

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 LENT — 15 MARCH 2026

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THE BLIND MAN

Most of us cannot imagine being born blind, living in darkness, never knowing colour, shape, or the faces of those we love. Yet today's Gospel uses one man's blindness to reveal a deeper truth:

blindness is not only of the eyes but of the heart. As St Augustine teaches, the blind man represents all of us, wounded by sin and unable to recognise God's mercy without divine help. Jesus comes not only to heal sight but to restore our capacity to perceive God.

The healed man recognises Jesus because his heart is open. The Pharisees, though able to see, remain spiritually blind.

Their certainty, attachment to rules, and quickness to judge prevent them from recognising God's work. This contrast invites us to examine our own vision. Do our assumptions, habits, or fears keep us from noticing the grace unfolding before us? In today's first reading, God's choice of David reminds us that God sees differently (1 Sam 16:7). Christ's light reveals what our eyes miss: goodness, integrity, truth. We are invited to let that light shape our choices and transform how we see and treat others. As St Paul writes: "You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord... the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth" (Eph 5:8).

Throughout Scripture, light symbolises God's presence and guidance. At the Easter Vigil, the paschal candle pierces the darkness, proclaiming Christ as the light no darkness can overcome. At baptism, we receive that flame, a sign that we are called to be guided and changed by Christ's light.

A key part of this change is refraining from judgment. Today's readings show how easily appearances mislead: Samuel misjudges Jesse's sons, and the neighbours of the healed man condemn what they don't understand. This Lent, Pope Leo XIV urges us to "fast" from rash judgments and measure our words with kindness. Judgment narrows our sight. But **prayer** reveals our blind spots, **almsgiving** frees us from self-interest and **fasting** loosens the grip of negativity and criticism.

This Lent, may Christ's light enter our eyes and hearts, helping us see with clarity, judge with mercy, and walk toward Easter as true children of Christ's light.

Deacon Anthony



Fourth Sunday of Lent— 15 March 2026 (Year A)

Proper of the Mass

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 **Second Reading:** Eph 5:8-14

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14–15 March 2026



Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

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.

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 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 it's 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.



PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCH: *"We exist to celebrate faith, share the Good News, and joyfully serve a diverse community."*

Today marks a significant moment in the life of our parish as we officially launch our Parish Strategic Plan and commission our new leadership teams. This plan is the result of a lot of work by parishioners over the past year. It combines our collective aspiration and prayerful discernment. The plan sets a clear direction for how we will grow in mission, service, and discipleship over the next 5 years.

I am very appreciative of the Pastoral Leadership Team, Team Leaders and Teams.

- **Carol Seagar** - CHILDREN & FAMILIES – Team Leader- Dcn Anthony Vassallo
- **Dom McCarthy** - HOSPITALITY - Team Leader - Dymphna Muir
- **Judy McGuire** - LITURGY– Team Leader - Br Neville Solomon
- **Matthew Pokarier** - Adult Formation - Team Leader - Josephine Devenish-Meares
- **Lorraine Perera** - Service and Outreach - Team Leader - Matt Nunan
- **Kathleen McClafferty** - Aged Care - Team Leader - Deborah Gilroy

With deep gratitude for the rich history of our community, this strategic plan is to strengthen our community, support our ministries, and our mission is lived with renewed purpose.

PLT, Team Leaders and team members will work closely with ministry groups and parishioners to bring our mission to life. May the light of Christ enlighten all that we do. Christ will always be at the heart of all that we do, inspiring us to serve the world with compassion. May our faith be courageous in ways that are inclusive and life-giving.

Fr Gerry

WELCOME! We warmly welcome Teresa McGrath, Director of Parish Leadership within Archdiocesan Ministries to our Commissioning Mass today at Red Hill. Teresa has been a guiding presence throughout the development of our Parish Strategic Plan. Her wisdom, experience, and thoughtful leadership have helped us to shape our vision for the future. Jubilee is deeply grateful for her support and partnership, and we look forward to continuing this collaborative journey.



ST PATRICKS DAY falls on 17 March.

THE SOLEMN FEAST OF ST JOSEPH falls on 19 March.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 16 March

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 17 March

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 18 March

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 19 March

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 20 March

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7.00pm

St Finbarr's Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

21/22 March

Saturday 21 March

Individual Reconciliation

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

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

Saturday 21 March

Mass (Rosalie) 4.30pm

Mass (Newmarket) 4.30pm

Sunday 22 March

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Family 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

FAMILY MASS

Saturday 14 March 4.30pm

St Ambrose Church, Newmarket

CHILDRENS LITURGY

OF THE WORD

Sunday 15 March, 7.30am

St Joan of Arc Church.

