

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 22 FEBRUARY 2026

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Where we grow: The First Sunday of Lent invites us into two privileged biblical places: the garden and the desert. God creates humanity and places us in a garden where every need is met, even the gift of the tree of life. The garden is God's generosity, and God's boundary—set not to restrict us, but to protect our wellbeing. Then comes the talking serpent, subtle distortions, and small shifts of desire. Humanity chooses to take charge, and the harmony God intended fractures. Their new self-consciousness exposes a painful truth: they are no longer at ease with God, with one another, or with creation.

The scene shifts to the desert. Immediately after his baptism, the Beloved Son is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Hungry and vulnerable, Jesus faces the question of his identity. Will he rely on miracles to escape genuine human limits? Will he force God's hand by courting danger? Will he grasp at power over the world? Instead, he remains firm in trust—secure in the relationship with the One who sent him. Deserts can be barren, yet they teem with hidden life. The story unfolds through gardens, deserts and mountains: the Garden on the Mount of Olives, the mountain of Gethsemane, the garden of the Resurrection, and finally the mountain in Matthew where the risen Christ entrusts God's authority to disciples and sends them to all nations.

Salvation history in 300 words—and in every garden, desert, valley, and mountain of our own lives. In every moment, God remains creative, vulnerable, faithful, and astonishingly confident in us. Lent is our invitation to step once more into that mystery. **Fr Gerry**



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 to support you as you engage our youngest disciples in this Lenten season. Check out all resources at : tinyurl.com/Lent4Kids



First Sunday of Lent— 22 February 2026 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **Second Reading:** Rom 5:12-19

Response: Be Merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

First Sunday of Lent

21–22 February 2026



Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

POPE LEO ON LENT: Lent is a time when the Church “invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life”.



He encourages us to spend time listening to the Word of God. Turning to the traditional Lenten practice of fasting, the Pope describes abstaining from food as “an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion”.

In this context, the Pope proposes a specific Lenten resolution: “A very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence – that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour.”

“Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our (communities). In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”

Lent is also communal. Our Lenten practices are to make us “ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.”

To view the full content of the letter go to: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

LENT PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY: Pope Leo’s first message for Lent reflects on three themes: listening, fasting and our shared journey together. *The Archbishop says, “I was particularly struck by the first of these themes, as I feel like much of my focus over these early days as Archbishop has been on listening. I need to learn about the people of the Archdiocese, its parishes and communities, its schools, hospitals and aged care, its organisations and agencies. I need to hear about the joys and sorrows that people carry, as well as the hopes and fears that are part of looking to the future.” To read the letter in full, copies are available on the table at the rear of the church.*



RITE OF ELECTION: On the first Sunday of Lent, those catechumens (people who are not already baptised) who will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil celebrate a ceremony called the Rite of Election or Enrolment of Names.



Catechumens in dioceses in all parts of Australia and around the world will gather in their cathedral churches with godparents, sponsors, families and friends, parish clergy and RCIA teams to celebrate this special liturgy under the leadership of the bishop.

The Rite of Election celebrates publicly the fact that these people have progressed on their faith journey and have opened their hearts to Christ in a spirit of faith and love. They are “elected” for initiation into the Church, not because they have earned it, but because God has chosen them. From this point on they are known as “the elect”. We pray for all those who will take this next step on their journey to initiation at the Easter ceremonies and for those who are journeying with them. **Elizabeth Harrington**

The Elect: This afternoon at St Stephen’s Cathedral DeJ and Peter will be acknowledged as “the elect” within our community. They will gather with their families, friends and sponsors as we acknowledge God’s action in choosing them and calling them by name. It is a terrific opportunity to gather with parishes across the Archdiocese in this celebration of faith. Please continue to keep DeJ and Peter in your prayers as they move towards their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 23 February

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 24 February

School Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 25 February

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 26 February

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 27 February

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Second Sunday of Lent

28 Feb/1 March

Saturday 28 February

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

28 February

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 1 March

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION

WEDNESDAY

25 FEBRUARY, 7.00PM

Parish Office

This is for parents wanting their infant child (up to 3 Years of Age) baptised in the coming months. Baptisms for 3+ year old children, please contact the Parish office





LENTEN DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY

Several groups of Jubilee parishioners met this week to reflect on this week's Gospel reading of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. At St Joan of Arc, Herston, discussions centred on our own experiences of being a 'wilderness' and the things that helped us find our way back. It's not too late to join a reflection group! Please contact the parish office to find out more.



FR PRINCE THOMAS: Thank you dear parishioners for the warm welcome you have given me. I am grateful to Fr Gerry for introducing me to the community. I am Fr Prince Thomas from the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS). My family includes my parents and my elder brother, who is married with a daughter. I was ordained on January 3, 2018, a day made even more special as I blessed my brother's wedding. I first served as an associate parish priest in Kerala, and later in North East India, including helping to establish a new parish community in a tribal area. Last June, I was selected to join the Australian program in Bangalore, and I am grateful to now serve in the Brisbane Archdiocese. Australia is quite different from my home country, so it may take me some time to understand everything. I hope to serve the Jubilee Parish faithfully and fruitfully, and I thank Fr Gerry for his guidance. I consider my priestly ministry a great blessing and responsibility. May God bless you all. **Fr Prince**



HOME, HEART & SOUL SEMINAR: We have our Home, Heart and Soul free information seminar on Thursday, 26 February at St Brigid's Church, Red Hill. This free seminar is a great opportunity for our senior parishioners in the Central Deanery to get free advice on a range of important decisions that you need to make as you navigate your later years and changing circumstances. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.



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

TRAINING DAY FOR ACOLYTES: There will be a Training Day for Acolytes at St Mary Magdalene's Bardon church on Saturday, 28th February at 9.00am led by Deacon Anthony Vassallo. All welcome....any Acolytes within Jubilee Parish who are new to the position or any who would like a brush-up on the overall duties or finer points of the role.

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!

LUNCH WITH ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY: Join Brisbane Catholic professionals for a lunch event with the Archbishop. In conversation with ABC Radios Loretta Ryan, His Grace will share reflections from his years of ministry and his experience of walking alongside communities through seasons of change and opportunity. To book please call 33243200 or go to: catholicfoundation.org.au/event/bcp-archbishopshane



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.

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/resources/social-justice-statements/>



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



On Monday, Year 6 leaders from the three Jubilee Schools joined students from several other Brisbane Catholic Education schools at St Stephen's Cathedral for the annual Project Compassion launch. This shared experience was a significant opportunity for students to come together in faith, purpose, and solidarity, strengthening the connections between our school communities. Following the liturgy, students spent time building relationships through shared play and a collaborative activity that helped them engage meaningfully with the challenging, yet inspiring stories shared by Caritas Australia as part of the Project Compassion appeal.

Through these stories, students were invited to reflect on the power of giving and the impact that every contribution, however big or small, can have in the lives of others, encouraging us all to come together to Unite Against Poverty!

A highlight of the day was the opportunity to share a photograph with Archbishop Shane, followed by a special experience climbing the cathedral's spiral staircase to the choir loft. From this unique vantage point, our voices resonated throughout the cathedral as we sang, creating a powerful moment of unity, hope and shared purpose, deeply rooted in faith and compassion.

The morning concluded with a visit to the chapel, where students took a quiet moment of prayer, connecting with the spirit and legacy of Mary MacKillop.



Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what
I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God

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
Baxter, Willa and Otis Jordan
who were
baptised this weekend.

We pray for all the souls of the
faithful departed.
May they rest in peace.