

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 ~
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4th Sunday of Advent



"May it be done to me according to your word."

This response from Our Blessed Mother comes after grappling with the message of the Angel Gabriel. Filled with questions and uncertainty, Mary offers a "yes" that would change the course of the world.

Just as in Tuesday's Gospel from Matthew 21:28-32, we are called to be people that seek the will of God, both in our words but more importantly in our deeds. Mary is the model for us as the first disciple of Jesus (a disciple of her unborn son). Mary's "let it be" (or "fiat" in Latin) opened herself as a vessel for God's life-giving and awesome work to take place. In Mary's response, which was further affirmed by her life of love, God creates. Mary becomes a living Tabernacle (now reflected in us as we receive the Eucharist) or the new Ark of the Covenant, as alluded to in today's first reading.

I struggle to dare believe that God would use me as He did Mary. But whilst my call might not be to carry the saviour of the world, it remains, certainly, to love God, to love neighbour and to be a witness to a joy that only comes from the Spirit.

We are in the final days of Advent. The time draws near for the event to which the season points. Of course, there was only one birth of Jesus but, through the ministry of tradition, we are able to journey with this mystery every year and allow it to 'make its home' in our hearts again. This was the event in which everything changed - in God becoming flesh, the path to salvation was opened.

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." (C.S. Lewis). Let our hearts yearn in this last week of Advent for the newness that only Christ brings. Let us stay awake, keep watch and take heart!

Peace to you,

Georgina Devenish-Meares.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Priest: we pray.

All: Come Lord Jesus

Congratulations to **Hugo Burg & Will De Maria** who celebrated their reception of First Holy Communion. May they always know, experience and live our communion with Christ. Thanks to the parents for their ongoing formation of their children in the faith.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 20 DECEMBER 2020 (YEAR B)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-12, 14, 16 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



Monday

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Tuesday

Mass (Newmarket) 9:00am

Wednesday

Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

Thursday

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Friday

Christmas Day mass times on
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary

& Joseph

27th December 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

**In case of pastoral
emergency you can
always contact a priest
through the parish
pager service
3309 1069**

Yes to the call: Georgina Devenish-Meares has been in the lead as our parish youth coordinator these last couple of years. She has been enthusiastically committed to nurturing young people into being disciples of Christ. As well she has been strongly engaged in the life of the parish. Besides this she has continued her study, involvement in the Newman Society, her family and the list goes on. In 2021 Georgina is joining the National Evangelisation Team and ministering to youth in other parts of Australia.

The parish is very grateful to Georgina for her energy and dedication to this ministry in the parish. It has continued to prosper through her good work. We pray that the God who announces Godself in our lives continues to bring to birth great things in her life as she responds with her "yes". God will be with you!

Ongoing youth coordination: Sinead Fitzgerald who has been working with Georgina and the parish youth this last year will continue in the youth coordination role. Sinead has been doing great things with Georgina in networking with our parish youth. Sinead will now take the lead and we appreciate her "yes" to this role.

Youth ministry is a whole parish engagement. Its ongoing vitality depends on the engagement of all in the parish. Fruitfulness requires all, young and old to attentively nurture youth in the parish. With your help Sinead will do well. Thanks Sinead.

Mass Bookings: It is ESSENTIAL that you BOOK INTO MASS via our website.

If having difficulty, please contact the parish office on 3324 3985. Staff will book for you.

Walk-ins can use our QR Code. Scan the code using your phone camera. Simply hover over the "code" as you do at other venues. Fill in your details. Once registered kindly show the Marshal as you enter the church.



Here is a **practice code**. Once you have scanned and input your details, the code will remember you the next time you scan.

Please note, Eventbrite is still the preferred method of booking.



The United Nations' International Human Solidarity Day, 20 December is annually held on December 20 to celebrate unity in diversity. It also aims to remind people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradicating poverty.

What can People Do?

Governments are reminded of their commitments to international agreements on the need for human solidarity as an initiative to fight against poverty. People are encouraged to debate on ways

to promote solidarity and find innovative methods to help eradicate poverty.

Activities may include promoting campaigns on issues such as:

- Banning land mines.
- Making health and medication accessible to those in need.
- Relief efforts to help those who suffered the effects of natural or human-made disasters.
- Achieving universal education.
- Fighting against poverty, corruption and terrorism.

You could read Pope Francis' latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* which is all about human solidarity.

Counters count: Collections did cease for Covid. Since they have been resurrected the faithful counters have also returned. Unheralded essential workers to every parish. THANKS to them for adding dollars and cents to keep parish afloat.

Office celebrate Christmas: Tuesday 22 December from noon the parish office is celebrating Christmas. A wonderful crew of people form the extended network that is the parish office. Jubilee parish efficiently bubbles along because of the dedication of these generous people. There is Linda our secretary, Cathy who coordinates Baptisms and Weddings, Gina and Therese pastoral associates, Georgina and Sinead for youth, Jenny Y taking care of property, Terry groundsman, Angela cleaning, Br Neville liturgy, Jenny D has been sacramental coordinator, and Yvonne covering all omissions and mistakes! A tremendous crew to which I am extremely grateful and so too the parish.

Parish Office Closure for Christmas: as we move from Advent into the Christmas season please note that the office will be closed from COB Wednesday 23 December 2020 and reopen on Monday 11 January 2021. Thanks for the joy you have brought to the office in 2020, and may you rejoice in the birth of our Saviour.





Second Rite of Reconciliation
'Prepare the way for the Lord'
St Mary Magdalene's Church,
Bardon
Tuesday 22 December, 7pm

*Please book via our website under
Eventbrite Tab*

Advent Prayer at St Brigid's

An opportunity for peaceful prayer each Wednesday in preparation for Christmas. Each week we will gather, listen to the beautiful Advent readings from Isaiah, hear a brief reflection on the Scripture, and spend time in silence and in prayer.

