

# 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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — 17 MAY 2026

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### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is not a story about Jesus leaving us behind; it is a story about Jesus trusting us enough to stay present in a new way. As the disciples watch Jesus ascend, they are filled with a strange mix of awe and uncertainty. He is no longer walking beside them, teaching them face to face, and yet he promises that he is still with them always.

In the Ascension, Jesus entrusts his mission to ordinary people, to us by implication, who are not fully ready and who still have questions. Jesus does not wait until they are (we are) perfect or confident. Instead, he reminds them that their strength will come from beyond themselves. The command to "go and make disciples" is paired with the promise of the Spirit, assuring them that they will not walk this path alone.

For us today, the Ascension invites a shift in how we see faith.

We are reminded that God does not always act in loud or dramatic ways, but often through presence, relationship and quiet courage. Jesus ascends so that his love can be encountered everywhere — in our classrooms, playgrounds, homes and relationships.

The disciples are told not to stand gazing at the sky, but to return to daily life with purpose and hope. This is our call too: to live the Gospel where we are, to be witnesses through kindness, justice and compassion, and to trust that Christ continues to work through us. As we are reminded at every Mass:

*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*

*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*

*Go in peace, to love and serve the World.*

The Ascension celebrates not absence, but responsibility — a hope filled invitation to live as people who carry Christ's presence into the world. **Carol Seagar**



**FIRST COMMUNION:** Congratulations to **Henry Watt and Mabel Hurley** who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May this holy day fill your hearts with deep joy and draw you ever closer to Jesus. Our prayer is that your faith, hope, and love grow stronger each day."



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — 17 MAY 2026 (YEAR A)

#### PROPER OF THE MASS

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11 **Second Reading:** Eph 1: 17-23

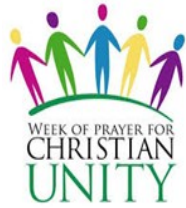
**Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

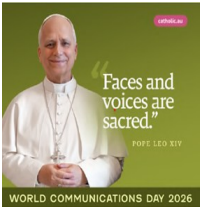
**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20



**MONTH OF MARY:** Behind all Marian devotion lies a central truth: Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and therefore the Mother of God. From the cross, Jesus gave her to the beloved disciple—and so to all of us. As our Mother, she loves us with tender care, accompanying us through this “valley of tears,” praying with us and for us. Mary is dear to Catholics through the rosary, novenas, and her presence in our homes and churches. Yet true devotion goes beyond sentiment. It is firmly grounded in Scripture. In the Gospel, Mary is the model disciple. When Jesus says that those who hear and live God’s word are his family, Mary fulfils this perfectly. Her faithful “yes” contrasts with Eve—where Eve resisted God, Mary embraced trust and mystery. Her discipleship is seen especially at the cross. She stands in quiet strength, without bitterness or protest. Her suffering, like the pain of childbirth, brings forth new life. At Calvary, she becomes the Mother of all humanity. This is the Mary we honour in May—Mother, disciple, and Queen of Heaven. How blessed we are to call her our Mother. *Fr Prince*



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 17 - 24 MAY.** The Week of Prayer began in 1908 and brings together Christians from a wide range of Churches to pray for unity. It was an initiative of Fr Paul Wattson of Graymoor Franciscan Friars in New York and is celebrated in the northern hemisphere from 18 -25 January. However, because this is the summer holiday period in the southern hemisphere, it was moved to the week between Ascension and Pentecost.



**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY ON 17 MAY 2026:** The day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 to encourage reflection on the opportunities and challenges presented by media and communication technology. This year, the 60th World Communications Day (WCD) has the theme “Preserving human voices and faces”, reflecting Pope Leo’s concerns about the growing influence of artificial intelligence. To mark the day, consider promoting a new podcast, available from 7 May, Paul Osborn of the ACBC, and the general secretary of the Renaissance Foundation Fr Andrea Ciucci. They explore the WCD theme and some of the things that Catholic schools, parishes and agencies can do to promote ethical thinking about AI.



**FUNERAL MASS:** A mass of thanksgiving for **Allan Doxey** will be held at 11.00am on Monday 18 May at St Brigids Red Hill. May Allan rest in the eternal embrace of our loving Father.



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK 18-24 MAY** Established in 1989, National Volunteer Week is the premier celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the millions of Australians who volunteer. Jubilee parish is blessed to have so many volunteers across multiple ministries. Apart from the ones we see at mass there are many other volunteers working behind the scenes, all of whom contribute to the successful running of parish activities. Thank you to all those volunteers.

