

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8 MARCH 2026

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"I am He"

Lent is a season of prayer and conversion for all Christians, but it is also a time of final preparation for those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil.

For the next three Sundays, the Lectionary shifts from the Year A focus on Mathew's Gospel and turns instead to the Gospel according to John.

This Gospel is distinctive in its literary style: dramatic narratives of Jesus' actions are followed by extended theological reflections. Running through the entire Gospel is one essential proclamation: Jesus is the son of God.

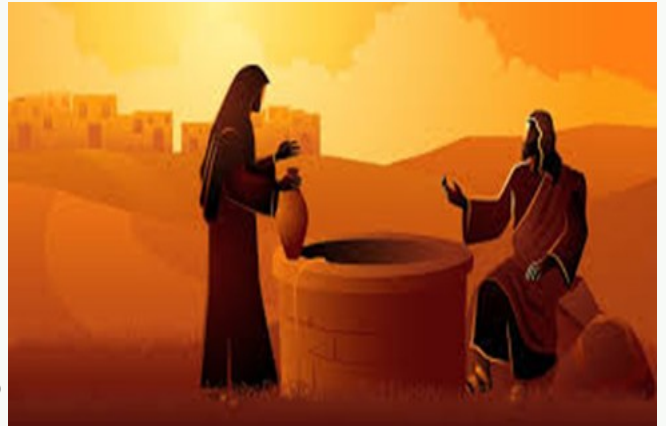
To understand today's Gospel passage, we must also recall the strained relationship between Jews and Samaritans. Though both traced their spiritual ancestry to Abraham and Jacob, a political and religious split in 931 BC divided the Kingdom of Israel in the north, with its capital in Samaria, from the Kingdom of Judah in the south, centered in Jerusalem. By the time of Jesus, hostility between the two groups was deeply ingrained.

Against this backdrop, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at a well as he travels from Judea to Galilee. Tired from the journey, he asks her for a drink- an astonishing breach of cultural and religious norms. What follows is a profound conversation about living water, true worship, and eternal life. The woman gradually comes to recognize Jesus as a prophet, especially when he reveals knowledge of her complicated personal history.

The heart of the passage comes when she says, "I know that the Messiah is coming." Jesus responds simply and powerfully: "I am he."

The woman immediately becomes a witness. She runs to her town and proclaims what has discovered. Through her testimony, many Samaritans come to believe. Despite her broken past, she becomes Jesus' first missionary by bringing the Good News beyond the boundaries of Judah.

Her story speaks directly to the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) (formerly RCIA) Elect and to all of us. God's grace is not hindered by our shortcomings. As Saint Paul reminds us today: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." **Fr Prince**



Third Sunday of Lent— 8 March 2026 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7 **Second Reading:** Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world.;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Third Sunday of Lent 7-8 March 2026



Monoranjan lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

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code. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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THE PREFACES OF LENT : The first section of the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass - the part that comes after our response "It is right and just" and before the "Holy, holy" - is called the Preface. There are 97 Prefaces in the Roman Missal. The common tone of all these Prefaces is one of thanksgiving. In addition, during feasts and seasons of the church year, the Preface always reflects the focus of the celebration.

The Prefaces for the Sundays of Lent serve to reinforce the Gospel readings of the day. For example, the Gospel reading on the second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, so in the Preface on that day we hear:

For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death,
on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory,
to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets,
that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection. (Preface for the Second

Sunday of Lent)

If we are distracted and our thoughts wander, the Preface can sometimes over before we are aware of it. This is a pity. Listening carefully to the Preface helps us link the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and to participate more fully in the celebration. **Elizabeth Harrington**

PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCH Sunday 15 March: We are ready to Launch our 5

year Strategic Plan at the 10am Mass at Red Hill on Sunday 15th March.

This will be followed by a morning tea. Copies of the Strategic Plan will be available on the day and at all Churches the following weekend.

Members of the Jubilee Leadership Team and Ministry team leaders will be involved. Parishioners from across our parish are all welcomed to attend.



PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT. Our recently acknowledged "elect"



Dejan and Peter are members of the St Brigid community. They are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at Easter. These weeks are a time of reflection intensely centred on conversion, marked by celebrations of the scrutinies and presentations and of the preparation rites on Holy Saturday. We pray for healing what is weak or sinful and that God will bring out and heal all that is upright, strong and good.

Over the next three weeks the community will be praying these Rites for them as they continue this journey to initiation into the Catholic Church. As per the Gospel, may the Word of God become a living spring welling up inside of them.

All of us are journeying towards Easter and praying that God's grace will inspire to celebrate and live the Easter mystery as well as the Samaritan woman did in sharing the Good News with her community.



PALMS NEEDED!!! We need palm fronds for our Palm Sunday Liturgies. We would love to hear from you if you able to supply us with any. Please contact Therese Beavis on 3324 3985 or via email: pa.bardon.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH DIARY

Monday 9 March

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 10 March

School Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 11 March

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 12 March

School Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 13 March

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7.00pm

St Finbarr's Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14/15 March

Saturday 14 March

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

Saturday 14 March

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Family Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 15 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

ROSALIE AGED CARE

LITURGY

Friday 13 March, 11.00am

Rosalie Aged care facility.

