

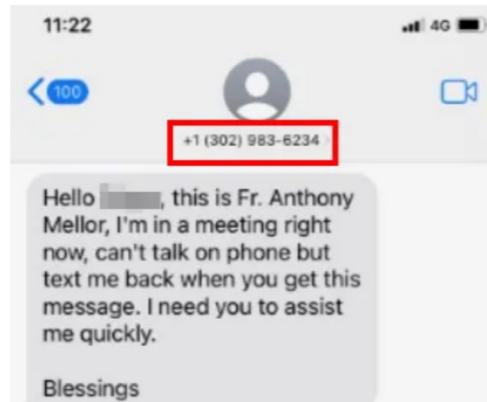
### Women's Retreat

In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you. .

When: 6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston Cost: \$425live in / \$230 live out  
RSVP: Monday 4 September Register today for a weekend of encounter, encouragement, and restoration at <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>

We recommend if you or anyone who know receives a message like this, to not engage with the sender and instead forward the message to 0429 999 888 (this is the Australian Government's spam reporting line).



### Attention all volunteers:

Requirements are changing for "church participant roles" Readers, Eucharistic Ministers at Mass are no longer required to have a Blue card. We will contact all volunteers to notify changes. If you have any queries, please contact parish office.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Extraordinary Communion Ministers to visit local Aged care or nursing home**



Training provided

After successful launch of the first module by the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, Theology in Context, an invitation is now extended for people to participate in the second unit offering from the Centre. This second module, Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures, engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. It will provide participants with an introduction to various books within the canon, as well as theological principals that inform the Catholic reading of scripture. For those who live beyond the Brisbane region, there is an option to register as a regional hub where you can gather locally and participate together via an online link. If you are interested in hosting a regional hub, please contact Evangelisation Brisbane via [eb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:eb@bne.catholic.net.au)

When: 7pm, Mondays starting 21st August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+  
Please consider who in your parish would benefit from this formation.

Find out more and register at [catholicformation.au](http://catholicformation.au)

**SECOND MODULE**  
**UNDERSTANDING, PRAYING AND LIVING THE SCRIPTURES**  
with Deacon Peter Pelliccaan PhD

### Protecting our (increasingly younger) children from cyberbullying

Reports of serious cyberbullying of children between the ages of 8 and 13 years has more than tripled compared to pre-pandemic 2019 – jumping from a little over 200 complaints in 2019 to almost 740 in 2022.

Take a few minutes to [learn more about cyberbullying](#) – what it is, ways to protect your child, and how to get help if your child experiences it.

Tools and resources to safeguard children from cyberbullying eSafety is here to help with advice and resources to help you support your family's online safety.

Set up a [family tech agreement](#) and [parental controls](#)

Explore ways to stay safe online for [parents](#), [kids](#) and [young people](#)

Learn digital skills for staying safe in games and apps using [The eSafety Guide](#)

Get help for online issues by [reporting to eSafety](#)

Join an [eSafety webinar](#) to help your children have positive online experiences

Download [online safety resources](#), including this [guide to reporting cyberbullying](#)



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Acacia Ridge | Algester  
Calamvale | Parkinson  
Larapinta | Pallara

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### MASS TIMES

Wed | Thurs | Friday 9 am  
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9am & 5pm

**CONFESSIONS** (by appointment)

**BAPTISMS**

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

**PIETY STALL**

1st Sunday each month

**AWAKEN IN CHRIST MINISTRY**

[admin@awaken.org.au](mailto:admin@awaken.org.au)  
0437006264

**RISING YOUTH | RISING HIGH MINISTRY**

[hello@risingyouthministry.org](mailto:hello@risingyouthministry.org)  
0488220606 (Ellen)

### SCHOOLS

**Our Lady of Fatima School**

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[www.ourladyoffatima.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyoffatima.qld.edu.au)  
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# FATIMA NEWS

**15th & 16th Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A**  
16th & 23rd July 2023

Dear friends,

My name is Fr Dang Nguyen. You have been informed that I have recently been appointed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to serve at Acacia Ridge Parish. I would like to take this opportunity to write few words to introduce myself.

I am originally from Vietnam. I was born and raised in the countryside. I am a middle child of five in a loving and devoted Catholic family. Both of my parents are farmers and my whole childhood was closely connected with rice and sugar cane farms.

My parents brought me up well and also instilled and nourished my faith. I still remember that my family often prayed rosary together during the evening. To be honest, I once thought that was the worst thing that a parent can do to their child 😊. However, looking back now, I believe that the experience gave me both a sense of faith and this kindled my love for the priesthood vocation.

However, not until late 2008, I came and joined the priesthood formation with the Augustinians in Sydney that my childhood dream became a reality. After ten years of religious formation, I was ordained on the 22nd September 2018 by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. I was then assigned as an Associate Pastor of St James Parish until mid of 2019, then briefly at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Caloundra and Jubilee. Even though, I have been ordained only four and a half year ago, I am very fortunate that I have been serving in a number of parishes. The best part of the experience is that I have come to know so many wonderful people who have incredible faith. They not only taught me what it means to be a priest, but also have helped me to grow in my relationship with God.

I am so thrilled that God has now brought me to be a part of the family of the Acacia Ridge Parish! I am excited about sharing my journey of faith with you and look forward to meeting you and getting to know you all.