This year’s theme, *Your Year to Volunteer* honours the contributions of volunteers and invites people across Australia to make 2026 a year of meaningful involvement, in ways that work for them.



**DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH:** During the month of May, we are all reminded of the role we can play in raising awareness of DFV. By coming together we can send an empowering message by saying “no more to domestic and family violence”. At every Mass this May, we will light a candle and pray together for an end to domestic violence as a sign of hope and solidarity.

**Support Services sheets are located on the back table of the church or you can call 1800811811 or 1800737732 for an emergency and support.**



**CLEANING BEE: ST FINBARR’S :** Our beautiful church is in desperate need of a good clean. Can you spare 1 hour of your time to make the church gleam? We need helpers to dust, wipe and sanitise the church on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am**. Please bring gloves. All other cleaning products will be provided. Please email [Kathleen.pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:Kathleen.pa.ashgrove.jubilee@bne.catholic.net.au)

## PARISH DIARY

### Monday 18 May

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

### Tuesday 19 May

Class Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

### Wednesday 20 May

**Liturgy of the Word**

(Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

### Thursday 21 May

Class Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

### Friday 22 May

Mass (Rosalie) 9.00am

### Pentecost Sunday

23/24 May

### Saturday 23 May

**Individual Reconciliation**

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

(Rosalie) 4.00pm-4.20pm

### Saturday 23 May

Mass Newmarket 4.30pm

Mass Rosalie 4.30pm

### Sunday 24 May

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.

## CHILDREN’S LITURGY

St Joan of Arc, Church

Sunday 17 May, 7.30am

## ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS

Saturday 30 May 4.30pm

St Ambrose Church.



**SHAVUOT**, commonly known in English as the Feast of Weeks, occurring May 21–23, 2026, is a major Jewish holiday. Shavuot recalls the time when God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments and other laws. During this celebration, the Jewish people offer thanks to God for the Torah which is a guide for their lives.

Shavuot, one of three Jewish pilgrimage festivals, occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. In the Bible, Shavuot marked the wheat harvest in Israel. While Shavuot is sometimes referred to as Pentecost due to it occurring fifty days after the first day of Passover, it is not the same celebration as the Christian Pentecost.



**Parish Finance Council** had another busy meeting last Thursday. They continue to keep informed of the present development negotiations on the Rosalie site, as well as projected timeline of how that will all play out. There are many dimensions to this which will become clearer when agreement is reached. They are also keeping a close eye on parish finances and necessary maintenance projects. The parish is grateful for their continued watchful eye on the parish patrimony.



**WORKS ST BRIGID'S RED HILL 25 MAY – 29 MAY.** St Brigid's Red Hill will be closed for electrical repair work Monday 25 May – 29 May. Scaffolding is required to reach the heights of electrical rewiring. Whilst that is happening the opportunity will be taken to replace some broken pieces of high glass windows. Then all the lights (hopefully) will be back on.



**MASTERPLAN:** the parish masterplan is still alive and inching along. The company with whom we are working, are hopefully coming to a completion of their due diligence process. We await that formal acknowledgement. When that happens further communication on the projects can happen.



**PENTECOST FOR KIDS 2026 RESOURCES** Would you like to make this Pentecost an even more special day for the children in your parish or community? The Children & Families team from Archdiocesan Ministries has put together some fun resources that let kids sing, dance, listen and craft their way through the story of Pentecost. It's a Pentecost children's program. You can find the resources at: [tinyurl.com/Pent4Kids](https://tinyurl.com/Pent4Kids)

