



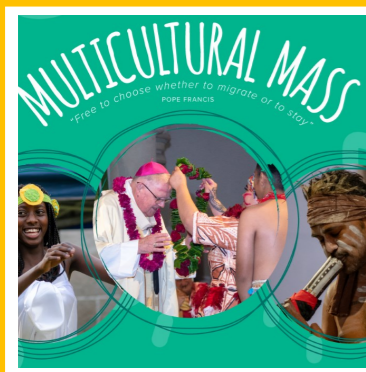

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION
MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

PRESENTED BY **DCN. PETER PELLICAAAN PHD**
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WITH GUEST PRESENTERS


ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
 Archbishop of Brisbane


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This year's annual Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 24th September in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees, highlighting this year's theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities through out the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

All are invited and all are welcome!

When: 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023
 Where: Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St. Brisbane City)
 RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

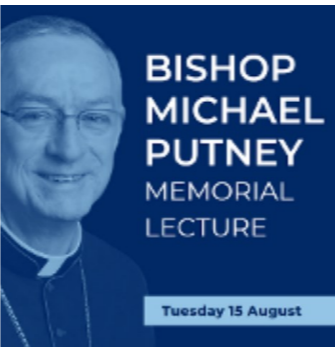
The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August. Through consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023
 Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo
 RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023



The theological understanding of Mission has grown and changed in recent years as scholars from across the Churches recognise the importance of context, be it culture, gender, socio-economic or other factors, on how that message is proclaimed. You are invited to the 2023 session of the Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture-Mission in Context, with guest speaker Professor Stephen Bevans SVD, a Roman Catholic missionary priest who has taught for many years in Mission and Culture. From 2014 until 2022 he was a member of the World Council of Churches' Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. His presentation will focus on two significant papers from the World Council of Churches: Together towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes and The Arusha Call to Discipleship and how these resonate with recent Roman Catholic teaching, especially in the areas of Mission and Creation, Mission from the Margins and Mission and Migration.

When: Tuesday 15th August, 7pm
 Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (Cathedral of St Stephen Precinct, 196 Charlotte Street)
 Cost: Attending: \$10 | Livestream: \$5 Register: <https://tinyurl.com/BMPecture23>



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 3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am
PIETY STALL
 1st Sunday each month

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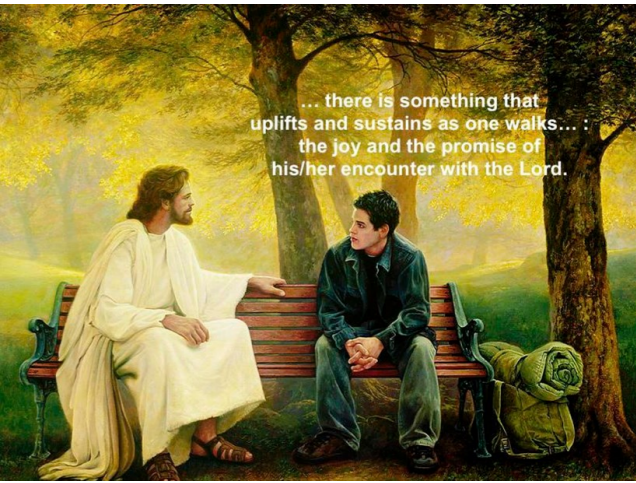
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FATIMA NEWS

17th & 18th Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A
 30th July & 6th August 2023

Greetings to all,

Today's Gospel reading makes me think of happiness, and joy, and gratitude. Have you ever had just a great day, one of those days where everything—or everything that matters—seems right, and sometimes even better than right? Like the day of giving birth to your child and holding your baby in your arms for the first time or the day that you see your loved ones after a long separation...



I was thinking about these kinds of days when I read the reading for today. They are about radiance, joy, and thanks. That kind of day that happens to the man and the merchant in our gospel reading of this Sunday. You can imagine how happy is the man who suddenly find a treasure of the field, or a merchant who has been searching so hard for a fine pearl that he loves, now he finds it. They all so happy that nothing else matters for them at that moment. They willingly to do anything to possess it. How wonderful it is to have that kind of experience in our life.