ST AMBROSE

FAMILY MASS

Saturday 14 March 4.30pm

St Ambrose Church

CHILDRENS LITURGY

OF THE WORD

Sunday 15 March, 7.30am

St Joan of Arc Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday 13 March,
7.00pm

St Finbarr's Church
Ashgrove

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT: Lent is a time for contemplation, examination of conscience and penance. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a way in which we return to the Father and experience God's forgiveness. The parish offers the following opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- First Rite - Saturdays 4.00pm-4.20pm at St Ambrose Church, Newmarket
- First Rite - Saturdays 4.00pm-4.20pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie
- **Second Rite - Tuesday 24 March 7.00pm-8.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bardon.**

If these times don't work for you, you are most welcome to make a time with a Priest.

Individual reconciliation offers penitents a one to one opportunity to meet with a priest, pray together, focus on a piece of scripture, acknowledge sins and be forgiven. Once you have celebrated with the priest, you are free to leave. If its been a while since you have participated in reconciliation, there are some reminders on the parish website of how to prepare and what to do before and after reconciliation.



THE BELL OF ST BRIGID – and some lights. St Brigid's has an electrical short in the ceiling. Repair is complicated. An internal 14 meter movable scaffold has to be erected to fix. Repair to high lead light windows will occur at same time. The plan is for within this month.



POPE LEO XIV: "WORK FOR PEACE" AND "SEEK SOLUTIONS WITHOUT WEAPONS"

"Pray for peace, work for peace, less hatred. Hatred in the world is constantly increasing." This is the appeal that Pope Leo XIV shared with a group of journalists outside Villa Barberini. As attacks increase in the Middle East and fear and tensions grow around the world, the Pope urged pursuing the goal of peace. At the same time, he called on everyone to "truly strive to promote dialogue" and to "seek solutions without weapons to resolve problems."



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane invite you to join with them for a one day retreat.

When: Saturday 21 March **Time:** 10am - 3pm (BYO Lunch) tea and coffee provided.

Where: Twelve Apostles Catholic Church, 111 Yallambee Rd Jindalee.

21 MARCH 2026
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
9AM - 3PM

Join Fr Paul Chandler for
POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register before 13/3/26

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER
All are invited to the first in the Powerhouse of Prayer series for 2026! Come and join Fr Paul Chandler O.Carm to learn and practice the art of Lectio Divina. This series is for anyone wanting to learn more about prayer and dive into an opportunity to put into practice what you learn.
When: Sat 21 March | 9am - 3pm **Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Find out more and register at tinyurl.com/pop21mar

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Thursday 26th March 2026
7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
The undercover carpark will be available from 6:00pm

RECO RALLY
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RECO RALLY: Youth groups, youth ministries and all young people are invited to this year's Reco Rally! Young people from all around the archdiocese will gather at Lourdes Hill College for a night of live music, games, inspirational speakers, prayer and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation the week before Holy Week.
When: Fri 27 March | 6pm
Where: Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne
Hosted by the Catholic Collective, find out more and register at: catholiccollective.org.au/reco-rally

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



This week we've had opportunities for both celebration and prayer across our community. Students from Years 1–6 took part in the Swimming Carnival, bringing the day to life with energy, determination, and a strong sense of team spirit. Throughout the carnival, students cheered one another on, celebrated personal achievements, and showed genuine encouragement and sportsmanship in and out of the pool. It was heartening to see such joy in participation, with effort, resilience and community celebrated just as much as achievement.

We also gathered as a faith community for our first Prep and Year 5/6 Buddy Mass of the year. This special celebration was an important milestone for our prep students, who received a blessing to mark the beginning of their learning journey at St Finbarr's. Their buddies played a significant role in supporting and guiding them, modelling care, leadership and belonging throughout the Mass.

These moments reflect the strong sense of community, faith and connection shared between our school and parish, and we are grateful for the continued support of our families and parishioners.



It has been another busy and eventful week at St Joseph's, with our students and staff continuing to grow in faith, learning and community.

Across classrooms, students have been engaged in purposeful learning, showing curiosity, creativity and persistence as they develop their skills and confidence. Teachers have been focusing not only on academic progress, but also on nurturing positive relationships and a sense of belonging for every child.

Our faith life has remained central to all we do. Through daily prayer, classroom reflections and moments of quiet gratitude, students have been encouraged to recognise God's presence in their everyday experiences. These simple but meaningful practices help our young people connect faith with action and kindness.

Community spirit has also been evident throughout the week. Students have supported one another with generosity and respect, during futsal competitions, with 6 of our 11 teams progressing to the 2nd round of the competition.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



It has been a busy and rewarding time at our school, with Prep interviews for 2027 students now well underway.

We are enjoying meeting future families and sharing the joy and promise of the early learning journey ahead. Our 5/6 students introduced their 2026 Preps to the school community at Monday's assembly. It was cuteness overload.

We ask our parish community to please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for the upcoming NAPLAN tests, that they may approach this time with calm minds and confidence.

Families considering enrolment are warmly invited to attend the Principal's Tour on 10 March, a wonderful opportunity to see our school in action.

Finally, we proudly celebrate our Early Years teachers, who have completed Sounds Write training, strengthening our commitment to explicit, evidence-based and gold-standard spelling instruction.

Confeitor

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 **Edward Assaf, Thomas Hannigan and William Hannigan** who were baptised this weekend

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