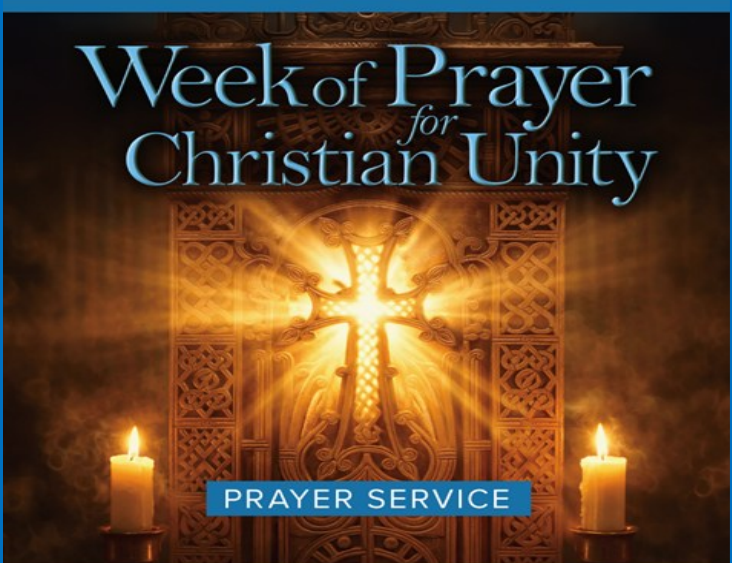


## LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

Catholics for Our Common Home

**LAUDATO SI WEEK** runs from May 17–24, marking the anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical with the theme "From Hope to Action". In the encyclical, Pope Francis calls on us to embrace integral ecology and he challenges us to hear the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor as one. He calls us on a journey of ecological conversion that fuels us to respond concretely by taking "swift and unified global action". For more information and ideas on how you can contribute, please go to <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/laudato-si-action-plan/>

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



**PRAYER SERVICE**

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

# FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

**Saturday 23 May 2026**  
9.30am to 4.30pm  
Church of the 12 Apostles,  
111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee  
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

Speakers: Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady, Steffanie Le and Len Airey

Coming together as one Current of Grace to praise, pray and be inspired by the Holy Spirit...

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# WINTER WARMER

We are **collecting donations** to keep our vulnerable community members warm in the winter months ahead.

**DROP OFF LOCATION:**  
180 JUBILEE TCE, BARDON  
9 AM TO 4:30 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
UNTIL JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

**Bedding & Linen**

**Clothing**

**Enclosed Shoes**

**Sleeping Bags**



# The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



A highlight of this week has been the journey of some of our Year 6 students to Waiben (Thursday Island) in the Torres Strait. Accompanied by Catherine Connors and Karen Siranovic, and travelling alongside students from Saint Thomas More College, our students were warmly welcomed by the local community and Elders. Together with students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Waiben, they have begun meaningful collaboration on shared STEM MAD (Making a Difference) projects. This experience has already proven to be far more than an academic opportunity. Students are working closely with one another to explore ways they can make a genuine difference to the people and communities of the Torres Strait. At the same time, they are immersed in rich cultural learning—listening, observing and building understanding through respectful engagement with community members and Elders. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the Waiben community in sharing their knowledge, culture and hospitality.



This week we held another Pre-Prep event as part of our Jump into Joeys program. It was wonderful to welcome over 20 children and their families to our school community as they engaged in a range of hands-on numeracy activities. The children eagerly explored their future Prep classrooms, becoming familiar with the learning spaces and routines they will experience next year. At the same time, parents and carers participated in a practical workshop focused on ways to support numeracy development at home through everyday conversations, games and real-life experiences. We thank families for joining us and for the positive energy they brought to the morning. Jump into Joeys continues to be a valuable way to build connections, ease the transition into Prep and celebrate the beginning of each child's learning journey at St Joseph's. We are very lucky to be able to offer such high-quality learning opportunities, and we thank the staff and community partners who help make them possible.



Excitement is building as we journey towards our school's 90 year anniversary celebrations. This remarkable milestone invites us to reflect on our rich history while joyfully celebrating the vibrant community we are today. Throughout the year, we will be acknowledging this special occasion in several meaningful and joy-filled ways. On 10 June, our Under 8s Day will take on a birthday party theme, promising colour, fun and a sense of celebration as we honour ninety years of learning, laughter and faith. Then, on 25<sup>th</sup> July, we warmly invite past, present and prospective families to our Community Open Day. There will be so much to explore, including an art show, petting zoo, collaborative art experiences, and a special *Remembering Room* where visitors can reminisce about our school's humble beginnings. We are also hosting a special Catholic Week Mass on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate our school charism which guides our teaching and learning. If you, or someone you know, has memorabilia we could borrow for this special event, we would love to hear from you. Together, let us celebrate the story that continues to unfold.

## 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 congratulate and welcome  
**Jeremiah Monteiro, Camilla Frisby,  
Lucy West, Grace Kluckhorn and  
Benjamin Goddard** who were  
baptised this weekend.

We especially pray for  
**Allan Doxey** who died  
recently and for all the souls  
of the faithful departed.  
May they rest in peace