

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY — 24 MAY 2026

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Pentecost: From Covenant to Communion

Both Jews and Christians celebrate Pentecost, though with different meanings. For the Jewish people, Pentecost was one of the three great pilgrimage feasts, along with Passover and Tabernacles. Celebrated fifty days after Passover, it was originally a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest.

At Passover, the first offering of barley was made to God; at Pentecost, two loaves of bread were offered in gratitude for the fullness of the harvest.

Over time, the feast took on deeper meaning. It became a celebration of God's covenants—first with Noah after the flood, and later with Moses at Mount Sinai, fifty days after the Exodus. Pentecost thus remembered a God who enters into covenant with His people and gives them His law as a guide for life.

For Christians, Pentecost is the fulfilment of all this. It marks the conclusion of the Easter season and the completion of the Paschal Mystery. Fifty days after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descends upon Mary and the apostles, not on stone tablets, but upon human hearts. What was once written in law is now lived in love. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Through the preaching of Peter, three thousand people are converted—not by force or fear, but by the power of the Spirit. The frightened disciples become courageous witnesses. The Church comes to life not as an institution, but as a Spirit filled community sent on mission.

Today's readings remind us of one essential truth: the Holy Spirit is never given just for ourselves. The Spirit always moves outward—towards witness, service, reconciliation, and unity. Pentecost is not only something that happened long ago. It is something that happens whenever we allow the Spirit to work through us. The question Pentecost asks each of us is simple and challenging:

How is the Spirit inviting me to be Christ's witness today—in my family, my parish, my workplace, and my community? **Fr Prince**



RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION: We extend our congratulations to **Sarah Donald** who received the fullness of God's Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and was welcomed to the table of the Lord in Holy Communion this weekend. May the grace of the Holy Spirit continue to guide Sarah and inspire her to walk closely with Christ throughout her life.



WORKS ST BRIGID'S RED HILL 25 MAY – 29 MAY. St Brigid's Red Hill will be closed for electrical repair work from Monday 25 May after the 6.30am mass to Friday 29 May. Scaffolding is required to reach the heights of electrical rewiring.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — 24 MAY 2026 (YEAR A)

1st Reading: Gen 11:1-9 **Second Reading:** Rom8:22-27

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John: 37-39



PENTECOST FOR KIDS 2026 RESOURCES The Children & Families team from Archdiocesan Ministries has put together some fun resources to engage kids through the story of Pentecost. It's a Pentecost children's program. You can find the resources at: tinyurl.com/Pent4Kids



MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS – A MOTHER WHO GOES BEFORE US
 “Yes, we are still pilgrims but our Mother has gone on ahead, where she points to the reward for our efforts. She tells us that we can make it. If we are faithful, we will reach home. Not only is the Blessed Virgin our model but she is also the Help of Christians. And as we besiege her with our petitions ‘Show that you are our Mother’ – she cannot help but watch over her children with motherly care.” St Josemaría Escrivá (1902-1975) St Josemaría reminds us of a deeply comforting truth: *we are still on the journey, but our Mother has already arrived.* She has gone ahead of us—not to remain distant, but to guide us home. In our Christian life, we often experience struggle, uncertainty, and even discouragement. At times, the path of faith can feel long. Yet Mary stands before us as a sign of hope. Her life tells us: *it is possible.* Faithfulness, even in the midst of confusion and suffering, leads to glory. As *Help of Christians*, Mary is not only a model to admire but a Mother to rely on. Her help is not abstract. It is personal, attentive, and maternal. When we turn to her—especially with the simple, trusting prayer, “Show yourself a mother” we place ourselves under her care. And a mother does not ignore her children. She intercedes for us and gently leads us closer to Christ. Her role is always to draw us to her Son, reminding us that our final home is not here, but with God. The 6.30am Mass at Red Hill on Monday 25 May and the 5.30pm Mass at Dorrington will be celebrated in honour of Mary, Help of Christians. **Fr Prince**



