

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 IN ORDINARY TIME 1 FEBRUARY 2026

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The Gospel reading this weekend occurs near the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus has been baptised by John and gathered his first disciples and begins his teaching. The crowds have started to gather around him, so it is a good time for Jesus to put down some guidelines of what kind of people his followers must be. And it might not quite be what was expected.

The earlier readings lay the groundwork, with Zephaniah prophesying that it is not the mighty, but the humble and lowly who are chosen to enjoy the peace and plenty to come – *they will be able to graze and rest*. The Psalm promises that the Lord will protect and raise up the oppressed and the poor, while St Paul assures that God's chosen ones are not the wealthy, wise or high born, but those who the world considers common and contemptible.

The words of the Beatitudes instruct us to be humble, gentle, merciful and pure in our intentions and to actively seek peace and justice. In general, Jesus says that if we put the needs of others ahead of our own, then we'll be happier and our reward will be great in heaven. We will be able to graze and rest.

I recently read a book called *Lapsed*, written by Australian writer Monica Dux. Some parts of the book are challenging for a practicing Catholic to read, but an interesting question that she explores is what qualities help define people who are raised Catholic; what helps set us apart when we're out in the world, even if we don't still attend Mass or even consider ourselves to be Catholic. One of the qualities that her research identifies is compassion; a concern for and willingness to share what we have with people who are struggling. Mercy and truthfulness (the irresistible urge to confess!) are other values associated with Catholicism. It is teachings such as these Beatitudes that have helped embed these behaviours in us and identify us as followers of Christ. Though they may not be the qualities that will take us to the top of the career ladder or gain us thousands of Instagram followers, they do feel like good values to be known for. **Jennifer Cahill**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time— 1 February 2026 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:26-31
Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

BLESSING OUR MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The parish is grateful to those who proclaim the scriptures at mass. Essential to our worship they make a difference in how we hear the Word. We are grateful for their prayerful pondering of the Word, their preparation with the assistance of *Break Open the Word*, and putting it into practice in their lives.

God of All Creation.....

Bless these Ministers of the Word, that they be poor in spirit, be gentle of heart, be merciful in action and comfort to those who mourn.

Bless these Readers as they proclaim your words of life, strengthen their faith that they may read with conviction and boldness, and put into practice what they read.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: When Pope Francis instituted Word of God Sunday in 2019,



he wrote a document entitled *Aperuit Illis* (AI). *Aperuit Illis* means "opened to them" which comes from Luke 24:45: "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" as happened with two of Jesus' disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In *Aperuit Illis* Pope Francis reminds us that when we read the Scriptures we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." (AI#8). Pope Francis wants us to have a deeper encounter with the living Christ through Scripture, so that we will become a church and a people committed to mercy. "To listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practise mercy: this is the great challenge before us in life. God's word has the power to open our eyes and enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity. (AI#13) **E Harrington**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: In the Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations we pray, 'Inspire



us all to know and live our vocation. Give courage to young people, to listen and follow the call, to serve you in the Archdiocese.'

Jubilee parish prays for **Daniel Pietrobon** who has been worshipping with the St Joan of Arc community. Over the time he has steadily become more involved. Over the last year he has been discerning his call to priesthood. He has been working with the

Vocations Office, a mentor and spiritual director. Daniel has been accepted to enter Holy Spirit Seminary this year as the next step in his ongoing discernment. With the God of all vocations the parish prays, 'Grant him clarity in discernment, peace in moments of uncertainty, and strength in times of challenge. Surround him with good mentors and faithful friends. Deepen in him a love for your Word, your Church, and especially for the Eucharist.'

Jubilee parish will continue to keep Daniel in our prayers.

We also keep in our prayers **David Thorley** the seminarian who was in Jubilee for his Advent placement at the end of last year. David is returning to Holy Spirit Seminary to begin his second year of formation. May God continue in similar vein for him.

Good news: Fr Gerry understands that there are another two entering the seminary with Daniel. We will keep them in our prayers as well.

TIME TO CELEBRATE!!! After a long and challenging journey, Nobert has finally been granted permanent residency, a wonderful milestone worth celebrating. You're invited to join us for Mass at **Sacred Heart Church** at **4:30pm on Saturday, 31 January** to give thanks. The celebrations will continue after Mass in the **Denis Power Building**. Please bring a plate to share.



THANKYOU: "Vinnies Rosalie thanks parishioners for their support for cash and food donations for our Christmas hampers and on-going assistance work.



A special thank you also to Simone and the MNG Survey employees who gave us three very large baskets of food! And a big thank you to Marist College Ashgrove students and staff for the very generous donations of cash and gift cards which will support the work of all the Vinnies groups in Jubilee parish."

PARISH DIARY

Monday 2 February

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 3 February

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 4 February

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 5 February

School Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 6 February

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8 February 2026

Saturday 7 February

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

7 February Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 8 February

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

Monday 5.30pm, **Thursday** 7.00am

Friday 9.00am, **Saturday** 5.00pm,

Sunday 8.30am

EXCITING NEWS!!!!

Children's Liturgy
will commence 1 February at
St Mary Magdalene's
Church, Bardon during the
9.00am mass.

It will be held on the First
Sunday of each month.