We are very fortunate, we do not have to look hard for it. This kind of joy is always available for us in the person of Jesus, of God himself. Jesus reminds us in the parables that He is our treasure, is our finest pearl. When we come to Him, we will experience the incredible joy. The joy is so priceless that we can even forgo the compensation, reward, or anything in exchange for that experience.

Yet, life oftentimes is hard. Our worries and concerns of day to day life overburden us, our health conditions or of someone we love troubles us, our lives seem never ending with challenges...It also doesn't often seem to give us abundant opportunities for joy. At these moments specially, we need to come to Him, talk to Him, invite Him into our life, into our family, into our struggles. Jesus expresses clearly in the gospel reading today, when you encountered with him. We will experience an incredible joy, nothing in life can compare with it.

When we enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord, who is Himself the pearl beyond price, other attractions in life seem far less appealing. Like the merchant we're prepared to forego things which we once thought we couldn't live without. St Paul in his letter to the Philippians tells us this kind of experience: "I consider everything in life as so much rubbish compared to the true joy of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything".

Have a blessed week,
 Fr. Dang

In Transition

We especially pray for **Earl Colin Ide** who recently passed away and for all the souls of the faithful departed; May they rest in peace.

To receive the Parish's eNewsletter
 please email to acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au



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

Ready steady GO! It's all happening this month, as the many that have been working tirelessly behind the scenes making sure that Market Day is not only a fundraiser but also a day filled with joy and friendship. What better way to celebrate family and community life in our Catholic faith than a good sausage sizzle, food stalls and hunting for a good bargain!

There has been an outpouring of generosity and resources from so many who are committed to making this day successful! Thank you! Thank You! Please continue to help and donate where you can as everything that is raised will be used for the upkeep of our Parish and assists our many ministries that have touched so many lives. We thank you for sowing into this mission that will bless the hundreds of parishioners and visitors that have called OLOF their place of worship.

Volunteers are needed for all operational areas of this Market Day and we encourage you to make a commitment today, as your help, small or large will add a big impact on the success of the day. We need you! Please call the office and come on in! I promise you will have many laughs if not, then certainly a few giggles along the way.

All honour and Glory to God.
Steffanie Le Director of Ministry

FRIENDS IN GRACE: We had a fantastic time on Tuesday at Friends in Grace! It was so full of joy as we shared together and got to know Fr Dang more. It turned into an impromptu workshop for the Pre-Loved and all hands were on deck bringing more bags in for sorting! We are so grateful for the generous hearts in our parish, always willing to assist in any way! Come along to our next morning tea on the 8th August.



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

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

Tuesday
8 AND 22 AUGUST
9.30AM
Parish blue hall

Many parishioners have come to help out with the preparations for our Market Day on 5th August. Thank you to everyone. The parish is on fire with volunteers sorting through the donated items, as well as organising for all the stalls and getting everything ready for our Markets. The hall is filled with joy, laughter and the presence of God in fellowship these past few weeks as the parish has banded together to make our Market Day the best possible. Fr Dan added an extra dimension to our day of sorting. So good to have some laughs as we prepare for Market Day!



Youth Ministries



I am delighted to share with you the wonderful and exciting time our children had at the **Rising High** night. The evening was filled with boundless energy and an abundance of friendship, creating memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. The event commenced with a short but a meaningful talk from our new Parish Priest Fr Dang, who graciously shared his insights about his priesthood journey. As the night unfolded, the atmosphere was charged with happiness as the children glorified God through praise and worship. The night flowed into joyful laughter as they all joined in playing games. May the joy and energy from Rising high event inspire us to come together and share love for one another, for God and for the faith that unite us.

Ellen Tran
Youth Coordinator

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

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MARKET DAY

PRE LOVED CLOTHING

FOOD STALLS

SATURDAY
5 AUGUST

10.00am - 3.00pm
350 MORTIMER ROAD

Support our Fundraiser for
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

Calling all volunteers

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR PRE LOVED MARKETS ON SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

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