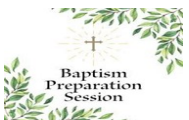
DEEP LOVE' AT THE HEART OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: Brisbane Archbishop Shane Mackinlay was joined by leaders of nine other Christian churches at St Stephen's Cathedral during the week for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service. The homily by Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane Jeremy Greaves

stressed the simple act of praying together across traditions. Archbishop Greaves said at the ecumenical gathering that it was not about many bodies competing for Christ, nor many spirits pulling in opposite directions, but one body, one spirit, one truth. *“So many of us feel surrounded by darkness, divisive politics, rising antisemitism, Islamophobia and hatred, the darkness of loneliness and anxiety, the darkness of ecological life, of mistrust, including the mistrust of the Church itself,”* he said. *“Into all that darkness, Jesus says ‘believe in the light, so you may become children of the light’. He says, ‘walk in the light’.”* Archbishop Greaves said it was important to walk towards Jesus Christ with humility, gentleness and patience.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY 26 MAY: National Sorry Day is observed annually on 26 May to remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were forcibly removed from their families, known as the Stolen Generations. It directly precedes National Reconciliation Week.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK in Queensland runs from May 27 to June 3, 2026. This year's theme is **“All In”**. The week is a dedicated time for all Australians to come together, reflect on our shared history, and learn about the cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week serves as a time for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how to contribute to reconciliation.



BAPTISM PREPARATION TUESDAY 26 MAY 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.



RECENT DEATH: Brisbane Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has paid tribute to Sally Towns, the long-serving Catholic education leader who died recently. He said the news would come as *“a great shock and sorrow to many across our archdiocese and the wider Catholic education community”*. *“Sally was a woman of deep faith, extraordinary dedication and immense courage”*.

The Funeral was held on Friday at St Stephens Cathedral.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 25 May

Mass (Red Hill) 6.30am

Tuesday 26 May

Mass (Newmarket) 9.00am

Wednesday 27 May

Mass (Rosalie) 6.30am

Mass (Bardon) 9.00am

Thursday 28 May

Mass (Ashgrove) 9.00am

Friday 29 May

Mass (Rosalie) 9.00am

The Most Holy Trinity 30/31 May

Saturday 30 May

Individual Reconciliation

(Newmarket) 4.00pm-4.20pm

(Rosalie) 4.00pm-4.20pm

Saturday 30 May

Family Mass Newmarket 4.30pm

Mass Rosalie 4.30pm

Sunday 31 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.

ST AMBROSE FAMILY MASS

Saturday 30 May 4.30pm



STATE OF ORIGIN

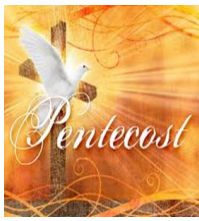
Game 1

Wednesday 27 May.

Kick-off 8.05pm



**GO THE MIGHTY
MAROONS**



THE FEAST OF PENTECOST : According to Luke’s account in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, a joyous Jewish harvest festival held on the fiftieth day after Passover. The early Church gave the title ‘Pentecost’ from the Greek word *Pentekostos* meaning ‘fifty’ to the whole period of fifty days between the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Another name for the feast used by some Christian traditions is ‘Whitsunday’. The Whitsunday Islands were so named by Captain James Cook because they were sighted on the day of Pentecost.

The feast of Pentecost commemorates two things: the gift of the Spirit that enables us to praise and proclaim the good news of Christ, and the birth of the Church as an active community. The words ‘fire’ and ‘wind’ are used frequently in the Bible to describe the Holy Spirit. The Spirit ‘seizes’, is ‘poured out’ and ‘lifts up’. These dynamic references reflect the sense of excitement and zeal for mission of the early disciples.

Pentecost Sunday is one of the two celebrations during the year that has an obligatory sequence (Easter Sunday is the other). The sequence (from the Latin *sequor*, ‘to follow’) is a long hymn text which occurs after the second reading and before the Gospel acclamation. Its purpose is to provide a sharper focus for important celebrations by uniting those present in reflection on the feast or mystery being celebrated. **Elizabeth Harrington**



POPE LEOS MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS : Pope Leo XIV’s first Encyclical Letter *Magnifica humanitas*, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, will be released on May 25, 2026. Pope Leo XIV has expressed interest in the issue of artificial intelligence and the dignity of work since the first week of his pontificate, “*Much of the human creative industry [is put] at risk of being dismantled and replaced with the label ‘Powered by AI’, turning people into passive consumers of unthought thoughts and anonymous products without ownership or love.*” (source Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)