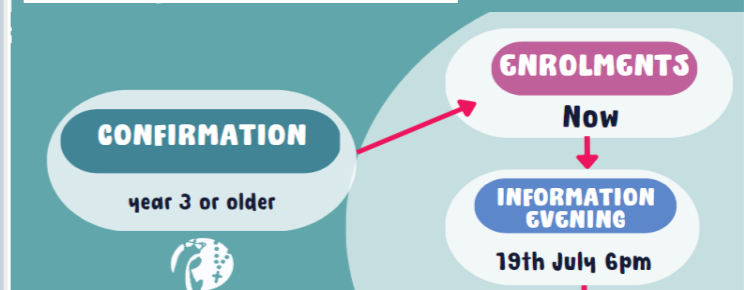
Happy Sunday and do have a blessed week ahead,

Fr. Dang



Photo courtesy of The Catholic

**Enrolments open for Sacrament of Confirmation**  
If you have a child who is currently in grade 3 or older and you feel ready as a family to prepare with your child to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023**, please collect Enrolment form at back of church or download from Our Lady of Fatima's website and returning it to the parish office email: [acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au)



**If you are registered for our envelopes with Planned Giving, please collect your new envelope boxes (2023-2024) from the back of the church. Thank you :)**

**In Transition**  
As a parish family, we welcome **Ellis Christer Escasinas Limpin and Theodore Francis Andrews** who will be baptised on Sunday 16th July 2023. Welcome and congratulations.

**To receive the Parish's eNewsletter please email to [acaciaidge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:acaciaidge@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**Follow us facebook**

Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time. May God's presence nourish and strengthen you.



**A Reflection from Amelia one of our volunteer Youth Leaders**  
**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."**  
 Thank you to the Missionaries of Charity Sisters for sharing this week's powerful gospel and Jesus' words to our children at RYM last Sunday. It was amazing to see every child eager to learn, stay and play and we could truly feel the Spirit of Joy and Love. Whether we were doing arts and craft with our 5 year olds, or playing Jenga with the 12 year olds, the impact of quality time with children has been personally rewarding, especially to see so many smiling faces. Amelia



Some of our wonderful team of volunteers

**Youth Ministries**  
 We had a great turn out for Rising High last get together, we got to know each other through playing "M & M's Games" we watched a video on how Jesus holds our hands through the midst of our troubles. Looking forward to introducing Fr Dang to all the youth on Sunday 23rd in the Blue Hall. See you there.  
 Ellen Tran  
 Youth Coordinator



**FRIENDS IN GRACE:** Thank you to all who came to FIG on Tuesday morning. We had a great time connecting and developing deeper friendships in the parish. We celebrated Tess's birthday and enjoyed some time having fun playing games! We invite you all to come on 23rd July.

**Help Needed:** If you are available to help sort clothing for the pre-loved markets please come along to the Blue Hall next 2 Thursdays 9.30 onwards.....

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AT FRIENDS IN GRACE EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Next get together  
 Tuesday  
 11 JULY AND 25 JULY  
 9.30AM  
 Parish blue hall

Friends in Grace  
 Live life, laughter, friendship  
 sharing the Word of God

*Friends In Grace*  
 BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE AND A FRIEND



**RISING YOUTH MINISTRY**  
 RYM - for children in Primary School Prep to Year 6

**Praise & Worship**

**SUNDAY 13 AUGUST**  
 2PM - 4PM

Word of God

Fun & Games

Our Lady of Fatima School Hall  
 350 Mortimer Rd Acacia Ridge  
 Join us for mass at 5pm

0488 220 606  
 hello@risingyouthministry.org

[HTTPS://RISINGYOUTHMINISTRY.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/](https://risingyouthministry.eventbrite.com.au/)



**Rising High Ministry**  
 we're moving mountains

Join us for a night filled with games, talks, worship & prayer.

**Sunday 23 July**  
**6.00pm - 7.30pm**  
**13-17 yrs old**  
**Parish Blue Hall**  
 Call 0488 220 606



**Please Support the Parish** There are many ways to support the Acacia Ridge Parish but the most effective way is through our Planned Giving Program by direct debit We need your help our parish is growing! We understand that many of you may have committed your donation to other worthy causes; however, this time around we are appealing to your charitable heart to consider financially supporting our wonderful parish. We are asking in this season of growth and planning that you help the parish to continue its service to our parishioners, community, and youth. Without your "planned giving" we are met with challenges in our planning and implementing tasks that are crucial for the operations of our church, grounds, office, spiritual obligations and nourishment to all who make OLOF their place of worship and spiritual comfort. We ask that you consider sowing into the future of Acacia Ridge OLOF. Whatever you can give is appreciated and we are deeply grateful. Its our turn now to sow into the kingdom of God through your planned giving, we stand together committed in giving OLOF the opportunity to build and prosper for the sake of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 9:6-8  
 'The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.' **Direct Debit Forms available at the back of the church or the parish office**

**PRE LOVED MARKETS**

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

10.00am - 3.00pm

350 MORTIMER ROAD

Support our Fundraiser for OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**SPRING FAIR**

Food Stalls

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023  
 350 Mortimer Road Acacia Ridge

10AM-3PM

Save the Date

Petting Zoo

Rides

SAMPLE BAGS

Come along and join in the fun at Our Lady of Fatima's Spring Fair. A thriving parish in the heart of Acacia Ridge!

