

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15 FEBRUARY 2026

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PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 14-15 OF FEBRUARY 2026 :This Lent, we are called to



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The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastic (often called after the author Ben Sirach), reflects powerfully on the message of moral freedom. Freedom of will is one of God's greatest gifts. God places before us the choice of good and evil, and invites us to choose life. Choices and consequences.



We do have choices in following his word and his way.

This Gospel verse sets a platform for us in working towards the Lenten period. It is fitting that in this Sunday before Lent, we are offered a lesson in what is expected of us as disciples. The reading this week calls us to think more deeply about the choices we are making...think differently, live differently, choose wisely.

As in the Lenten period where we are asked to think and act upon our choices, give more of ourselves to others and to the Lord, we can start right now.

Some questions we might ask ourselves: What is imminent in my life: will this lead me forward in the days ahead: what have I done and what have I failed to do?

What does matter is how we approach all of this in giving to our Lord.

We have all heard the sermon on the Mount before. For some of us, many times.

Now we can use this time of Lent to grow, to change and maybe redirect our lives.

Kathleen McClafferty

RITE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN THE CATECHUMENATE: Dej and Peter have been regular worshipers at St Brigid Red Hill for a little while. They began asking more questions as God was leading them deeper in their search for meaning. With the assistance of members of the community they have made the decision they wish to be initiated into the Catholic Church. This weekend the Rite of Acknowledgement of their being Catechumens will be celebrated within the 10am mass. Next Sunday at the Cathedral they will be acknowledged as members of God's people in the Rite of Election presided by the Archbishop. There will be other Rites to follow culminating in their full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

We pray, "You have followed God's light, and the way of the Gospel continues before you. Set your feet firmly on that path and acknowledge the living God, who truly speaks to everyone. Walk in the light of Christ and learn to trust in his wisdom. Commit your life daily to his care, so that you may come to believe in him with all your heart."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time— 15 February 2026 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Sir 15:15-20 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 2:6-10

Response: Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



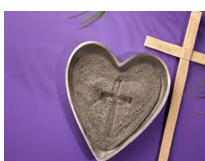
WELCOME FR PRINCE: Fr Prince Thomas belongs to the same Religious order as Fr Rony, and is a classmate of Fr Rony's priest brother. Fr Prince was ordained to the priesthood on 3 January 2018. After his ordination he served as an Assistant Priest in a parish in Kerala and then spent several years in the north-east mission area of India.

There, he was the Assistant Priest in a large parish (more than 1000 families) in Assam. Following this, he was one of two priests assigned to a new district in the north-east to establish a parish and a new school. He learned some of the local languages and culture and enjoyed the challenge of this experience. Fr Prince enjoys basketball, driving, hiking and watching movies. Fr Prince has an elder brother. We look forward to welcoming Fr Prince this weekend. For the next two weekends he will accompany Fr Gerry on the mass roster to be introduced to the different communities.



FIRST COMMUNION : Congratulations to **Slaine Libutan, Phoebe Linnan and Georgiana Leamy** on receiving their First Communion this weekend. May this sacred day deepen their faith, strengthen their spirit, and guide their steps along the path of goodness and grace.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February is the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by



the Church as a day of fast and abstinence. In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food.

Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert. The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent our failings.

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 Bardon (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 might like to attend Adoration before The Blessed Sacrament, for 1 hour, following the WEDNESDAY 9am mass at St Mary Magdalene, Bardon.



LENT RESOURCES FOR KIDS Are you looking for creative, fun and faith-filled ways to invite children into the liturgical season of Lent? The Children & Families Team from Archdiocesan Ministries has created a webpage with a variety of resources created to support you as you engage our youngest disciples in this Lenten season. Download a Lenten calendar or make your own, are just some of the resources. Check it out at tinyurl.com/Lent4Kids

PARISH DIARY

Monday 16 February

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 17 February

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

ASH Wednesday 18 February

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Mass (Newmarket) 11.00am

Mass (Red Hill) 5.30pm

Thursday 19 February

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 20 February

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21/22 February 2026

Saturday 21 February

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

21 February

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 22 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

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18 February 2026

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Mass (Newmarket) 11.00am

Mass (Red Hill) 5.30pm

ST MICHAEL'S DORRINGTON

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday 18 February 5.30pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 15 February at

St Joan of Arc Church, Herston

during the 7.30am Mass.

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES : Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>

FR GERARD HALL: Dear Everyone, my gracious thanks for your overkind words expressed for the ministry in the parish and farewells to Herston and Suva. I have really enjoyed assisting with ministry in the parish and hope I may be able to return to it, if in a smaller way, after Fiji. Blessings on you all. *Fr Gerard Hall*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER—JUBILEE PARISH: If your child has completed their Confirmation and is now preparing for First Holy Communion, please be reminded that during the Lenten period **18 February—6 April**, no communion celebrations will take place. Passport stickers can still be collected. Communion folder can be picked up from any parish weekend mass. Simply ask the greeters as you arrive. Communions may be celebrated on any weekend from 10 April. Alternatively, families can choose from the scheduled group communion dates at all parish churches on the following weekends: **9–10 May, 13–14 June, and 25–26 July**. Bookings are essential.



PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: Involved negotiations happening with the development partner on the Rosalie site as they continue their due diligence. An initial set of financial figures for 2025 has been provided by Archdiocesan Parish Financial services. In due course there will be a financial report that then will be provided to the parish. On the agenda moving forward are ongoing maintenance issues that continue our attention. Many thanks to the PFC for their work and input.



