

**Catholic Medical Association Australia Annual Conference** - November 2023  
The Catholic Medical Association Australia invites medical professionals and concerned Catholics to attend their National Conference, under the theme "That They May Have Life"

(Jn 10:10), in northwest Sydney at Baulkham Hills. The conference will be exploring issues of life and truth emerging in modern health care, including VAD, transgenderism and conscientious objection in medicine. Keynotes will be delivered by Dr Maria Cigolini, Bishop Richard Umbers, Deacon Dr Michael Tan and Dr Elisabeth Taylor.

A brochure is included in this edition of the Clergy and Parish Bulletin. For more information or for bookings please visit the website:

<https://catholicmedicine.org> or please call **0456 380 793**



**Catholic Medical Association Australia**  
National Conference

*That They May Have Life*

Jn 10:10

Exploring issues of life and truth emerging in modern health care

Are you facing a big life decision but don't know which direction to take? Is your vocation, career or something else weighing on your heart? Need help to figure out where God is calling you?

Join the Journey community, a discernment group led by Sr Theresa Maria Dao for single women aged 18 - 40 years. Each month, the group gathers to share their life situation with one another while going for a walk, praying and sharing a drink.

The next gathering will be held on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am - 12:00pm at Marian Valley (2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren) to celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Participants will enjoy an outdoor walk, visit the shrines around the grounds and attend Mass together, followed by an optional light brunch. Find out more and register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/JourneyOctober23>



**Community Christmas festival**

South Sport Club, Acacia Ridge, are planning to organise a Community Christmas Festival. Whilst there will be food and refreshments available for sale. The remainder of events in the festival will be absolutely FREE of charge. This includes entry to the festival grounds; inflatable rides for the children, arts and crafts activities, a visit by Santa Claus; and a massive fireworks display at 8.30pm to bring down the curtain on the festival. All are Welcome!

**Date: Sunday, 03 December**  
**Time: From 4pm to 8.30pm**

**Ways to Support our Parish**

As a Parish we are enormously grateful for the generosity of everyone in our community who helps us fund our ongoing expenses. We rely on your help to run our administration, ongoing bills, liturgical life, ministries, and maintain and repair our facilities.

There are a few ways you can support the Parish's valuable pastoral activities and ongoing sustainability.

**-Direct Debit or Credit Card giving** (Forms are available at the back of the Church)

**-Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Account.**

BSB: 064 786

ACC No: 100000413

Account Name: Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish

Reference: Last Name - collections

**-Eftpos machine**—located on the desk at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generous support!

**Anointing Mass**  
every **1st Friday** of the month  
9 am Mass  
Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge

**THE ALPHA COURSE**  
Then come along and try the ALPHA course!  
**When:** Starting in the evening on Tuesday 10 October  
**Where:** The Avocado Room at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank  
**To find out more or to register,** please contact the Sunnybank parish office on 3345 3766 or [sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Please note: **Numbers are limited**



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**

Acacia Ridge | Algester  
Calamvale | Parkinson  
|Larapinta | Pallara

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**MASS TIMES**

Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 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**

Acacia Ridge

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**FATIMA NEWS**

**25th & 26th Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A**

**24th September & 1st October 2023**

Greetings to all,

The parable of the workers in the vineyard in this Sunday's gospel has always sounded familiar to me but has not always been my favourite. I still remember when I was young, my mum used to quote this parable whenever my siblings and I argued about who got the biggest piece of cake for dessert. Mum said, "The last will be first, and the first, last". Subsequently, my youngest brother, of course, was the one who had the biggest piece. We were all whining "Mum, it is not fairrrrrr" we thought bigger kids probably deserved more than the little ones.



Most of us react instinctively against any form of behaviour that we consider unfair. If we think we were treated unfairly we can feel especially irate. It is probably that instinct in us that leaves us feeling a bit uneasy about the story that Jesus tells in this Sunday's gospel reading.

We can easily sympathize and grumble alongside the labourers in the parable who worked all day, asking why those who worked for one hour would receive the same payment as those who have borne the heat and burden of the entire working day. We feel it was unfair for those who worked all day long.

Yet, employing this story, Jesus was perhaps showing that the God whom he calls 'Father', was not a God of strict justice, as humankind understands it. God's generous spirit is so great that it cannot be confined within the limits of strict human justice.

