

## RIISING YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for a Rising Youth Christmas Celebration



Sunday 12th November from 2 - 4 pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Acacia Ridge  
RSVP: Ellen Tran 0488 220 606  
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MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

# Catechism classes

every Sunday after 9 am Mass, School term from 10 am - 10.30 am

for more info, contact sister Hanna.

Souths Sports Club Community Venues

# CHRISTMAS FUNDAY and FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER, 2023 FROM 4PM TO 8.30PM

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE START OF THE Holiday Season

LOTS OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD AND REFRESHMENT CONCESSIONS ALSO ON SITE

FUN INFLATABLES • ARTS AND CRAFTS  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS • VISIT FROM SANTA  
MASSIVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 8.30PM



### St. Jude Thaddeus:

St. Jude, known as Thaddeus, was a brother of St. James the Lesser, and a relative of Jesus. St. Jude Thaddeus is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them. Therefore, he is the patron of desperate situations, forgotten causes, hospital workers. He is represented as bearded man holding an oar, a boat, boat hook, a club, an axe or a book. Nearly every image of him depicts him wearing a medallion with a profile of Jesus. He usually has a small flame above his head and he often carries a pen.

### St. Simon the Zealot:

Little is known about the post-Pentecost life of St. Simon, who had been called a Zealot. He is thought to have preached in Egypt and then to have joined St. Jude in Persia. Here, he was supposedly martyred by being cut in half with a saw, a tool he is often depicted with. However, the 4th-century St. Basil the Great says he died in Edessa, peacefully. Source:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-jude-thaddeus-and-st-simon-the-zealot-apostles-541>



Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Rosary Culmination:

5:00 pm Procession,

5:15 pm Living Rosary,

6:00 pm Holy Mass followed by fellowship

# MEN'S RETREAT

24th-26th November

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

# A MORNING'S PRAYER RETREAT

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 9:00am to 12:00pm

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ORMISTON

SCAN TO REGISTER

\$25 per person



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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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

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# FATIMA NEWS

29th & 30th Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A  
22th & 29th October 2023

Greetings to all,

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is the story of Jesus being tested by the leaders of the time, the Pharisees and the Herodians.

The Pharisees were religious leaders of the Jewish faith. The Herodians were the followers of the Jewish King Herod. King Herod was put on the throne by the Roman Emperor Caesar and King Herod would do whatever he needed to stay in favour with Caesar. The Pharisees and Herodians knew that if they could get Jesus to say 'Do not pay taxes to Caesar,' then Jesus could be charged with treason. But, Jesus simply said *Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and God what belongs to God.*

Jesus and the people knew the Pharisees and Herodians were not serving God as they should and Jesus calls them out as hypocrites. The Herodians begin by saying to Jesus, "We know you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God." But, they only do that to lure him in to try and trick him. The Pharisees and Herodians do not respect Jesus' authority and his teachings. They do not take the time to see that the Son of God is right there in their midst, while this revelation is apparent to the many disciples following Jesus.

The Pharisees and Herodians are so tied to things of this world, protecting their status and protecting being in favour with Emperor Caesar, that they have lost sight completely of their priority to God that they claim they believe in. They have lost sight of being able to open themselves up to receive God's message and insight into their lives.

So, Jesus' message to them gets to the heart of it. And, his message is also a message to us: *God must always be first in your life.* If we are honest, we have all fallen into the trap of not putting God first at times. We may even admit that when we hear the Gospel accounts of the Pharisees and others who were not following Jesus, we might at moments see a bit of ourselves in them. We need to ask ourselves hard questions throughout our journey of faith to make sure we are striving to put God first.

*Are my priorities in order? Is God first in my life? Do I give to God what belongs to God? At times, we might be distracted to set our priorities right. However, we need never give up on trying. May our lives be a living testament to our saying "yes" to having our priorities in order, "yes" to putting God first in our lives, and "yes" to giving to God what belongs to Him.*

Blessings,

Fr. Dang.

