OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Tue: 5:30pm—Holy Mass
6:00pm Eucharist Adoration
Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 6:00pm to 6:30pm
(or by appointment)

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

SCHOOLS

Our Lady of Fatima School
www.ourladyoffatima.qld.edu.au
07 3275 1152
pacaciaridge@bne.catholic.edu.au

St Stephens School Algester
www.ststephens.qld.edu.au

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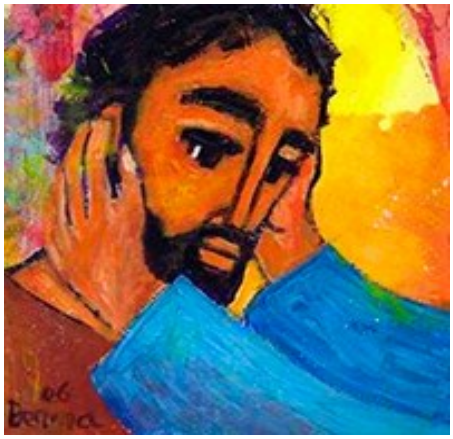
FATIMA NEWS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

7 / 8 September 2024

Greetings to all,



Our liturgical readings this weekend speak of the goodness of God. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks powerful words to frightened people. The prophet reminds them of God's goodness. The goodness of God who comes to save us. A God who sees our pain and sufferings and promises that newness of life will come forth.

The second reading from the letter of St. James also speaks of God's goodness by reminding us that God shows no partiality. While we may judge each other by externals or by how we may benefit from them, our God judges by different standards. St. James reminds us that the poor, marginalized, and abandoned people are often closest to God.

In the Gospel, we see God's goodness in action, as a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment is brought to Jesus for healing. Taking him away from the crowd, in a most intimate and caring moment, Jesus, speaks powerful life-changing words to the deaf man "*Ephphatha*", that is, "be opened!" And immediately, the man was healed and spoke plainly. Then, the man and the people went about proclaiming the good news, that Jesus does all things well, he makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. God indeed is good.

Jesus' powerful and life-giving words to the deaf man with the speech impediment restore him to the community. The man who could not communicate his thoughts and feelings can now participate fully in the life of the community. From loneliness and isolation, he is now made whole. One can only imagine the great joy he feels.

"*Ephphatha*". This word is the challenge for this week. The deaf man represents all of us as we are often deaf to the voice of God and cannot speak plainly the truths of his message. Thus, the Gospel asks of us, in what ways do we need to be opened by God through Jesus?

Be Opened. To know that we can learn from each other, especially people who are different from us. Be Opened. To the complications of life and the reality that we can't always have easy answers. Be Opened to the voice of God communicating with us from places we least expect. Be Opened to the voice of God calling us to people and places that make us uncomfortable. Be Opened to ultimately receiving love and graces from God. Be Opened.

Being Open can be challenging as it takes us out of our comfort zone. However, to grow and mature in the spiritual life, we must be open to the voice and power of God, who continually calls us forth to our best self. May we go forth, opened by the power of Christ to proclaim the Good News.

Have a blessed week ahead,
Fr Dang

All are invited to celebrate the cultural diversity in our parish and to show our unity in Christ

