask for a
small donation of \$10 to
contribute to the cost.
Envelopes have been
provided. Thank you.

.....continued from page 2.. Which of the Sunday morning communities chooses to change as well as the time of this Saturday evening mass will also be deliberated. Pray as we discern which is the way forward. Change affects all. We are a community of communities within the wider church community of neighbouring parishes, which go to make up a deanery, which goes to make up a diocese. Together we live our discipleship. We will continue to support and pray with one another, though some of the times and places may/will change. As per the Archbishop's appointment of Fr Girvan, these changes will happen in January. That is soon/sudden. May God grace us with flexibility and nimbleness. Please keep our parish and those around in your prayers. **Fr Gerry**

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL DILEXIT NOS, "He Loved Us" On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, October 2024.

In the last two chapters, Pope Francis highlights two aspects that devotion to the Sacred Heart should unite, namely **"to nourish us and bring us closer to the Gospel"**: personal spiritual experience, and community and missionary commitment. (Today Chapter 4. Chapter 5 next week)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart helps us to put love at the centre of everything.

In the fourth chapter, "A love that gives itself as drink," he revisits the Scriptures, and with the early Christians, recognizes Christ and His pierced side in "the one whom they have pierced," a prophecy from the book of Zechariah in which God refers to Himself as an open fountain for the people, to quench their thirst for God's love, "to cleanse them from sin and impurity" (95).

Various Church Fathers have mentioned "the wounded side of Jesus as the source of the water of the Holy Spirit"—especially St. Augustine, who "opened the way to devotion to the Sacred Heart as the place of our personal encounter with the Lord" (103).

Gradually, this wounded side, recalls the Pope, "began to be associated with His Heart" (109) and he lists several holy women who "in recounting their experiences of encounter with Christ, have spoken of resting in the heart of the Lord as the source of life and interior peace (110)."

Pope Francis then offers many examples through history: Apparitions to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Therese of Lisieux, St Ignatius of Loyola, St Teresa of Kolkata, Faustina, Padre Pio and St John Paul II.



JUBILEE CARDS GROUP: Thank you to card players and volunteers from Ashgrove conference of St Vinnies for making and 'baking' another great year. See everyone in 2025!!!

ST FINBARR'S CHURCH WORKING BEE:

Do you have a spare hour? If so, come along and help get our church ready for Christmas on either, **Thursday 28th November**, after the 9am mass or **Saturday 30th November** from 8:30 to 10:30am. BYO dust cloths, bucket, gloves & mops. Thanks so much.

ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH WORKING BEE

We would be grateful for any help to tidy the garden and clean the church for Christmas. If you can spare an hour, please come along with tools in hand on **Saturday 7 December** from 6.30am. Thank you

ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH WORKING BEE

If you have a spare hour, please come along and lend a hand on **Saturday 14 December from 10:30am**, to help get our Church ready for Christmas. BYO tools, including vacuums, cleaning cloths and products. Hoping for a good turn out. Thank you

ADVENT IDEAS FOR KIDS: Evangelisation Brisbane have put together a collection of FREE resources to engage your children throughout Advent. Go to the link below to download a free Advent calendar, a hand print advent wreath to make or a how to make your own crib in readiness for Jesus arrival.

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-kids/>

Carols on Clyde

Christmas carols Supper Christmas cheer

All Jubilee parishioners are invited to join the St Joan of Arc community for a family-friendly carols service, followed by supper and Christmas cheer!

When: 6pm, Sunday 8 December
Where: St Joan of Arc church, Clyde Road, Herston

Everyone welcome!

St Brigid's Choir

A Ceremony of Carols

Sunday 15th December, 7.00pm
78 Musgrave Rd, St Brigids, Red Hill

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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

St Ambrose School, Newmarket



Our community connections are what make St Finbarr's so special. Here is an impressive showcase of our "Hundred Thousand Welcomes" in action this week:

Our littlest friends enjoyed Playgroup sessions with Mrs. Rolphe.

Year 3 parents watched their children perform in "Ready Set Rock" following the guitar immersion program.

Mt St Michael's Year 9 students danced for our Year 1 and 2 students.

Teachers from St Ambrose's, St Finbarr's, and Mater Dei collaborated to ensure a strong 2025.

Good Start Childcare Ashgrove held their Christmas concert in our hall.

Our doors are always open to our community.

We continue to promote our "Finnies for Vinnies" initiative to support the wonderful work St Vincent de Paul does for our local conference and others in need. If you'd like to donate vouchers or money, we would be very grateful for your support.



Last Tuesday, two of our incredible STEM Mad teams took part in the STEM Mad Nationals after their success at the State level.

The STEM MAD competition is designed to acknowledge and promote STEM learning initiatives that align with the values of Catholic education, particularly the call to act for justice and the common good as emphasized in the papal encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.

The competition encourages students to apply their knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to create solutions to real-world problems which will make a positive impact on their communities. Our students have put in a tremendous effort towards their projects under the guidance of Mrs Byrne and with the support of our partnership with Dr Sarah Matthews from the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child.

We are very proud to have had two teams represented at this national level and many more teams working hard developing their ingenuity, leadership and own innovative ideas to create a for a better future for our community.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Farewell Mrs. Tania Hurley

On the 18th of November, the St Ambrose's School community gathered under the leadership of Father Gerry to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Mrs. Tania Hurley, who served as Assistant Principal Religious Education since 2017. It was a heartfelt occasion, filled with gratitude and reverence for her dedication and leadership.

Tania's legacy at St Ambrose's is profound. During her time as APRE, she implemented a new Religious Education curriculum that enriched the spiritual life of students and staff alike, ensuring that the Catholic faith remained central to the school's mission.

One of Tania's memorable contributions was deepening the community's connection to our patron saint, St Ambrose, and his unique association with bees. This insight became a cherished part of the school's identity, symbolising unity and purpose.

As we bid Tania farewell, we gave thanks to God for her countless contributions, her faith-filled leadership, and the kindness she shared with us all. **John Hinton, Principal St Ambrose School**

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 **Tallulah Waters** who was baptised this weekend.

We pray for
for all the souls of the
faithful departed.
May they rest in peace.