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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**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer.

The Prayer of the Faithful is actually not a prayer addressed to God at all but a series of intentions that worshippers are invited to pray for. The pattern of the Prayer of the Faithful is:

The presider begins by addressing the faithful and inviting them to pray.

The intentions are read out, using a form of words such as "Let us pray for/We pray that...".

The faithful pray about the announced intentions in the pause that follows each one. The petitions only become the 'Prayer of the Faithful' when we, the faithful, respond to the invitation, formulate a prayer in our hearts and bring them together in the "Lord, hear our prayer".



For example, if the reader says: "We pray for those experiencing violence or hunger or homelessness", each of us prays in silence for those we are aware of in those situations – perhaps

for the people of Ukraine, or in Yemen where there is famine, or for the homeless in our own city.

After a cue (e.g. "Lord, hear us"), the community responds together (e.g. "Lord, hear our prayer").

The presider concludes with a collect that sums up the prayer of the assembly.

*Elizabeth Harrington*

To be Continue...

**We invite you to  
join us for Morning Tea  
November 2 & 16  
9.30am**



**FRIENDS OF GRACE**

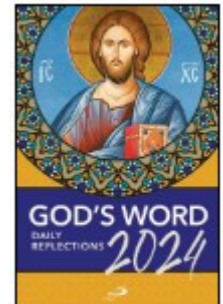
Bring a plate of food to share and a friend.....



**If you are interested to buy any of these books, please let parish office know by sending an email as an expression of interest.** Write your name and the book(s) you would like to buy and we will make the order for you. **Please send your email no later than 31st October.**

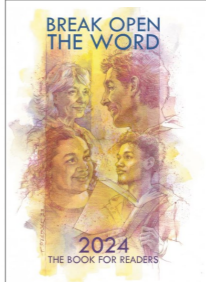
**God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary \$22.00**


These daily reflections are designed for you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.



**Break Open the Word: The Book for Readers, \$26.00**

Gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide background to the text and assistance on how to proclaim it.







**THE LITURGIES OF NOVEMBER**

November is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead. True remembrance is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved ones shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that they will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

The feast of All Saints recognises all the saints of heaven, both known and unknown, in a single celebration. The feast of All Saints first appeared in the fourth century when Eastern Church introduced a feast to celebrate martyrs on the Sunday after Pentecost. By the seventh century, the feast was being observed in the West and included those saints who were not martyrs. The present date of 1<sup>st</sup> November follows a tradition established in England and Ireland.


November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day after All Saints, is All Souls Day when we remember those who have not yet achieved the goal of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church has always encouraged prayers for the faithful departed. Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. On All Souls we pray in unity for our deceased relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

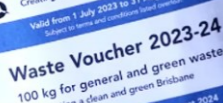
We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need .



**Relocating Parish Office Project update:**

The Parish Financial Council has approved to the project of converting the presbytery to parish office. The renovation will commence on the 31st October 2023.






**Waste Vouchers needed!**

Due to the Renovation of Parish office; we are in need of waste vouchers. If you have any spare voucher(s) to donate, would be very much appreciated. Please contact the parish office on 3274 5513.

**The commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, November 2.**

Following the beautiful tradition of our Catholic faith, our parish is organising the Book of Remembrance where we can write down the names of our deceased loved ones. During the month of November, the Remembrance book will be placed at the feet of the Altar as we offer Holy Masses for them.



As part of the month of October, we embarked on a beautiful journey with our children teaching them about Blessed Mother Mary.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Sisters of Charity and our Youth leaders for leading the children in the procession of Mother Mary, where they learned to say the rosary and shared in holding the statue of Mother Mary.

We are so proud of our children for their enthusiasm and dedication to these activities were truly inspiring, their willingness to learn and embrace the teachings of our faith is a testament to their open hearts and inquisitive minds.

May the blessings of the blessed Mother Mary continue to guide and watch over us as we nurture the spiritual growth and understanding of our children.