Multicultural Mass

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES AND COLOURS

Sharing one faith, one spirit, one voice, and one community

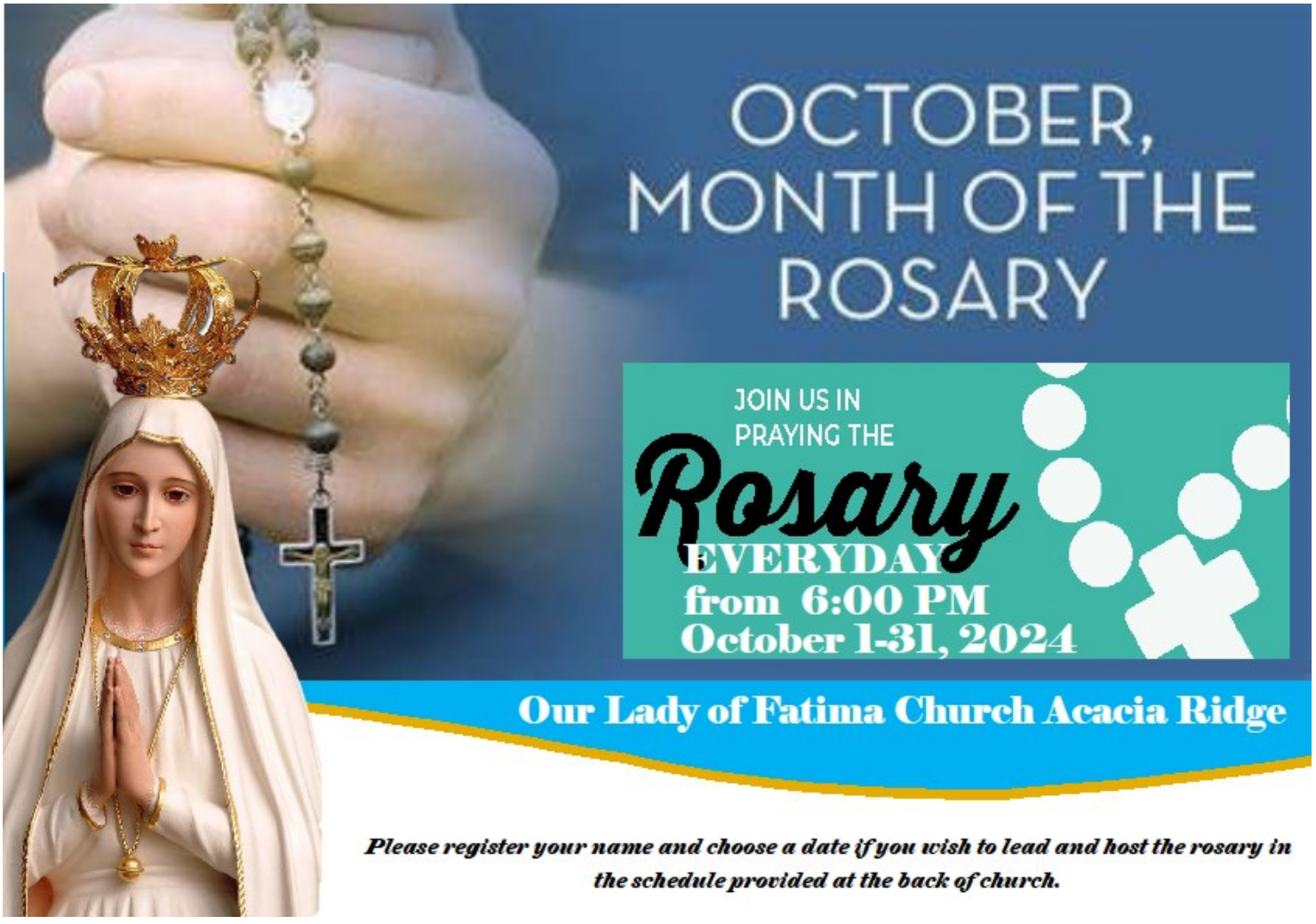
With one faith, our cultures will gather in spirit as we observe and provide opportunities for reflection and appreciation of the contributions of active cultural communities that exist within Our Lady of Fatima Parish, as well as the richness that cultural diversity brings and reflected the reality of our diverse church.

All participating communities are encouraged to dress in their traditional/national costumes.

A variety of cuisine from various countries will be available during the fellowship.

Sunday, 9:00am

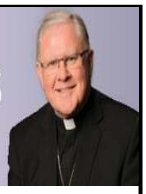
Bishop Tim Norton
Celebrant



Please register your name and choose a date if you wish to lead and host the rosary in the schedule provided at the back of church.

The Good News

from the Archdiocese of Brisbane



Vocation Views VOLUME 22 #16
Vocation Brisbane's weekly Vocation Views are a simple way to keep the question of God's cal in the minds of your parishioners and a great way to promote the message of vocations to those who might come across it.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance, and love. "Do what the word tells you" doers of the word.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom. Chosen to be rich in faith. So, take heart, be not afraid, and consider your part in God's Kingdom.

Have fun, bring your friends and come along to our new youth group ...

Open betta for ages 5 -18 plus

Youth FUN DAY

Event date: Sunday, 8th September 2024, 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110

Enjoy the day with talks, prayers, games, music, food and others...

Activities include praise and worship, featuring St Max Band, Musical chairs, Arts and Crafts painting, Face painting and ballon animals, Egg Race - Boys vs Girls (Teenagers), The floor is Lava, Ballon Race , Footy pass. Etc.