AROUND THE CHURCHES: All our churches have vehicular access around them. Please take it slowly and maintain vigilance for pedestrians who are making their way into or out of church. Be ever mindful of little people. Also, ambulance access needs to be maintained around Red Hill and Rosalie. Most important if ever there is an emergency. Keep this also in mind at Ashgrove, Bardon and Newmarket. Thank you for taking it slowly!

NEOCATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY—SEEKING RENTAL PROPERTY: A young family (with 7 children under 8 years old) from Broome who are part of the Neocatechumenal community will arrive here in Newmarket to spend time in missionary service. They might stay temporarily in the house of Alfonso and Laura Ferraioli (parishioners who are part of the Neocatechumenal Community worshipping in St Ambrose's) with the idea of finding a place to stay. Is there anyone who has a house (let's say 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms) that they can rent? If so, could you please contact the Parish office.

ARCHBISHOP APPOINTMENTS: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has announced the following appointments:



Deans, with effect from 29 January 2026: Fr Onyema Eloagu: Logan Deanery, Fr Paul Kelly: South Coast Deanery and Fr Bryan Roe: Brisbane Northern Rivers Deanery.

Parish Appointments: Fr Sijo Edakkarottu Joseph MCBS: Associate Pastor of Infant Saviour Parish, Burleigh Heads, from 14 February 2026.

- Fr Prince Thomas MCBS: Associate Pastor of Jubilee Parish, Red Hill, with effect from 14 February 2026.
- Fr Sunil Paul Nagothu, SVD: has returned to the Archdiocese for a period of supply at the Cathedral & Upper Mt Gravatt
- Fr Paul Lonot Sireh O.Carm: Prior of the Carmelite Community, Coorparoo, with effect from 30 January 2026
- Fr Anthony Simbel, C.P.: has joined the Passionist Community in Oxley

Appointed Pastors-in-solidum of St Therese & St Anthony Parish, Kedron, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford, and Good Samaritan Parish, Wilston, with effect from 14 April 2026:

Fr Joseph Nguyen OFM, Moderator, Fr Joseph McKay OFM and Fr Challita Al Boustany.

Fr Kevin Njoku will conclude his period of ministry in the Archdiocese and return to Nigeria at the end of February.

We express our sincere gratitude for his faithful service and dedicated pastoral care, and we offer him our good wishes and prayers as he begins this next chapter of his journey.

POPE TO VISIT SYDNEY: Pope Leo XIV will visit Sydney in the spring of 2028 to preside over the International Eucharistic Congress. The CEO of Eucharist28, Bishop Richard Umbers, told a 9 February press conference at St Mary's Cathedral: "Archbishop Anthony Fisher was in Rome speaking to Pope Leo. He said to him, Look, we're counting down the days for you to come to the International Eucharistic Congress, which will be held here in 2028, and the Pope said, 'Well, it's still a way off, but I'll be there.'"

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: The Australian Catholics Bishops Conference will now be releasing two Social Justice Statements each year. This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46–52*), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship. The statement shares powerful stories of real people. To access the statement, go to: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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Thursday, 26 February 2026 10am - 2pm
St Brigid's Catholic Church, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill Qld 4059

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FREE SEMINAR

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



Our school community has enjoyed a wonderful start to the year, filled with moments of welcome, joy, and connection. We gathered for our first assembly, led confidently by our Year 5/6 Love class, who launched our School's 2026 Project Compassion commitment. Their leadership set a hopeful tone as we begin another year of walking together in faith and service.

We were also delighted to host our first Open Morning for 2026, welcoming families to see what makes our school community a place of *one hundred thousand welcomes*, especially in this Year of Peace. It was a beautiful opportunity to showcase the warmth, hospitality, and spirit that shape our community.

Adding to the excitement, our first Playgroup session for the year brought plenty of fun and exploration. It was truly an uplifting week of peace, welcome, and belonging.



Our school community came together on Wednesday to celebrate our Opening Mass, a beautiful and meaningful way to begin the new school year. It was a special opportunity to pause, reflect, and set our intentions as we journey through the year ahead together. We were grateful to be joined by Fr Gerry, who led the celebration and shared thoughtful words that encouraged us to approach the year with peace, talking to the school community about animals that represent peace and how our breathing can bring about peace in our own life. The Mass reminded us of the importance of coming together as a community grounded in our shared values. Over the coming weeks St Joseph's will begin the preparations for Lent and Easter. We begin these preparations on Monday as some of our senior students attend the Project Compassion Launch at The Cathedral. We will then enjoy pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, as we learn the meaning behind this day and the importance of preparation. Finally, we will come together as a community to celebrate mass on Ash Wednesday. At St Joseph's we look forward to marking these special occasions in our Catholic faith.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Our school community came together with great joy to celebrate the Opening Mass, marking the beginning of a new year grounded in faith, hope and service. During the Mass, our student leaders were formally commissioned in a Leadership Badge Ceremony, affirming their call to lead with the Habits of the Heart. It was a proud and prayerful moment for students, staff and families alike. On Wednesday, families enjoyed the opportunity to connect at our Meet the Principal and Prep Team morning. This welcoming gathering allowed parents to meet staff, ask questions and begin building strong partnerships that will support our youngest learners throughout their schooling journey. Families considering joining our community are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Open Morning on Wednesday 18th February. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the school, meet staff and experience the welcoming spirit that defines our parish school.

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

As a parish family we
welcome **Sloane Falconer, Rose
Brown, Luca Spencer and Jude
McMullan** who were baptised this
weekend.

We celebrate with the families of
**Lee Hughes &
Shauna Livingston**
who were married this weekend

We especially pray for
Erica O'Neale whose anniversary
occurs at this time and for all the
souls of the faithful departed.