

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
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – 29 DECEMBER 2024

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Family: Family today has many cultural and moral connotations. We are familiar with families that are nuclear, extended, blended, single, separated, same-sex, multigenerational and divorced. All have their fun, frustrations, and challenges. Today's gospel of a precocious (?) twelve-year-old doing his 'own thing' may be relatable to some.

The feast came to the liturgical calendar through Pope Leo XIII in 1893. It was a call to remember the holiness and morality of family life in the face of social changes of the industrial revolution.

The litany of family issues we are facing include the tragic realities of abuse, exploitation, and domestic violence. We lament these realities and work for the better. We need vision.

In the Gospel we do not find oracles on the family but an event. God willed to be born and to grow up in a human family. Family is a primary way of God's encounter with humanity. It is where Jesus learnt, loved, laughed, and rubbed up against others. Within family, "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour."

His was a life that was cut short prematurely because of violence, torture and death. This is a wounding of his whole family. We know that this story continues in the lives of families today. The pain effects many.

In the life of Jesus God becomes the family member who bails us out when we are in dire trouble. *Scripture-speak: the Redeemer* the one who restores us to a life and love that are stronger than before. We are God's children and are family who are welcomed in to "be like him, for we will see him as he is." (1 John 3:2) As Richard Rohr says, "In Christ every part of creation knows itself as divinely conceived, beloved of God, crucified, and finally, reborn."

Within family we have our fights (at least I do), but we also stick together. We go together as brothers and sisters: family! **Fr Gerry**



Holy Family painting by Mike Moyers, 2015



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 29 December 2024 (Year C)

The Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22 **Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Response: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: From the weekend of 4/5 January Jubilee Parish weekend Masses will be:

Saturday : 4.30pm at Rosalie & **4.30pm at Newmarket.**

Sunday: 7.30am Herston, 8.30am Ashgrove, **9.00am Bardon**, 10.00am Red Hill & 5.30pm Rosalie.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this period of change.

ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES: On 28 November, Evangelisation Brisbane launched its 2025 –2027 Strategic plan along with a new name and website - [Archdiocesan Ministries](#). Our new name reflects the breadth of work undertaken by our eight teams and our commitment to work with, inspire and empower the Archdiocese of Brisbane to encounter Jesus and live the joy of the Gospel. This new strategic plan is not a major shift in direction, it builds on the foundations laid in the first five-year strategic plan, the name change is not a movement away from evangelisation. 'Evangelisation Brisbane' was often misunderstood by Catholics and non-Catholic alike. The word evangelisation, though at the heart of the Church's mission, is often conflated with *evangelical proselytisation*. As such, the name Evangelisation Brisbane was often a barrier to evangelisation.

From the Pastoral Associates: Therese Beavis (St Mary Magdalene) and Kathleen McClafferty (St Finbarr's/St. Ambrose).

Thanks for contributing and supporting our active and flourishing communities. Our role includes assisting with liturgy, Rostering, Sunday masses, funerals preparation, School masses, and supporting our community. We endeavour to: foster communication between school and parish communities, support parishioners in times of need and work towards drawing our communities together as a vibrant Jubilee parish.

St Mary Magdalene Bardon

The year 2024 is drawing to an end – and a very busy, eventful year it was! We have experienced the enjoyment of being part of the St Mary Magdalene Community, and the connections and interactions we have within it, plus the new ones we have made; the Joy of welcoming young families moving towards Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. We have also experienced sadness at the loss of several of our cherished Parishioners, as they journey towards their maker – and most recently, as a result of dwindling Clergy numbers, the loss of our 8.00am Mass. But we continue on – accepting the inevitable with a positive attitude and an open mind.

Our Christmas Liturgies, Carols and Pageants are all completed and a New Year is about to begin.

I would very much like to extend a big **Thank You!** to all Musicians, Readers, EMC's who are rostered into our Masses – not forgetting all those hard workers within our Parish, who have contributed so much to the functioning of our Liturgies, Funerals, Morning Teas, and general every day/week tasks that are part and parcel of running our Mass Community – your Contribution is very much appreciated.

St Finbarr's Ashgrove/St Ambrose Newmarket

A warm welcome to all families that have joined us at either St Finbarr's or St Ambrose this Christmas season. As you sit in church this day you might want to reflect on the journey of this year. Some of us have faced challenges, while other people's lives have blossomed. In 2025 you will see me across school and churches masses, being involved in parish events, and working on supporting each faith community. Can I say a big thankyou to all the helpers who have helped prepare and clean our churches for our Advent and Christmas Season. Blessing for the season. **Therese and Kathleen**

PARISH DIARY

Monday 30 December

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 31 December

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 1 January 2025

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 2 January

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

NO Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 3 January

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

The Epiphany of the Lord

4/5 January 2025

Saturday 4 January

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

4 January Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 5 January

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am

Mass (Bardon) 9:00am

Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am

Korean Mass (Rosalie) 10:00am

Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm

NEW YEARS DAY MASS TIME

**St Mary Magdalene Church
Bardon, 9.00am**
Followed by morning tea

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

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