Children's Liturgy
will commence 8 February at
St Finbarr's Church,
Ashgrove during the
8.30am Mass

and at
St Brigid's Church, Red Hill
during the 10.00am Mass
Both will be held on the
Second Sunday of each month

Children's Liturgy
will commence 15 February at
St Joan of Arc Church,
Herston during the 7.30am
Mass

It will be held every Third
Sunday of each month.

ASSISTANT PRIEST JUBILEE PARISH: On Thursday evening a plane landed at Brisbane airport and two priests from India disembarked to begin their ministry in Brisbane Archdiocese. They are both from the same religious order as Fr Rony, i.e. MCBS Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. They will spend the next two weeks acclimatising to life in Brisbane. One of these priests will be appointed to Jubilee Parish.

Presently the plan is that the new assistant priest will come for the weekend of 15 February. He will accompany Fr Gerry on the mass roster to be introduced to the different communities over two weekends.

Fr Kevin will continue as the supply priest for the other masses on those weekends.

OPENING SCHOOL MASSES THIS WEEK:

St Finbarr's Primary School Ashgrove. Whole school mass Thursday 5 February 9.00am at St Finbarr's Church Ashgrove.

Mt St Michael's School Ashgrove. Whole school mass Friday 9.00am at the Sophia Centre at the school.

Stuartholme College Toowong. Whole school mass Friday 11.00am Riverlife Church, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK. FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY : Jubilee Parish is very grateful to Fr Marco Ferraioli for presiding at this mass. Fr Marco is over from his parish in Perth visiting his family. We appreciate his stepping in to assist whilst on holidays.

JUBILEE STRATEGIC PLAN: It is still in process. It is taking a little longer than originally planned for the final design phase. The launch of the plan will now take place on Sunday 15 March. The formal process will take place at the 10am mass at St Brigid's Red Hill. Stay tuned for more updates on what will happen.



RECENTLY DIED: Long time resident and much loved parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, **Rita Moore** passed away on Thursday 29 January. Rita will be greatly missed by many in our community. Funeral details to follow next week. May her soul find rest in the peace of Christ, and her family and loved ones feel the comfort of our prayers during this time of sorrow.

FUNERAL: A funeral mass will be celebrated for **Fr Peter Casey** on Thursday 5 February, 10.00am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. May he rest in peace and experience the eternal presence of Christ he has both loved and served.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS. Please join us for a series of discussions to help prepare for Easter.



Easter symbolises hope for all humanity and taking some time each week to reflect on the Gospels helps us to reconnect with the meaning of Easter and the basis of our faith.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be an expert and you don't have to come every week.

Discussions will last for around an hour and you can choose between the following times:

- Sun 9.00am (before Mass) Red Hill (St Brigid's)
- Mon 9.30am Milton (private home)
- Mon 5.30pm Herston (St Joan of Arc)
- Tue 10.00am Newmarket (private home)
- Wed 7.00pm Bardonia (private home)
- Thu 9.45am (after Mass) Ashgrove (St Finbarr's)

The first groups will be on **Monday 16 February** and sign-up sheets are available at all churches this weekend and next weekend. Please indicate which group you'd like to attend, provide contact details and the organiser will be in touch.

Another possibility we are exploring is a Zoom gathering to accommodate those who can't make it to any of the above sessions. Please contact the Parish office if this is something you would be interested in.

As a different Lenten experience you may want to attend Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary Magdalene church following the 9.00am Mass for 1 hour on Wednesdays.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH: You are invited to the Brisbane Launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops



Conference's 2026 Social Justice Statement, titled "The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good", to be launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will now be releasing two Social Justice Statements each year making this a bi-annual event.

When: 10 February Tuesday at 7PM **Where:** St James Parish, Coorparoo

To find out more and register, or access the livestream link, please visit : tinyurl.com/sjstate26



Thursday, 26 February 2026 10am - 2pm

St Brigid's Catholic Church, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill Qld 4059

Please join us for practical advice and conversations on legal and estate planning, retirement and financial planning, in-home support, charitable gifts in wills and funeral pre-planning. Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge.

To register your attendance email jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au or call

07 3324 3632 or 07 3324 3200 on or before Monday, 23 February 2026.

FREE SEMINAR

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Jubilee Schools Staff Mass – A Celebration of Peace and Community

This week, staff from our three Jubilee schools...St Ambrose's, St Finbarr's, and St Joseph's, gathered for a beautiful beginning-of-year Mass. It was a moment of genuine connection, as colleagues reunited after the break and welcomed new staff into our shared mission of Catholic education.

As we enter this Jubilee Year of Peace, our celebration centred on Jesus' words to His disciples: "Peace be with you." This Scripture is not only a greeting but a commissioning, a call to receive Christ's peace deeply and to become bearers of that peace within our school communities.

The dove, our shared symbol for the year, reminds us of the gentle and steady peace Christ offers, and the peace we are invited to bring into our classrooms, staffrooms, playgrounds, and in our daily encounters with families.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and to continuing to build strong, life-giving connections between our schools and our parish communities. We pray that the spirit of collaboration and unity shown at our gathering will guide our shared work throughout 2026. May our schools be places where peace is nurtured, witnessed, and lived each day.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

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 Fa-
ther, 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 especially pray for
Rita Moore
who recently died
and for all the souls of
the faithful departed.
May they rest in peace.