Time: 5.15-5.40pm

Week 4, 23rd December

Reflection: Deacon Ivan Ortiz



Registration at the door - all welcome

St Ambrose's Christmas Eve Mass 2020 Nativity Pageant - Calling all Actors, Singers, Musicians, Angels and Shepherds

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.

It is a simple enactment featuring our children in the roles of Narrator, Joseph, Mary, the Angels and Shepherds while the Christmas Gospel is read and carols are sung during St Ambrose's Christmas Eve Mass, on Thursday 24 December.

Mass commences at 7pm and all people with major roles need to arrive by 6.30pm, please. We also ask participants to attend the rehearsal after Mass on Sunday 20 December from 10:30am.

Children who are unable to attend the rehearsal are still welcome to join in as angels or shepherds on the night.

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

Music: We're very fortunate that Sarina is able to play the organ for us and we welcome any and all other instruments.

Everyone is welcome to join in the choir – the more voices we have the better it will be.

Resources: The Gospel drama and music can be emailed to you in plenty of time for you to practice for the rehearsal.

RSVP: Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to participate in any way. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact Lorna at pyele8j@gmail.com or 0407 016 526.

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Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Mass can be viewed on the Jubilee Parish
Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/JubileeParishBrisbane/>

Dear Bishop, Monsignor, Father and Deacon,

There is movement in the Archdiocese as we come to the end of the year, I write to inform you of the following:

- Fr Thomas Kessy CSSP as Parish Priest of Dorrington from 1 December 2020
- Fr Meno Basti Devalagama Arachchige OMI as Administrator of parish, Cannon Hill from 21 November 2020
- Fr Dang Nguyen OSA as Associate Pastor Caloundra from 4 January 2021
- Fr Joe Anthony Susai Manickam OMI as Assistant Priest, Cannon Hill from 3 December 2020
- Deacon Francis Fernandes appointed to diaconal ministry, Gatton Laidley from 28 November 2020
- Deacon Jack Ho appointed to diaconal ministry, Chermside from 28 November 2020
- Deacon William Leo Aupito Iuliano appointed to diaconal ministry, Gympie from 28 November 2020
- Fr Jim Smith has retired as Chaplain/Director of Psychiatric Pastoral Care from 30 November 2020
- Fr John Chalmers has retired as Chaplain to Centacare from 30 November 2020





Joseph the Dreamer: Pope Francis proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. Whenever I think of Joseph, his dreams are the first things that come to mind. We all see dreams and sometimes like to see beautiful dreams. A few weeks ago, at our dinner table, Fr Gerry and I had a hot discussion about both Australian and Indian cricket teams. We also discussed the strength and weaknesses of Brisbane Heat. I went to bed satisfied, believing we sorted out all the problems of our favorite teams.

That night I had a beautiful dream- *I am playing for Brisbane Heat at Gabba!* (what an amazing dream). Suddenly I woke up and realized that it was only a dream and murmured to myself, ‘*Why did I wake so soon. I could have enjoyed the dream a little more, at least until I picked up one wicket.*’ This is the way we normally think of some exciting and beautiful dreams. We see four dreams in the first two chapters of Matthew’s gospel (Mt 1:20, 2:13,19,22). The dreams Joseph had were disturbing rather than exciting. He never cursed anyone but after each dream from the angel, Joseph got up from sleep and did what was asked, - as a blessing to all humanity. Pope Francis calls St Joseph the ‘guardian of God’s Dreams’. We need to ask St Joseph, to teach us how to make our dreams into blessings. We need the courage to take risks and to take on the difficult tasks life presents. St Joseph the dreamer will help us. *Fr Rony*

Thank you! My time in the parish has been truly a blessing as I am given an opportunity to grow in serving the people of God. I cannot do this without the support of different people: my lay feedback team, the parish staff, the school staffs, the seminary staff and each of you belonging to the Jubilee Parish community. You have all been God’s blessing for me. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you very much for supporting and journeying with me this year.

I would like also to thank my brothers: Fr Gerry and Fr Rony. Thanks for the friendship and brotherhood that you have provided at the presbytery. My special thanks to Fr Gerry for welcoming me to this parish community, and thanks for being open and present to guide me.

After Christmas I have a month’s holiday. In 2021 I continue my seminary training. Please continue to pray for me. Be assured of my prayers for you too. Have a peaceful and joyful Christmas! *Louie Jimenez*

Book like a star
Book Christmas Mass with your parish now

Plan ahead and be a Star! This year you will need to book to attend Christmas Mass. Visit <http://www.jubileeparish.com/christmas-mass-booking.html> for times and registration details.

Make sure your star shines this Christmas. COVID-19 restrictions means limited numbers in all Churches across South East Queensland. Booking online or contacting the local parish is the best way to ensure you and your family can secure a seat at Christmas Masses.

Booking for Christmas Masses now available

Christmas Eve:
Bardon 4:30pm (Carols at 4pm)
Ashgrove 6pm (Carols at 5:30pm)
Rosalie 7pm
Newmarket 7pm
Red Hill 8pm (Carols at 7:30pm)
Ashgrove 9pm (Carols at 8:30pm)
Red Hill 12am (Carols at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day:
Herston 7:30am
Bardon 8:00am
Ashgrove 8:30am
Rosalie 9:00am

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New Year’s Day
mass 1 January
2021, 9am at Sacred
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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 into the church Clancy, Edward & Angus Curkpatrick who were baptised this weekend.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.