FAMILY MASS

Sunday 22 March , 8.30am

St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday 20 March,

7.00pm

St Finbarr's Church

Ashgrove



PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT: Please continue to pray for Dej and Peter, members of St Brigid’s community who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at Easter. “Lord Jesus, you are the true light that enlightens the world. Through your spirit of truth free those who are enslaved by the father of lies. Stir up the desire for good in Dej and Peter, whom you have chosen for your sacraments. Let them rejoice in your light, that they may see, and, like the man born blind whose sight you restored, let them prove to be staunch and fearless witnesses to the faith, for you are Lord for ever and ever.” Second Scrutiny

POPE IMAGINES A WORLD WITHOUT WAR IN HIS LATEST PRAYER: Pope Leo XIV’s prayer intention for the month of March



is for disarmament and peace. In a video released this week, the Holy Father posed a question to the faithful: “Would you imagine what a world without wars would be like? A world without the terror of approaching explosions? Without rocket alarms shattering the silence of the night?

Here is part of the Pope’s prayer:

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.

We believe you created us for communion,
not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction.

You who greeted your disciples saying, “Peace be with you,”
grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world,
asking that nations renounce weapons
and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,
so we may become instruments of reconciliation.



ST BRIGID’S LIGHTS. First scaffolder has folded. The firm we have been working with over the last four weeks has pulled out of doing the work to restore the lighting. That means the work is not going to be completed before Holy Week as was planned. Our electrician is seeking another scaffolder to be engaged.



In the meantime, he is setting up some temporary lighting for the middle section of the church.

With the gospel of the man born blind this weekend you can choose to experience it as either light growing dimmer, or enlightenment gradually becoming greater. **Fr Gerry**

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH This week, we honour inclusiveness, respect, and a shared sense of belonging for all Australians from the Traditional Custodians of this land to those who have journeyed here from many cultures around the world.

JUBILEE PARISH MASS TIMES – HOLY WEEK

- Monday 30 March Mass 6.30am, St Brigid’s RED HILL
- Tuesday 31 March Mass 9.00am, St Ambrose NEWMARKET
- Wednesday 1 April Mass 6.30am, Sacred Heart ROSALIE
Mass 9.00am, St Mary Magdalene BARDON

Holy Thursday 2 April
Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Adoration, 7.00pm, St Brigid’s RED HILL

- Good Friday 3 April**
- Stations of The Cross 10.00am, St Mary Magdalene BARDON
 - 10.00am, St Ambrose NEWMARKET
 - 10.00am, St Brigid’s RED HILL
 - 10.00am, Sacred Heart ROSALIE

- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 3.00pm, St Finbarr’s ASHGROVE
 - 3.00pm, St Mary Magdalene BARDON
 - 3.00pm, St Joan of Arc, HERSTON
 - 3.00pm, St Brigid’s RED HILL

- Easter Vigil 4 April**
Mass 6.30pm, St Ambrose Church, NEWMARKET
Mass 6.30pm, Sacred Heart Church, ROSALIE
(There will be no other Masses or First Rite of Reconciliation on this day)

Easter Sunday 5 April Normal Sunday Timetable



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




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

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



This week at St Finbarr's has been a busy and meaningful one. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students approached NAPLAN with calm, focus and confidence, supported by the encouragement of staff and families as they demonstrated their learning. We also enjoyed welcoming families and young children to another 'Playgroup' session, where connection, conversation and a strong sense of belonging continue to flourish. We are delighted to continue welcoming new families to our community and meet many young aspiring Preps, who have been visiting the school as they prepare to join us next year. In the spirit of care and responsibility, our staff also took time to upskill through first aid training, strengthening our capacity to keep all members of our community safe and well. Together, these moments reflect our shared commitment to learning, wellbeing and community.



Throughout Lent, we encourage our students to be mindful of the impact their words and behaviours have on others. Using kind words, showing patience and offering forgiveness help to build a safe and caring environment where everyone feels valued. These small, everyday acts of kindness reflect Jesus' message of love and help our community grow stronger in faith and unity.

This week we continued our learning journey of our school charism. Our staff have been engaging in professional learning centred on the life of St Francis of Assisi and our school's Franciscan charism. Together, teachers explored key events that shaped Francis' life and influenced his decision to respond courageously to God's call, ultimately leading to the founding of the Franciscan Friars. His journey of humility, service, care for creation and deep love for others continues to inspire our work as educators today. Through this shared learning, staff reflected on how the values modelled by St Francis can be lived out in our classrooms, playgrounds and relationships with one another.



Recently, we were delighted to welcome past students and families back to St Ambrose's, where they shared their wonderful memories and experiences of school life as part of our 90year celebrations. Their stories highlighted the strong sense of belonging, faith and community that continues to shape our school. Hearing how their time at St Ambrose's has influenced their lives was both affirming and inspiring. Nic, co-founder of Orange Sky Laundry, shared some special moments visiting his Yr 1 teacher and classroom. Be sure to keep an eye out for videos of these special reflections, which will be shared with our community soon. Our Active8 programs continue to thrive, offering students rich opportunities beyond the classroom. Eco Warriors, Choir, Mud Engineers and Kilometre Club are just some of the engaging activities helping our students grow, connect and flourish at St Ambrose's.

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 **Maisie Bell, Luca Di Girolamo, Elena Lundberg, Luca Spencer, Lucia Pantlin, Vincent Ward, Millie McKee & Florence Muir McCarey** who were baptised this weekend.

We celebrate with the families of **Jonathan Schwarting & Safira Dashwood** who were married this weekend