In the parable the landowner gave a day's wages to those who worked for a day; they received a just wage, the wage that had been agreed upon at the beginning of the day. However, the landowner chose to be exceptionally generous to those who worked only an hour, giving them a day's wage too. He chose to pay all the workers a living wage, even if they hadn't earned it.

Jesus reveals a God who wants to be as generous as possible with the gift of salvation, the gift of life. God does not relate to us based on what we have earned or deserved. God relates to us out of such a greater generosity which is beyond human understanding; God gives us life in abundance as a gift. What we have done to earn it is not ultimately decisive.

Rather than being disturbed by such a parable, it can be heard as good news for us all. God relates to us in this way to inspire us to be generous in our dealings with each other as God is with us.

God Bless,  
Fr. Dang.

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please email to [acaciaidg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:acaciaidg@bne.catholic.net.au)

Follow us on



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

**LITURGY NOTES: UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUCHARIST CELEBRATION**

**The Introductory Rites at Mass**

The Introductory Rites at Mass consist of entrance song, greeting, penitential act or blessing/sprinkling of holy water, *Gloria* and collect prayer. The two essential elements are the first and last of these.

The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to gather people as a worshipping community and prepare them to listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The entrance song begins the Mass and announces that we are here to worship God as members of the Body of Christ, so it is very important that all join in the singing.

The sign of the cross that follows proclaims that we gather to celebrate as a community baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The liturgical greeting ('The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...') states that the presence and power of the Lord is with the gathered community.



The most commonly used form of the penitential rite is option C. It is an acclamation of the mercy and compassion of God ('You heal the wounds of sin and division'), not a

time for self-accusation.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* describes the *Gloria* as 'a very ancient and venerable hymn the text of which may not be replaced by any other text'.

The final element of the Introductory Rites, the collect or opening prayer, begins with the invitation by the priest 'Let us pray'. In the silence that follows we offer our own prayers which are gathered up in the words of the collect.

Elizabeth Harrington

To be Continue...



**The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

**Saint Michael** is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation.

**Saint Gabriel**, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and the at Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

**Saint Raphael**, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/sts-michael-gabriel-raphael-archangels-609>



**OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110 Ph. 32745513



**OLOF ROSARY CRUSADE** is back...

**October 7, Saturday - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Rosary starts at 4:00pm on Saturdays and 4:30pm on Sundays followed by Mass

**October 31, Tuesday - Rosary Crusade Culmination**

Procession around the church at 5:00pm, Living Rosary and Holy Mass at 6:00pm. Please bring a plate to share for fellowship after the Mass.

Please join us to participate in this wonderful event to thank our Blessed Mother Mary and to ask her guidance and protection always. You are invited 30 minutes every-day from 6.00 pm during week days to pray the **Holy Rosary at Our Lady of Fatima Church starting October 1st.**

Each day, our parishioners from different ministries, organisations and families will lead each decade of the Holy Rosary. Prayer intentions include peace around the world, healing, strength and hope to live and die in holiness and sanctity. We also pray for our own personal intentions, programs and mission in the parish.

**Thursday 5 & 19 OCTOBER 9.30AM**

**FRIENDS OF GRACE**

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



**Rising Youth Ministry**

- For children in Primary School, (Prep to Year 6)
- Praise and Worship
- Word of God
- Building Friendship
- Art & Crafts
- Fun and Games

**Sunday 8th October 2pm - 4pm**

0488 220 606  
hello@risingyouthministry.org

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

**HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS**

**JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE TOOWOOMBA**

**REV TIM COSTELLO AO**

Date: 22 October, 2023 Sunday  
Time: 1:30pm for 2:00pm start  
Where: St Theresa's Parish Centre  
Cost: \$25, children under 14 free

SCAN FOR TICKETS

**Rev Tim Costello** has been invited to deliver this memorial lecture by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways and Byways".

**WHERE:** St Theresa's Parish Centre Cnr Campbell & Curzon Streets Toowoomba

**WHEN:** Sunday October 22 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start

**COST:** \$25 afternoon tea included. Children 14 and under free.

Scan the code to book.

Bookings & Payment by Thursday October 12 using the following Try Booking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082911>

This event is sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways and Byways" which continues the work of the Sisters. Tim will share his thoughts on.."The Big Picture" Living in hope and awareness.