

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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 21 DECEMBER 2025

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Blessing: after the greeting the Presider says:

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

Presider: the maiden will conceive and give birth to a son who will be called Emmanuel, God-is-with-us

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: The child was named Jesus, because he is the one who saved his people from their sins.

Response. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: The Good News of the Son of God. According to human nature a descendent of David. In order of the spirit, proclaimed the Christ through his resurrection

Response. Come, Lord Jesus. The fourth candle is lit.



The Story so Far... In the final week of Advent, the readings look towards the birth of Jesus by establishing the credentials of this baby for whom we are waiting.

In the first reading, Isaiah offers hope to King Ahaz by prophesying that a child will be born to his lineage and this child will be called Emmanuel or *God is with us*. This news comes during a troubled time. Ahaz, a descendant of David, is surrounded by powerful enemies and his spiritual loyalties change to suit those of his political allies of the time. Isaiah attempts to bring Ahaz back to the beliefs of his ancestors, assuring him that God is with him and his descendants, one of whom is Jesus.

St Paul continues the theme in his letter to the Romans. About to undertake a difficult journey, Paul presents his credentials as having been sent by Jesus Christ, as well as Christ's credentials as a descendant of David AND Son of God.

Matthew seeks to tie up the loose ends in his Gospel. In a previous section, Matthew traces the line of succession from Abraham to David and on to Joseph, described as *husband to Mary, of whom was born Jesus*. Today's Gospel focuses on Joseph's response to the news that his fiancé is expecting a child. Joseph's first response is to walk away but his faith that God is with him leads to his decision to marry Mary and raise Jesus as his son.

The Gospel establishes Jesus as a descendant of the House of David through Joseph, his adopted father AND the Son of God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit. This week, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the God who continues to walk among us. We pray that, during our troubled times and difficult journeys, knowing that God is with us will bring us peace. **Jennifer Cahill**



Fourth Sunday of Advent – 21 December 2025 (Year A)

First Reading: Is:7:10-14 **Second Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

Response: Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel; God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



ADVENT CHRISTMAS IDEAS FOR KIDS: To access FREE resources to engage your children throughout Advent, go to : <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-children/>

FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to **Audrey Walters** who received her First Holy Communion this weekend. May God's blessings shine upon her on this precious day and her faith be strengthened bringing her closer to God.



RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION: Congratulations to Mitchell Leikvold upon his reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this weekend. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you in faith, hope and charity.

CAROLS ON CLYDE: Carols rang out across Herston on Sunday night for the annual *Carols on Clyde*. It was a joyful celebration, with the children playing a central part and a delightful supper and get together afterwards. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event!



AN INVITATION TO MERCY: In the lead up to Christmas, Jubilee Parish offers several opportunities for First Rite of Reconciliation. If you are a bit unsure of the process, brochures are available at each location to guide you. Experience God's mercy with First Rite of reconciliation at the following Churches:

- Sacred Heart , Rosalie, Saturdays 4-4.20pm
- St Ambrose, Newmarket, Saturdays 4.00pm-4.20pm Or contact the Parish office to arrange another time.

Christmas Eve Mass Times

St Mary Magdalene, Bardon, Ray Lyons Hall	Pageant 4.00pm 4.30pm Mass
St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove	Carols 5.30pm 6.00pm Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie	7.00pm Mass
St Ambrose's Church, Newmarket	7.00pm Mass
St Brigid's Church, Red Hill	Carols 7.30pm 8.00pm Mass
	Carols 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie (Korean)	9.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass Times

St Joan of Arc Church, Herston	7.30am Mass
St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove	8.30am Mass
St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon	9.00am Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie	9.00am Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie (Korean)	11.00am Mass

PARISH DIARY

Monday 22 December
Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 23 December
NO Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 24 December
Christmas Eve
See Christmas Mass Timetable

Thursday 25 December
The Nativity of our Lord
See Christmas Mass Timetable

Friday 26 December
No Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

The Holy Family
27/28 December

Saturday 27 December
Individual Reconciliation
(Rosalie) 4:00pm-4:20pm
(Newmarket)4.00pm-4.20pm

Saturday 27 December
Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm
Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 28 December
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

ST MICHAELS, DORRINGTON
MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 5.30pm Mass
Christmas Eve, 5.30pm Mass
Christmas Day, 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8.30am Mass

SACRED HEART CHURCH
open for quiet prayer.
Monday to Friday from
8.00am –3.00pm

GENUINE CHRISTMAS
CARDS FOR SALE
\$5.00 for a pack of 8.
Sacred Heart Church
Before or after
weekend masses

PARISH OFFICE
CLOSURE:

The Parish office will
be closed from
12.00pm 24 December and
Reopen 12 January 2026

St Mary Magdalene's

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

School Assembly Hall, 4.00pm,

If your child would like to participate please contact

Therese Beavis at:

mtbah@optusnet.com.au

St Finbarr's Nativity Play

before the 6pm Mass

If your children would like to be involved, please contact

Kathleen McClafferty at

pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

St Ambrose's

Nativity Pageant

Christmas Eve Mass 7.00pm,

If your child would like to participate

please contact Lorna at:

pyele8j@gmail.com

FUNERAL: A Funeral mass will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 23 December at St Brigid's Church to celebrate the life of **Agnes Elizabeth Doxey**. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

FR PAUL MERCEICA CP recently passed away. Fr Paul served as a member of the Passionist Monastery in Oxley. He is affectionately remembered in this community, across the Archdiocese and was much loved by his family and many friends. A Funeral Mass will be held at the Canossa Hospital Chapel on Tuesday 23 December at 10am. May he rest in peace and experience the eternal presence of Christ he has both loved and served.

