

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 8 DECEMBER 2024

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Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Blessing: after the greeting the Presider says:

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

Presider: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight".

Come, Lord Jesus.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Prepare for the Day of Christ. Come, Lord Jesus.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: God will guide you with joy by the light of his glory. Come, Lord Jesus..

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

The second candle is lit.



Contextualising the gospel with geography, politics and history, Luke ushers the Baptist onto the Jordan stage. Last Sunday's gospel announced the advent of Jesus as the fulfilment of human history. Today, the Baptist announces, within their time and place, the advent of salvation and consolation. However, a surprise! It is not the high and mighty who proclaims God's word but a very

down to earth character in the Baptist. He is not living in the halls of power, nor the Temple. He is out in the wilderness.

On the world stage we are aware of the gargantuan earth moving equipment that is needed to smooth the destructive violence and dangerous machinations of international politics. In spirit and prayer, we are one with those who are clothed in fear and grief at the strife they are dressed in. Our prayer is that God comes to clothe them in His peace, and comes quickly.

On the smaller stage of our lives, we can attend to our own set of roadworks by which we bring peace. The Baptist's voice calls us to level and straighten whatever is the discord in our lives. What are the potholes that need attention? Where is harmony possible? From what do we need to be converted if we are to create smoother paths for others?

We are to consider ways in which we can commit ourselves to peace through integrity.

In our geography and history, we remain hopeful. Paul, in the second reading, gives us example from the wilderness of his prison. He is full of confidence in the fidelity of his church community that will bring the work of the gospel to completion. He prays a threefold prayer: that the community may continue to grow in mutual love; that it remains discerning in the demands of their lives, and that they may be vigilant to the Christ's coming.

We continue in the same fidelity. **Fr Gerry**



Second Sunday of Advent – 8 December 2024 (Year C)

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 **Second Reading:** Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Second Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday the 11th of December at 7.00pm
St Ambrose Church Newmarket.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation is a communal gathering in prayer with the Liturgy of the Word with individual confession and absolution.

The community gathers and listens to the word. The priest leads the examination of conscience. **This is a 7pm start.**

Priests will be available for people to individually confess their sins.

Once you have talked with the priest and spent a short time in prayer you are free to depart to straighten rough ways in your life.



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.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: "A heartfelt 'Thank You' for your prayerful support and generous donations to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. Through the generosity of our Bardon community (including St Joseph's School) we will provide 70 hampers to families and individuals who struggle to make ends meet, a gift to 20 people in Aged Care and a Gift card to 18 Asylum seekers. Hopefully this will help make Christmas more meaningful for many individuals and families."

Carols on Clyde

Christmas carols **Supper** **Christmas cheer**

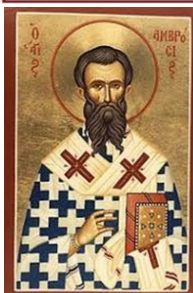
All Jubilee parishioners are invited to join the St Joan of Arc community for a family-friendly carols service, followed by supper and Christmas cheer!

When: 6pm, Sunday 8 December

Where: St Joan of Arc church, Clyde Road, Herston



Everyone welcome!



FEAST OF ST AMBROSE 8 DECEMBER: This 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!!

Ambrose studied theology, scripture and the Fathers of the church. He was known to speak up on matters relating to liturgical customs and religious principles. He is known to be the Patron Saint of Bee Keepers....as it is said "as an infant a swarm of bees landed on his face and left behind a drop of honey." Ambrose's father saw this as a sign that he would become a great person with a wonderful sense for speaking. He is also the Patron Saint of Milan and of Candle Makers.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 9 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 10 December

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 11 December

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 12 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 13 December

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

2nd Sunday of Advent

14/15 December 2024

Saturday 14 December

Individual Reconciliation

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

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

14 December Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6.00pm

Sunday 15 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?

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 15 December,
St Joan Of Arc, 7.30
(morning Tea after Mass)
All Welcome !!!

ST AMBROSE'S CHURCH

WORKING BEE

Saturday 14 December
from 10:30am

**THE 2025
PARISH CALENDARS
NOW AVAILABLE!!!**

Baby Jesus in Nativity Scenes: Some people are wondering why the figure of baby Jesus is already in place in our nativity scene. Children, on the other hand, often ask where baby Jesus is in nativity scenes where the crib is empty.

Theologians and liturgists would say that putting the figure of Jesus in the crib on Christmas Eve and the wise men at Epiphany historicises the gospel accounts in a way that they were never intended to be used.

None of the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year are re-enactments of historical events.

At Christmas we celebrate the fact that the incarnate, crucified and risen Christ is always present in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

And it seems odd to have the priest carry in baby Jesus and put him in the crib when it was a female, Mary, who gave birth to Jesus and placed him in the crib, not a male!

Elizabeth Harrington

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL DILEXIT NOS, "He Loved Us" On the human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ
If you would like a copy of Chapter 5, please contact the Parish office.

