



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

ANOINTING MASS

First Tuesday of the Month,
9am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8-8.50am
(Or by appointment)

BAPTISMS

10.15am, 2nd Sunday
of the Month.

*(Baptism Preparation: 6pm, first
Thursday of the Month)*

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Lizet Sanchez

FATIMA NEWS

2ND & 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4TH & 11TH DECEMBER 2022

Hi Everyone,

The word "Advent" simply means "coming" or "arrival". Advent has a twofold purpose: firstly, to spiritually prepare for the Jesus' birth at Christmas, and secondly, to spiritually prepare and anticipate for the second coming of Christ.

The Church gives us 4 weeks to spiritually prepare for Advent. We are in our Second week and already our Parish had some great starts.

Firstly, on Sunday 20th November we saw up to 200 children attending **Rising Youth Ministry**. It was a remarkable spiritual day for our children. Not only did they learn about the meaning of Christmas, but they also got to pray in front of the Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Some children said they were touched and moved by the prayerful experience. Our children will remember this experience forever. One boy said, 'it was best church event ever.' What a great way to begin the Advent Season for our children.

Our **Advent Adoration** has been wonderful, if not powerful. Every time I see people in the Church on their knees praying before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, it moves me to think just how much we need Him. While people around Acacia Ridge are busy with their lives, here in our little Church, we can experience the peace and love of our Lord. Amazing! God is so present among us in our everyday lives. Advent Adoration is on every Friday during Advent. Please take this opportunity and spend some time with the Lord. To experience the presence of the Lord is worthy of more than anything on earth.

This Saturday's **Awaken Prayer Evening** would have to be the highpoint of our Advent spiritual journey for our parish. Through prayers, praise and worship, God's presence will come among us in a powerful and tangible way. Be filled with the Holy Spirit for Christmas ... this is God's best gift to you for Christmas. I am always amazed by how many people walking away after Awaken feeling peaceful, joyful, amazed ... even healed.

Finally, please do not forget to spiritually cleanse yourselves before Christmas. Our Parish will have confessions (first rite) on Tuesday 13th December, from 6-7pm. There will be other priests available on the night.

God bless,
Fr Lam

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

"...for to you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
who is Christ the Lord".
Luke 2:11

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December	5:30 pm Carols
	6:00 pm Mass
	8:30 pm Carols
	9:00 pm Mass
Christmas Day Sunday 25th December	8:30 am Carols
	9:00 am Christmas Mass

Confessions
Tuesday 13th December
6 - 7 pm

In Transition

We pray for, **Helen Murphy and Anthony Angelo Cini** who passed away recently. The funeral for **Anthony Angelo Cini** will be on Monday 12th December at 10.30am. May their souls and all the souls of faithful departed Rest in Peace.

In Transition

As a parish family, we welcome **Keondre Valentino Tuifaasisina and Catalina Alejandra Gibson** who will be baptised on Sunday 11th December 2022. Welcome and congratulations.

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Rising High
13th November 22



Last Rising Youth Ministry of the year
20th November 22



Hello everyone,
 We celebrated our final Friends in Grace for 2022 last week and it was fantastic to see a packed house. Everyone brought a plate of food to share and we enjoyed a sumptuous feast, lots of laughter and a great catch up as we reflected back on 2022.

Thank you to everyone who came along it has become a really lovely connection morning for those are able to come during the week. Our next Friends in Grace will be in 2023, date to be advised. For those heading off for the holidays, take care, enjoy and see you again on your return.
 Warmest regards,

Bernadette Maguire
 Digital Media, Communication & Ministry Development.

Partner with Us to expand the Youth Ministry within this parish
 RAISING A GENERATION FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

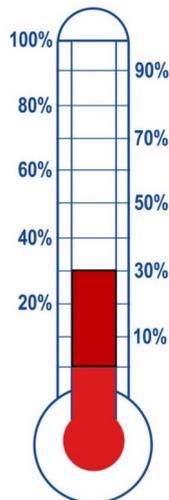
Rising Youth Ministry

Youth Coordinator Sponsorship Programme.

With the many Youth activities in our parish, we are in need of employing a full-time Youth Coordinator. Our children are the future of our Church. Their faith and spiritual development is our upmost concern as a Parish community.

We are still a long way from reaching our required fund of acquiring a full-time Youth Coordinator. We need your help. If you would like to join our sponsorship program please contact me for a direct debit form. Please consider the future of our children's faith development.
 Thank you.
 Fr Lam

SPONSORSHIP CHART
 FOR A FULLTIME YOUTH COORDINATOR POSITION



THANK YOU!

Advent Adoration

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO VISIT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT.

EVERY FRIDAY	25TH NOV 2ND DEC. 9TH DEC. 16TH DEC. 23RD DEC.	FROM 10.00 AM TO MIDNIGHT
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MEMBERS OF THE PARISH UNITE IN TAKING HOURS OF ADORATION BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY FROM 25TH NOVEMBER TO 23RD DECEMBER, FROM 10.00 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 3274 5513 OR ELLEN ON 0488 220 606

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

10/11 December

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal next weekend. When you arrive at mass next Saturday/Sunday you will see envelopes on the seats for donations to the Christmas appeal. You may complete these envelope and place them in the retiring collections receptacles or you can simply donate cash. SVdP need your help to assist poor families with food and other expenses. Acacia Ridge parishioners have been generous in the past and we look forward to your generous support at this time. We also need members/volunteers to help us do this work of assisting the poor. Can you spare a couple of hours per week? Members/volunteers are trained and always visit in pairs. Ring Noel 0423550052.
St Vincent de Paul said that "serving the poor is serving Jesus."

Tuesday 6th December

ANOINTING MASS

9:00 am

AWAKEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Reason

for the season - Jesus, Lord and Saviour of the world

We invite you to celebrate with us the coming of our King in adoration let us come together and usher in our Lord Jesus into our hearts in all His fullness for this new season.

TALKS BY STEFFANIE LE

3RD DECEMBER 2022
6.00PM Christmas Carols

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