

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

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION — 5 APRIL 2026

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OUR DAILY WITNESS TO THE MYSTERY

Standing in the twenty-first century—surrounded by notifications, headlines, and a constant demand for proof—I'm struck by how the Gospels keep making room for what cannot be measured. Again and again, ordinary moments become charged with God's presence: the Transfiguration, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, a calling in the desert, a table shared with friends and outsiders, the feeding of the five thousand. These are not neat explanations; they are holy interruptions. The Church names that space "mystery"—not to avoid questions, but to honour a reality larger than our understanding.

In *John 20:1-9*, Easter begins not with triumph, but with grief and uncertainty. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb "while it was still dark"—a detail that feels painfully familiar when hope seems risky. What she finds is not closure, but absence. Mary Magdalene's place in this story is quietly radical. In a world where women's voices carried little public authority, the Gospel puts a woman at the centre of the Resurrection—not as decoration, but as witness. She is the first to arrive at the tomb, the first to sense that something has shifted and the first to run and tell the disciples. She brings no polished testimony—only honesty, urgency, and devotion. Like Mary and Martha (*Luke 10*) and Jesus' mother, she shows that faith is often simply staying close. Mary does not yet understand, but she shows that faith can begin with showing up, even in the dark. God does not wait for the "right" people, or the powerful, to approve the message.

My belief in the Resurrection is much the same. I do not see the risen Christ with my own eyes; I learn Easter, as the first disciples did, through signs—love that heals, forgiveness that restores, communities that refuse to give up on one another, hope that keeps breathing after loss. Easter faith does not erase doubt or suffering; it asks me to trust that God is still at work when the tomb feels empty and the future is unclear. This Easter Gospel reminds me that faith is not the same as certainty. Faith is trust—sometimes quiet, sometimes trembling—that God can bring life where I can only see an ending. It invites me to walk toward the light of Resurrection, holding reverence for the mystery and the courage to live as if new life is possible.

Carol Seagar



HAPPY EASTER: Fr Prince and I are extremely grateful for the support and Easter greetings. Our prayer is that the whole Parish be abundantly blest with the life of the Risen Christ. Hopefully the Easter Bilby has been able to visit and grace you with some special gifts.



SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION — 5 APRIL 2026 (YEAR A)

PROPER OF THE MASS

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 **Second Reading:** Col 3:1-4

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: Mass on Easter Sunday, or Sunday of the Resurrection, brings the Triduum to a close and ushers in the great fifty days of the season of Easter Time. After 40 days of fasting, 50 days of feasting lie ahead!



The first reading Resurrection Sunday it is always the sermon that Peter delivered in the house of Cornelius from the book of Acts. Peter spells out the core of Christian

belief and the message of the resurrection is proclaimed loud and clear.

Easter Sunday is one of only two celebrations during the year when there is an obligatory sequence (Pentecost is the other). A sequence is a long hymn text that follows the second reading and leads into the Gospel acclamation: "Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!"

On Easter Sunday the recitation of the Creed may be replaced by the renewal of baptismal promises where worshippers proclaim their beliefs as responses to questions. Then all present are sprinkled with holy water drawn from the baptismal font that was blessed at the Vigil.

The celebration concludes with a solemn three-part blessing over the people and the priest's words of dismissal. The people's response today, and every day throughout the Easter octave, has the words 'Alleluia, alleluia' added. We are sent forth as Easter people to bring joy, freedom and hope to the world. **Elizabeth Harrington**

EASTER INITIATIONS: Congratulations to Dej and Peter, who were reborn in Christ through the waters of Baptism, sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and welcomed to share fully in the Eucharist at the Lord's table during the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Church.

May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts, and may the prayers and blessings of our parish community accompany you as you continue to grow in faith.



BAPTISM: The parish community joyfully welcomes **Rafael Salvadore Pedro**, who received the Sacrament of Baptism at the 7:30am Mass at St Joan of Arc Church on Easter Sunday. We give thanks with his parents, who have embraced the call to nurture their son as a beloved child of God.

At Easter, all the faithful renew their baptismal promises, rejoicing in the grace of God who has adopted us as His sons

and daughters in Christ. May Rafael and his family be blessed with the love, support, and prayers of our parish as they continue their journey of faith.

Praise God and our liturgists! Jubilee Parish is extremely grateful to all who have worked so hard to energise our worship throughout Holy Week. From Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday there has been an enormous amount of planning, organisation and practices. The list involved is large, too

large to even attempt naming. **THANK YOU!** Special notes to the facilitators of the different celebrations, the musicians, and singers who put in extra practices. Easter blessings be with you for your spirited involvement.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL OF US HERE AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion.

Your generosity is helping to empower the

world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate! **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.