Change discernment. Parish meetings have been held in Bardonia, Herston and Newmarket.

As with every mass community in Jubilee there is a passionate connection with the community that gathers for Eucharist and a very strong desire for their mass to remain at the time that it is. Each has very similar reasons for keeping the mass time as it is. I want to greatly affirm this connectivity that each of you have with your community. Within the process that has happened I also want to acknowledge and express my great respect for those on the change discernment group. They have truly been leaders in their communities in taking up this task of discussion of change which is not an easy topic to negotiate with any group. It has enabled me to be present as one listening to the community's nature and nurture.

Changes are necessary. Change upsets people's rhythm and habits. It has happened within Jubilee before and communities have come through to the present.

From the weekend of 4-5 January Jubilee Weekend masses will be:

Saturday 4.30pm Newmarket and 4.30pm Rosalie

Sunday: 7.30am Herston, 8.30am Ashgrove, **9am Bardonia**, 10am Red Hill, 5.30pm Rosalie.

Pray that God will make "the rough places smooth" and Jubilee Parish continues to thrive. **Fr Gerry**

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 11 December at 7.00pm, St Ambrose Church, Newmarket

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!

St Mary Magdalene's
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
School Assembly Hall
4.00pm, 24 December

If your child would like to participate please contact Therese Beavis at :
mtbah@optusnet.com.au

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

If your child would like to participate please contact Lorna at:
pyele8j@gmail.com

St Finbarr's
Nativity Play

before the 6pm Mass 24 December.

If your children would like to be involved, please contact Kathleen McClafferty at
pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au



Bookmarks of Peace & Hope - In preparation for the season of Advent, students from Year 7 at Mt St Michael's have been reflecting on this time in our liturgical calendar and our call to be people of hope and peace. As a gift to Jubilee Parishioners the students have made bookmarks for you to take home and use. They can be found as you enter and exit the church. May they inspire you in prayer and daily living. God Bless.

Jo Devenish-Mearns



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Our school year is complete! We have much to celebrate at St Finbarr's. Our Year 6 students engaged in a reflective pilgrimage walk around our school finishing at the St Finbarr's Church bell tower. This special tradition helps the children see a 'looking beyond' perspective and appreciate their school from a different view. We then stood by the road and listened and watched as the bell tolled. Next, we celebrated our Yr 6 leaders during their Thanksgiving Mass. It was a magical evening of ritual, gratitude, gifts and blessings. We continued the grateful appreciation with our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. Our preps sang a very special Irish Blessing to their buddies and then to all members of the community who are moving on to new adventures. Thank you Fr Gerry for presiding over our special school celebrations. We appreciate you. To complete the week, our Yr 6 students handed their leadership light to the Yr 5 students, a rich and wonderful custom. We gave our Finnies for Vinnies donations to our local representatives. We are proud to say we raised over \$1300! Thank you to our community! On a personal note, I thank Catherine and the St Finbarr's community for my 100,000 welcomes for the last 6 months. I am so pleased I still will be able to part of this beautiful Parish community as APRE at St Ambrose's. **Shirley James—Sharry**



Thank You to Jubilee Parish
As we reach the end of another remarkable school year, St. Joseph's School extends its deepest gratitude to the Jubilee Parish for their support of our work here in Bardon. Throughout the year we have been able to grow our faith community with your support in many different ways. These have included: Our collaboration with the St. Mary Magdalene Liturgy Team to create a welcoming environment for our family Masses each term. Connecting regularly with our clergy and the Jubilee schools, to come together to pray, to reflect on our shared mission and to develop our skills as teachers of Religion. Our student council's annual Winter Appeal, to support the work of Bardon SVDP in collecting food and grocery vouchers to distribute to families struggling during the colder months. The support of Parish members in the donation of over 200 pairs of pre-loved sporting shoes. The continued partnerships with the Sacramental Team and St. Ambrose and St. Finbarr's schools, in running Confirmation Retreat Days, to ensure that all students across the Parish were well-prepared to receive their Sacraments. Promoting the Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal in our school community, which allowed us to highlight with students and families the challenges of others. **Anthony McGibbon**



Dear Jubilee Parish Community,
As I prepare to leave my role as Assistant Principal Religious Education at St Ambrose's School, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the support, kindness, and warmth you have shown me during my time here. The last 7 years have been incredible, filled with memorable moments and meaningful connections. I have been truly blessed to work alongside such a supportive community of dedicated clergy led by the wonderful Fr Gerry, professional staff, enthusiastic students, and a welcoming parish community. Together, we have nurtured a spirit of faith, learning, and compassion that I will carry with me always. Thank you for the trust and encouragement you have given me. I will cherish the friendships and experiences I have gained here and will always hold the Jubilee Parish community close to my heart. May God continue to hold you in the palm of his hand. Peace and blessings,
Tania Hurley

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'



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

As a parish family we welcome into the church, **Alexander Zed** who was baptised this weekend.

We especially pray for **Eileen Edmonds** who recently died and pray for all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.