FEAST OF ST JOAN OF ARC 30 May: The “maid of Orleans” and liberator of France, Jean d’Arc was a native of Domremy in Lorraine. The youngest of five children of a poor peasant farmer named Jacques, she was from her 13th year conscious of supernatural “voices” directing her. Three years later these voices (Sts Michael, Margaret and Catherine) instantly urged her to lead the French King’s armies to victory over the English, just when their complete defeat seemed imminent- “It is God who commanded it.” In the ensuing winter, however, many military advantages were lost through procrastination and political jealousies, and when Joan was captured at Compiegne by the Burgundians, the ungrateful Charles abandoned her to her fate- she was sold by her captors to the English, who, in order to rid themselves of one who inspired their troops with superstitious terror, had her condemned for witchery by subservient prelates and judges. In 1431, just 19, she was burned alive at the stake at Rouen. A generation later, a re-trial of her case, at the request of her family, established Joan’s complete innocence. Joan of Arc was canonized in 1920 and is the Patron of France. Let us remember and pray for our Herston community in a special way on May 30 as the catholic church celebrates St Joan of Arc’s feast day. **Fr Prince**



NEOCATECHUMENAL CATACHESIS : Christ is risen! Everyone is invited to attend a series of catecheses given by the Neocatechumenal Community already present in our Parish.
Location: St. Ambrose’s Church; **When:** Every Monday and Friday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Info: Alfonso_Ferraioli@yahoo.com.au and/or 0405 269 791



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

PRAYER VIGIL for DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

PRESIDER: *SHANE MACKINLAY, CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE
In collaboration with Juliana Mantilla (Challenge DV), Diana Lopes (Honorary Consul of Portugal in QLD), Brian Sullivan (Sicura), Carole Danby (Queensland Churches Together), Carolyn Robinson (BeyondDV), Centacare, Liturgy Brisbane and the Romero Centre.

Tuesday 2 June 5:30pm - 6:30pm
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
49 Elizabeth St Brisbane City
Followed by light supper in the Hanly Room

Join us in prayer and reflection for all impacted by domestic and family violence — victims, families, communities, those who have caused harm, and everyone working across the system. Together, we honour stories, raise awareness, and hold space for healing and hope.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
WALK WITH JESUS

Procession begins at
2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026
CORPUSCHRISTIBRISBANE.COM

PARACLETE:

Copies of the newest edition of *The Paraclete* magazine from the Holy Spirit Seminary of QLD are now available at the back of the church.

Be sure to read the page 8 article by David Thorley, who was in Jubilee for his Advent placement at the end of last year.



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

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



This week, our Year 2 and Year 4 students gathered in faith and friendship to celebrate their Buddy Mass.

Grounded in the message that God makes us one family in Jesus, the liturgy invited students to reflect on what it means to belong not only to Christ, but also to one another. In the First Reading, we heard how the early believers were united heart and soul, sharing what they had so that no one was left in need. This witness offered a beautiful connection for our students as they considered how simple acts of kindness, inclusion and generosity help build a community where each person feels known and valued.

The Gospel reminded us of Jesus' promise to send the Spirit of truth, who helps us remember his way, choose what is right, and speak with courage. For our Year 4 students, this is expressed in their call to lead as caring and thoughtful buddies. For our Year 2 students, it is seen in the confidence that grows when friendship is nurtured with gentleness and trust. As a school and parish community, we are invited to carry this simple question into the week ahead: How can I help someone feel they belong?



As we mark the halfway point of the term, our classrooms are full of learning, growth and increasing confidence. Our teachers continue to deliver excellent learning and teaching each day, planning engaging experiences that support every child to make progress. It has been wonderful to see students thriving, producing fantastic work, taking pride in their efforts and challenging themselves to try new strategies and persevere when learning feels tricky. Across the school, students are showing greater independence, stronger collaboration skills and a willingness to ask questions, reflect and improve. We are proud of the positive learning culture that is developing in every classroom and grateful for the partnership we share with families in supporting our students. We look forward to the remainder of the term as we continue to build momentum and celebrate the many achievements still to come. On Monday, over 60 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the QC Netball Carnival. Our teams worked together with determination and encouragement to achieve some great results across the day.

ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL



Excitement was buzzing at St Ambrose's as we celebrated Laudato Si' and World Bee Day with our joyful "Bee Yourself" free dress day. As the patron saint of bees and beekeepers, St Ambrose reminds us of our call to care for creation, and students embraced this message with enthusiasm and creativity.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 Parish Mass highlighted the theme of belonging, and we are thankful to Fr Prince, Kathleen, the parents, and our parishioners who joined this special Mass.

Our High Potential Learners proudly showcased their bee-inspired inquiry projects, presenting innovative ideas to address real school challenges and make a positive impact within our community.

Alongside these celebrations, our staff engaged in professional learning to strengthen mathematics teaching, aligned with our Explicit Improvement Agenda. This ongoing commitment ensures we continue to grow as educators and provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Together, we give thanks for the gifts of creation, learning, and community.

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

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

