

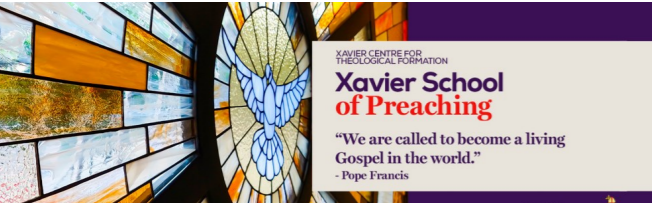


We are receiving our Confirmation
on 23rd August 2023
Please, pray for us

Celebration of the Mass
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 15th August at 2pm
by Fr. Anthony Girvan

INFORMATION SESSION ON MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS
There will be an information session on marriage annulments in the Catholic Church, given by staff of the Regional Tribunal for Queensland. What is an annulment? Who needs one? What's involved? FAQ's answered and the chance to have your own questions answered. **Tuesday 22 August 2023, Mary Immaculate Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (parking adjacent), 7:45pm.** Enquiries to tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3033.

CATHOLIC FORMATION
MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures
The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to facilitate a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules in Catholic Foundations as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats, and one off events.



The Xavier School of Preaching seeks to raise up a new generation of preachers—men and women- within the life and mission of the Catholic Church. The Xavier School of Preaching is open to all the baptised and is especially for: parish lay ministers, priests, deacons and seminarians, teachers and school leaders, diocesan and Catholic education leaders, members of ecclesial movements, catechists, and youth ministers. Find out more and register here <https://tinyurl.com/xsp2023byFriday18August>

Dovetailing nicely with the Archbishop's message for **NAIDOC Week**, Evangelisation Brisbane have worked in concert with the Edmund Rice Centre in Sydney to produce a resource that helps people unpack the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This is one way to prepare for the National Referendum on constitutional recognition and the establishment of a Voice to Parliament which will likely take place in the latter part of the year. Here is the link and document of the Discussion Series:
<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/assets/uploads/statement-of-the-heart-discussion.pdf>
It works similarly to a Lenten or Advent reflection series, where participants are lead through a process of prayer, scripture reflections and discussion questions, while exploring the Uluru Statement From the Heart. Attached below is also a link to the translations of the Uluru Statement in many languages:
<https://ulurustatement.org/education/translations/>

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends, to the annual **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, 11:30am Mass on Saturday, 30th September 2023** followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds. Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral. If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd. email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023 To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP : Friday 22nd September 2023 cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au 3324 3030




VISITORS' DAY COLLEGE TOURS
SATURDAY
19 AUGUST 2023
Tours available on the hour from 9:00am to 12:00pm
The Thomas More Café will be open for morning tea.
Register at [JTA.link/STMCTours](https://www.jta.link/STMCTours)

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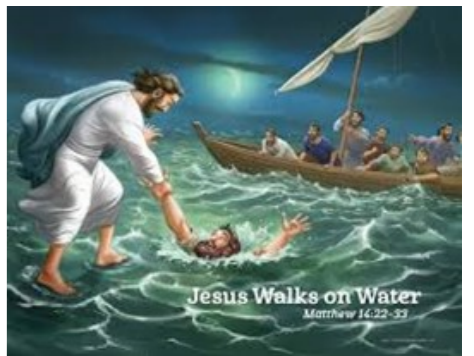
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MASS TIMES
Wed | Thurs | Friday 9 am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm
CONFESSIONS (by appointment)
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3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am
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FATIMA NEWS

19th & 20th Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A
13th & 20th August 2023

Greetings,
The line that struck me in the gospel reading of this Sunday is where Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come."
What a wonderful expression of faith! Peter, caught in stormy conditions on the sea, expressed his complete confidence that if Jesus were to call him out of the boat to walk on water, it would happen. Jesus does call him to Himself and Peter begins to walk on water. Of course we know what happened next. Peter was filled with fear and began to sink. Fortunately, Jesus caught him and all was well.



Interestingly, this story reveals much to us about our own lives of faith and much more about the goodness of Jesus. So often we begin with a faith in our head and have every intention of living that faith. Like Peter, we often make firm resolutions to trust in Jesus and to "walk on water" at His command. However, all too often we experience the same thing Peter did. We start to live the trust we express in Jesus, only to suddenly waver and give in to fear in the midst of our hardship. We begin to sink and have to cry out for help.

In some ways, the ideal would have been if Peter expressed his faith in Jesus and then walked to Him without faltering. But, in other ways, this is the ideal story in that it reveals the depth of Jesus' mercy and compassion. It reveals that Jesus will catch us and draw us out of our doubts and fears when our faith gives way. This story is much more about Jesus' compassion and the extent of His help than it is about Peter's lack of faith.

Reflect, today, upon any way that we have had great intentions of trusting Jesus, started down that path and then have fallen. Know that Jesus is full of compassion and will reach out to us in our weakness just as He did to Peter. Let Him grab our hand and strengthen our lack of faith out of His abundance of love and mercy.
Fr. Dang



CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES
Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.

20 August 2023
catholiccampaign.com.au

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

We wanted to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for the incredible success of the Preloved market event. The atmosphere was electric, brimming with a contagious energy that left us all feeling truly invigorated.

The heart of the event was undoubtedly the volunteers. Your generous contribution of time and resources went above and beyond our expectations. Your dedication and hard work helped shape the market into something truly extraordinary. It's not just about the hours you put in, but also the passion and enthusiasm you brought to every task. Your commitment didn't go unnoticed, and we're incredibly grateful for your presence.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the event was witnessing individuals from different cultures and backgrounds coming together as friends. The unity and camaraderie displayed were heartwarming. With your generosity, we have raised \$12,719.20 through the event.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Together, we've proven that a community can achieve remarkable things when driven by passion and love.



Thank you all!



Youth Ministries

We are excitedly counting down the days until this upcoming Sunday, and we cannot wait to see you there.

One of the highlights of this Sunday will be our special time-sharing the teachings of God's words to your children. We believe that nurturing the knowledge of God is a vital part of their journey in life.

Our dedicated youth leaders have been hard at work, putting together a fantastic line up of activities and preparation that we're sure your children will enjoy. Your children's presence will make the day even more special. We are looking forward to a meaningful and enriching time together.

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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hello@risingyouthministry.org

HTTPS://RISINGYOUTHMINISTRY.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/

Friends In Grace

BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE AND A FRIEND.....



Thursday 24 AUGUST
9.30 AM

Last Friends in Grace was a beautiful morning in the company of Fr. Dang and friends celebrating Tess's birthday. Bring a friend and come along!