PARISH DIARY

Monday 6 April

NO Mass (Red Hill)

Tuesday 7 April

NO Mass (Newmarket)

Wednesday 8 April

NO Mass (Rosalie)
Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 9 April

NO Mass (Ashgrove)

Friday 10 April

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Second Sunday of Easter 11/12 April

Saturday 11 April

Individual Reconciliation
(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm
(Rosalie) 4.00pm-4.20pm

Saturday 11 April

Mass Newmarket 6.30pm
Mass Rosalie 6.30pm

Sunday 12 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

LITURGY MEETING

Saturday 11 April
Parish Office, 9.30am



CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 12 April
St Finbarr's Church, 8.30am

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Sunday 12 April
St Brigid's Church, 10.00am



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NOW OPEN FOR ENROLMENT: The Jubilee Parish Sacramental Program is now taking enrolments for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Please visit www.jubileeparish.com/sacramental-program/ to:

1. Register with the Parish
2. Complete the Enrolment Form

Please note: Registering with the parish is a required part of the enrolment process and must be completed before the enrolment application can be submitted. If you have any questions, please

contact Emma Ferguson at sac.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au



A MORNING'S PRAYER Easter celebrates the resurrection and how we've come this far. You are invited to the first A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2026 with the theme Out of the Desert, Into New Life Facilitated by the Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries. This session will reflect on our spiritual journey through the teachings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, exploring how we can embrace new life during Easter. **When:** Sat 18 April, 9am - 12pm **Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For more Information and to register go to: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp26_1



INVITATION TO AN INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL– 21 APRIL The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is hosting an Interfaith Prayer Vigil called “Together for Our Common Home” on 21 April in the Hanly Room at the Francis Rush Centre from 6.30pm –9.30pm. The aim is to gather as one community, praying for our Earth and those who suffer, due to rising sea levels and extreme weather. Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and various faith leaders will be praying for the communities in the Kimberley, Palm Island and the Torres Strait Islands as well as our Pacific neighbours.

For more information and to register go to: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/interfaithprayervigil>



CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity

with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

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



The Parish leadership team, along with their ministry groups, will come together after Easter to begin putting our pastoral plan into action. Our parish has six Ministry Areas: • **Children and Families** • **Hospitality and Welcome** • **Liturgy** • **Service and Outreach** • **Prayer and Formation** and **Aged Care**.

We would love to hear from you if any of these ministries resonate with you and you'd like to contribute. Please contact the Parish Office on 3324 3895 or email: jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au.

2026 CALENDAR FOR SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS: There is nothing more profound about a young man who in a world full



of noise and distraction, chooses to stop and listen to God's voice in his heart and mind. The Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary, Fr Neil Muir, has asked that you take a calendar and consider praying daily for each seminarian, two of whom you may find familiar: Daniel Pietrobon, a former parishioner of St Joan of Arc Church, and David Thorley, who was with us for his Advent placement last year. Calendars are located on a table at the rear of the Church.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12 April

God's love and mercy endure forever & overcome any sin that separates us from him.

- 10.00am** Mass at St Brigid's Red Hill
- 11.00am** Adoration, Confession, , Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- 12.00pm** Benediction, Blessing of religious images.

PLANNED GIVING : There are several convenient ways you can contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of our parish:

- **Tap & Go** facilities are available at the entrance of each church.
- **Direct Debit or Credit Card** contributions can be arranged for regular giving.
- **Parish Giving App** (go to link below to set up.)
- **Planned giving Envelopes** (contact the parish office to organise for you)
- **QR Code.** Hover your phone camera over scan code. Scroll through the various ways in which you can make a contribution.



Direct Debit & Credit Card forms can be downloaded from our Parish website: <https://www.jubileeparish.com/donationspayments.html> or contact the Parish office to assist you.

The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



.During Holy Week, our school community was invited into a quieter, more reflective space...one that asked us to slow down and attend to the story at the heart of our faith. Through moments of prayer, scripture, symbols, and silence, we were drawn into reflection on the final days of Jesus' life. During our engagement with the Gospel and weekly symbols, it was emphasised that the approach to the Cross is deliberate and unhurried. We thoughtfully considered the nature of unconditional love, selfless service, and enduring faith, even in times of adversity. Standing, in prayer, at the foot of the Cross, we were invited to hold both sorrow and hope together. As the term ends, we pause with gratitude for shared moments of learning, for relationships strengthened, and for the quiet ways faith continues to be formed in our community. Easter now opens before us as a promise of renewal. May the Risen Christ continue to shape our hearts and guide our living, calling us to walk gently, act justly and live as people of peace. Wishing our parish families a blessed and grace-filled Easter.



Our school community came together to mark Holy Week, gathering in reverence to learn more about the Easter story through song and prayer. It was a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember Jesus' journey to the Cross and the hope of the Resurrection. Each class formed an important part of the Easter story and shared a moment from Holy Week with our community, helping us to walk together through the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The students' participation, respect, and heartfelt singing created a powerful sense of unity and faith. We also concluded Project Compassion with a powerful water display, with each student contributing water to represent their support for the appeal. This simple action helped to build our fundraising efforts and reminded us of the ongoing need for clean water for everyone. The St Joseph school community would like to wish everyone in the Jubilee Parish a safe, holy, and happy Easter.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Our community has enjoyed a wonderful end to the term, filled with faith, generosity and joyful participation. We were delighted to see so many students and families involved in our **Walk for Water and Water Relay**, a powerful and energetic event that helped deepen our understanding of global water injustice while raising awareness for those most in need. We also warmly congratulate **Evie and Georgia Stanton**, whose initiative and compassion shone through their **Home Bake Sale**, raising over **\$700 for Project Compassion**. Their efforts are a wonderful example of young people living out the Habits of the Heart and Good Samaritan Charism. Finally, our **Holy Week Liturgy** beautifully shared the story of Jesus' final week through prayer, words and song, inviting all present into reflection and hope. We wish all our families a **happy and holy Easter**, filled with peace, renewal and joy.

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,

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 **Rafael Salvadore Pedro** who was baptised this weekend.

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

