

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1 DECEMBER 2024

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First Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Blessing: after the greeting the Presider says:

Christ came to bring salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome him.

Our prayer is, Come, Lord Jesus **Response. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider: May the keeping of Advent open our hearts to God's love. We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: May the light of Christ penetrate the darkness of sin We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: May this wreath constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ. We pray.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Presider then prays the prayer of blessing.

On this First Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth, we might expect to hear something about the birth of a beautiful baby. However, in Luke's Gospel today we hear about cosmic signs and judgement terrors. Jesus speaks in the language of the apocalypse with vivid images, the heavens being shaken and the son of man appearing in a cloud of great power and glory. Though this is a gloomy picture, it is not a cause for worry, as these events would indicate his return, bringing a new reign of justice and peace.

As Aussies, we are known for our resilience and determination. We have faced our fair share of challenges, from bushfires to droughts, and have always come out stronger on the other side. Jesus reminds us that He is always with us. He is the rock of ages, the one who holds all things together.

Further in Luke 21, Jesus warns us to stay awake, stay alert and stay confident in faith. He reminds us that he will come again and that we must be ready. So, let us take a cue from Jesus, let us stay vigilant, stay hopeful, and not forget that we are not alone, but are part of a community of believers who are all waiting for the lord's return.

Jesus is always with us. He is the one who calms the storms, heals the broken-hearted, raises the dead, and gives us hope for a brighter tomorrow. So be watchful and hopeful as we wait, especially during this Advent season, in joyful anticipation of the Christ Child's coming. **Fr Tomi**



First Sunday of Advent – 1 December 2024 (Year C)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 **Second Reading:** 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28 34-36

Advent: A new church year begins!
Change of colour.
Advent wreath blest. First candle lit.
Gospel of LUKE for Year C.
“Your redemption is drawing near!”
Weekday gospel is Year 1.



PARISH DIARY

Monday 2 December
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 3 December
Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 4 December
Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am
School Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 5 December
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am
School Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 6 December
Anointing Mass (Rosalie) 9.00am

2nd Sunday of Advent
7/8 December 2024

Saturday 7 December
Individual Reconciliation
(Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm
(Ashgrove) 5:15pm-5:45pm

7 December Vigil
Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm
Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 8 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



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/>

YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP QUEENSLANDERS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. Donate now.



The Vinnies Christmas Appeal helps fund the local work of the St Vincent de Paul conferences in Jubilee Parish to mainly provide emergency food and cost of living support to families. A donation will help us continue our work into 2025. Or maybe you would like to join us? For more info on Vinnies go online to <https://www.vinnies.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member> or contact the office.

FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS 9am, 6th December, Sacred Heart Church Rosalie
CHRISTMAS LUNCH at PADDO TAVERN, 6 December
186 Given Terrace, Paddington. 10-10.30am.

Menu: 3 set courses.
Cost: \$30 each —please bring cash— also for the Raffles.
RSVP: ASAP Essential for catering
Phone: Joyce Klemick 0400726630; Susanne Hodge 0476235016. Would love to see you there!! All Welcome!!



FEAST OF ST AMBROSE 8 DECEMBER: Next Sunday we will celebrate the Patronal Feast of St Ambrose at the 9.30am Mass. The mass will be followed by a morning tea. Please feel free to bring a plate to share. All Welcome!!

LOCK DOWN AGAIN: Very unfortunately in the last couple of months 2 of our churches have been broken into and sacred vessels stolen. These are irreplaceable. This is heart wrenching for the community and takes from our celebration of Eucharist.

Because of these break-ins, Sacred Heart Church is going to return to being locked when not in use. It is a regretful reality to the sad situation. I am grieved for the many who were coming to the church for prayer, peace and solitude. Some will come and pause outside. God is always close.

Super sleuth – seriously. Please keep an eye out at antique stores, pawn shops and online marketplaces for silver chalices and ciboriums. Those who are desperately doing these deeds are finding places to on sell these items to make money. The parish does have photos of the stolen items and we can contact the police if you find such items out in the marketplace. Seriously, with the number of parishioners we should be able to have a broad spread of Sherlock Holmes scouts!

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL DILEXIT NOS, “He Loved Us” On the human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ will continue with Chapter 5 next week.....

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.

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FIRST FRIDAY ANOINTING MASS
Friday 6 December, 9.00am
Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie

ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH WORKING BEE
Saturday 7 December
from 6.30am.

ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH WORKING BEE
Saturday 14 December
from 10:30am

continued from page 2I have been meeting 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). We have also had Deacon Peter Devenish-Meares, the administrator of Dorrington Parish to be mindful of their changes and work with them as the church in the local area.

The Eucharist is treasured by all of us. So too the community with which we gather to celebrate. Fr Tomi and I cannot reasonably sustain the present Sunday schedule of masses. Saturday 6pm mass at Ashgrove will cease from 1 January. Dorrington will continue their Saturday night mass at 5.00pm for those wishing a Saturday evening mass around that time.

Also, one of the Sunday morning masses of Herston, Bardon or Newmarket will have to change mass time to Saturday evening.