NEWMARKET CHURCH Newmarket church is safe for use this Saturday. It is "safe" from bacteria, mould, etc. Work continues interiorly. The company doing the work have not finished the replastering inside the church. They have scaffolding which will have bunting around it when you come inside the church. I said we could and would work around this.

They will keep working on the roof, and internally plastering and painting at the beginning of this week. They are aiming to finish Tuesday. So, **NO Tuesday mass** - but green light for Christmas and beyond. Thanks everyone. **Fr Gerry**

ANTHONY VASSALLO PERMANENT DIACONATE ORDINATION: Last Saturday Archbishop Shane ordained Anthony



Vassallo to the Permanent Diaconate. Anthony and his family have been regulars at St Brigid's Red Hill for the last couple of years. His wife Sharon has recently been employed as Administration Assistant in the parish office. Son Anton has recently graduated from ANU.

In the Ordination ceremony, when handing on the Book of the Gospels the Bishop instructs the candidate, "receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practise what you teach."

Laurent Fontaine was ordained with Anthony. We await where the Archbishop will appoint both to work within the Archdiocese. We are grateful to God and to Anthony and Laurent for their response to God's call. We are also very grateful to

Sharon because the permanent deacon's wife is also very much part of the story – as is the family. Something for Jubilee Parish to be rejoicing in! **Fr Gerry**

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH: For the last couple of years the Scalabrinian Congregation have maintained a regular mass at St Thomas More Church for the Italian community.

Unfortunately, due to the reduction in the number of Scalabrinian priests they cannot continue presiding at this Italian mass. They are heavily committed with responsibilities to New Farm parish and different cultural communities across Brisbane. With the changed mass times there has also been a reduced attendance. Everyone realises this is for a variety of reasons.

As Archbishop Shane has noted, "The history of the association of the Italian community with St Thomas More Church is notable. However, the availability of priests and the size of Mass attendance are factors that many parishes in the Archdiocese have had to review, especially in recent years." The cessation of this mass is regrettable. The community have faithfully gathered, worshipped and nurtured the local community. All are very grateful for this. We give thanks for the blessings over the years at St Thomas More Church.

Mass will continue to be celebrated in Italian each Sunday at three churches around Brisbane, at New Farm, Woolloowin and Carina which are a 15 to 20-minute drive from Petrie Terrace. Each of these churches have a significantly larger mass attendance. The last mass was celebrated there last Sunday.

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN: The Feast Day of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is celebrated on December 26th. Stephen



was one of the first seven deacons ordained by the Apostles in Jerusalem. Great preaching and miracles were attributed to Stephen. The Bible records that Stephen "full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people." Stephen was so conformed to Jesus in his holy life that his martyrdom was both a natural and supernatural sign of his love for the Lord. It also inspired the early believers as they faced the first round of brutal persecution.

HANUKKAH: For the Jews, Hanukkah is a Festival of Lights lit in joy for God's presence. Jubilee parish grieves at what has happened at Bondi. We offer our sympathy to the whole Jewish community. May those who have died be welcomed into God's presence and their families be comforted. May the Eternal Light illumine this darkness as we pray for peace and reconciliation.

Pope Leo XIV has condemned Sunday's terrorist attack on the Jewish community at Bondi Beach, saying: "Enough with these forms of antisemitic violence! We must eradicate hatred from our hearts."



NEW YEARS DAY MASS TIME
St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove 9.00am



REGISTRATIONS FOR MODULE THREE: BEING SACRAMENTAL are now open! Don't miss out on your opportunity to learn from Deacon Peter Pellicaan, Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Dr Clare Schwantes and Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge as we explore the sacraments and sacramentality in early 2026! This is open to everyone and can be completed independently. For dates, times, price and to register **go to:**



https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/module_3_2026

CONTRIBUTING TO PLANNED GIVING: There are a number of ways in which you can contribute:



1. You can setup a regular payment plan using planned giving envelopes or via direct debit or credit card.
2. You can place a donation on the collection plate.
3. You can donate via our Tap N Go terminal located near the front entrance doors.



4. You can pay via the Parish App by hovering over the QR code opposite. If you want to know more please contact the Parish Office 33243985. Thank you for contributing to the life and maintenance of our churches.

WASTE/DUMP VOUCHERS URGENTLY NEEDED:
 We are running very low on waste dump vouchers, and would gladly take some off your hands if not needed. You could either drop them to the parish office or hand them in at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

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,
Reuben Treffene, James Menzies, Bill Monaghan, Kaia Russo and Bridgitte Kochardy who were baptised this weekend

We especially pray for **Fiona Forrest and Agnes Doxey** who died recently and for all the souls of the faithful departed.