(Food are available – Pizzas, biscuits, soft drinks, chocolate)

For more information, please contact our parish office at 07 32745513

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

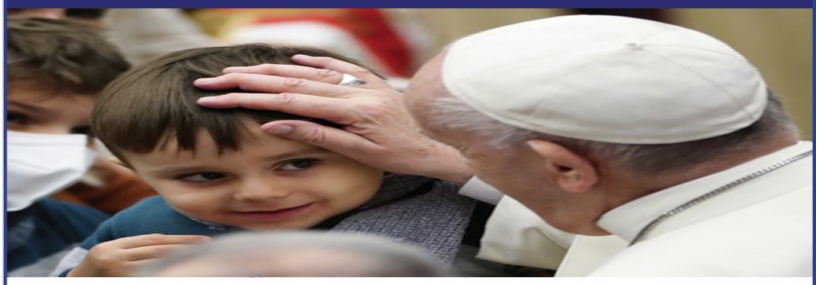
To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

Saturday 28th September 2024
11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
Phone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available

Be the face of Christ for others



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2024
SEASON OF CREATION

Join us for Mass

6pm Saturday 14 September

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

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Catechism Class

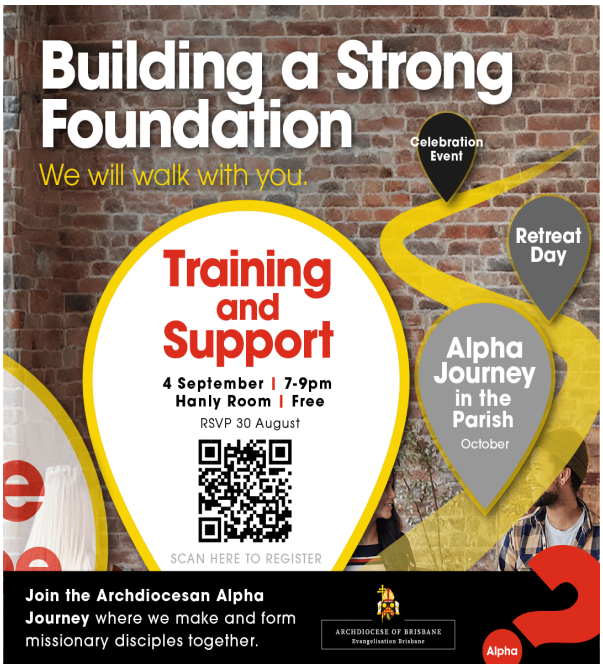
Dear parents,

An ongoing catechism class every Sunday during school Term for 30 minutes after the 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Acacia Ridge. For more information, please contact Sr. Hanna MC. Ph: (07) 3252 4441 if interested.

QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1 - 7 September 2024

National Child Protection Week September 1 - 7 is National Child Protection Week, Queensland Child Protection Week and September 8 is Safeguarding Sunday. In 2024, the National Child Protection Week message "Every child in every community needs a fair go" will be complemented with the theme "Every conversation matters". Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well. Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people. So, this National Child Protection Week, we invite you to speak up - and speak together - about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go. The Office for Safeguarding Services is currently in the process of finalising a Safeguarding Handbook, which will soon be available to al parishes and ministries, so please watch this space.



Archdiocese of Brisbane Parishes & Flocknote—September Sign up

We are excited to announce that parishes are very much in the 'roll out' phase of 'Flocknote'. Approximately, 80 parishes (170 priests/staf/volunteers) have already attended at least 1 face to face training session over the last 4-6 weeks. More sessions are being planned. Archbishop Mark has put together a short 60 second video for Parishes to share at weekend Masses during one of the 5 weeks of September.

During September all parishes of the Archdiocese are being asked to promote **'September Signup'**, to encourage your parishioners and visitors to register with your parish's Flocknote.

Flocknote is an amazing engagement and communication tool that gives parishes the ability to easily gather al of their parishioner contact info, sacrament history, and planned giving history. Flocknote also helps parishes communicate with their flock through beautiful email newsletters, emails to ministry groups, and is also the place parishes wil use to manage their volunteer records, making it much easier to share required information with People & Culture (Aurion). This wil give al our parishes a consistent communication hub and interface for al ministry and parish activity, while simplifying communication across the entire archdiocese. We are very excited to work with you over the coming months to implement this innovative and revolutionary endeavour. If you have any questions, please reach out to our parish office: acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au