There has been a discussion at Bardon on Friday 29 November to ponder this. On Sunday there will be similar discussions at Herston and Newmarket.

Probably (as discernment and prayer are still in process) Sunday 8.30 mass at Ashgrove, 10.00am Red Hill and 5.30pm Rosalie will stay at their present time.

The parish has changed mass times in the past – and we survived to even thrive! We have been blest in the time between then and now. As the readings encourage us, it is a time for new beginnings.

May God grace us with flexibility and nimbleness. Please keep our parish in your prayers. **Fr Gerry**



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

St Ambrose's Nativity Pageant Christmas Eve Mass 7pm 24 December 2024

St Ambrose's Christmas Eve Mass features a nativity play and we are inviting all members of our parish and school communities to take part. The pageant features our children acting in the roles of the Christmas Gospel as it is read during Christmas Eve Mass and includes the singing of carols, led by our musicians and singers.

All participants need to arrive by 6.30pm, in particular those with major roles. We also ask participants to attend the rehearsal after Mass on Sunday 15 December from 10:30am.

All children are very welcome to join in as angels or shepherds on the night.

Costumes: The children wear very simple costumes or we can assist with providing some of the elements if required.

Resources: The Gospel drama and music can be emailed to you

RSVP: asap if you would like to participate. If you have any questions please contact Lorna at pyele8j@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - St Mary Magdalene's Bardon

Baby Jesus lying in the hay, Mary and Joseph, the stable, the Angels, the donkey – these are all facets of Christmas that appeal to the minds and the hearts of children.

Christmas Eve Service will be held in the School Assembly Hall. The Service will begin at 4.00pm with the Christmas Pageant and Carols followed by Mass at 4.30pm. Children of all ages can be involved. Costumes are basic (no sewing required).

Rehearsals will be held in the School Assembly Hall at 9.00am on: Thursday 19th December Dress Rehearsal on Monday 23rd December. If children are unable to attend rehearsals, please contact me anyway – we can discuss the situation. Anyone interested please contact Therese Beavis via email: mtbah@optusnet.com.au

St Finbarr's Nativity Play before the 6pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to play a role in our nativity play. There will be roles for: Mary and Joseph – older children, 3 Shepherds (we can always have more/some can dress as sheep if we get a lot of interest). The angel Gabrielle – older child. The host of angels – girls & boys of all ages - lots of littlies – Prep/Year 1 & 2 are good at this. We have numerous costumes and the script is prepared. Dress rehearsal 4:30pm Saturday 21 December. If your children would like to be involved, please contact Kathleen McClafferty at pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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

St Ambrose School, Newmarket



Jesus is the reason for the season.

This week our community gathered to hear the Christmas Story with a wonderful concert titled 'A Not so Silent Night'. Our students beautifully wove the story of Jesus' arrival through song and dance, creating a truly meaningful and memorable event that concluded with a live nativity scene. From inn keepers, villagers, stars, shepherds, wise people, Angels, Mary and Joseph, every key figure was covered from this significant story in our faith. It was a combination of both Matthew and Luke's Gospels as it retold the story including shepherds, wise men and stars.

Our Finnies for Vinnies is in full swing and we continue to gather donations for our local St Vincent De Paul Conference and for them to pass on any additional funds to conferences in Inala and Goodna.

Transitions in life are important, our Year 4 students were celebrated and acknowledged this week as they transition to our Senior Learning phase or to other settings. It was a time to pause, remember and look forward. Our students leaving the St Finbarr's nest gifted a soccer ball to our students continuing with their leadership journey at St Finbarr's. It was a special afternoon



As we approach the end of the school year, St. Joseph's prepares to bid farewell to our Year 6 students. On Thursday evening of this week, our community began this process and gathered for a special liturgy to celebrate their contributions as leaders of our student body. This year's liturgy theme, "Being a Light to Others," resonated deeply with the values we try to develop in our staff and students. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus, our Year 6 students have exemplified what it means to be a guiding light in our community. Through their actions, they have shown kindness, compassion, friendship and a commitment to service, illuminating the path for their peers and allowing the light of Christ within them to shine out. Throughout their time at our school, these students have taken on various leadership roles, from organising school events to mentoring younger students. They have not only excelled academically but have also embodied our school values of humility, care and respect. Following the liturgy, we reflected on the ways in which our Year 6 students have been a beacon of hope and positivity. We shared stories of their achievements and the many ways they have made a difference. As they move on to new schools in 2025, we are confident that the values and lessons learned here at St. Joseph's will guide them in their future endeavours.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Last Wednesday night, our community came together for a magical evening at the St Ambrose's Annual Christmas Concert! This year's performance was truly one for the books. Mr. Grundy brought a fresh perspective to the timeless story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus, weaving in humour and a modern twist while staying true to the heart of the story we all cherish. The result was a delightful and meaningful performance that had us all laughing, reflecting, and celebrating the true spirit of Christmas. Passion and energy lit up the stage and reminded us all of the joy and hope this season brings.



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

In Transition

We celebrate with the families of **Sde Mi Bok & Joseph Jang** who were married this weekend.

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

