FATIMA NEWS

2ND & 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15TH & 22ND JANUARY 2023

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, 3rd Sunday
of the Month.
(Baptism Preparation: 6pm, first Thursday of the Month)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:
Lizet Sanchez

Happy New Year!

A new year always invites us to start afresh. No matter what your past is, begin this year anew with the Lord.

With this new year, it's a good idea to set some goals or challenges for yourself. A goal is a dream with a deadline. One goal or challenge that I really recommend and encourage you to do is to get involved in our Parish ministries and activities. Our Parish has many ministries, and they are great ways of getting connected to God and other parishioners.

Awaken Ministry is a powerful prayer group. Awaken Prayer Evening occurs every first Saturday of the month, from 6pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Church. If you want to see 'Sign and Wonder of God' then come to Awaken. The Kingdom of God is truly presence at Awaken. Many people have received healing and blessing by attending Awaken Prayer Evening.

If you have children, then they should join our youth group. We have one of the largest youth groups in the Archdiocese - **Rising Youth Ministry** (RYM) and **Rising High** (RH) - for Primary School and High School children respectively. Our children need to be taught about God, and as parents and adults, we are all responsible for the faith.

This year we have big plans for our youth ministries, and planning has already begun. We are planning to have a retreat for our RH children, and wonderful activities for RYM. We need your help and support; please keep our youth ministries in your prayers, and if you could support us financially that would be great. We cannot run these ministries without the required fund. We are still in need of reaching the target fund for our Youth Coordinator.

For social gathering, we have **Friends in Grace** (FIG) that gathers now on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. At FIG we gather over a cuppa and share our faith journey. It is a great group for getting to know other parishioners over a cup of tea. Everyone is welcome. Bring a plate of food to share if you can.

Hopefully you will take up some of the above challenges and hopefully it will help you to grow spiritually this year. My advice is to give it a go. There is nothing to lose.

God bless,
Fr Lam

In Transition
As a parish family, we welcome **Roma Elysse Fulgencio Narvaez** who was baptised last Sunday 8th January 2023. Welcome and congratulations.

We pray for, **Francisca Atiliana Avalos Escobar** who passed away on 3rd January 2023. May her soul and all the souls of faithful departed **Rest in Peace**.

To receive the Parish's eNewsletter please email to acaciaidge@bne.catholic.net.au

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Dear Parishioners,
Our Sacramental programme for **First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation** will start soon.

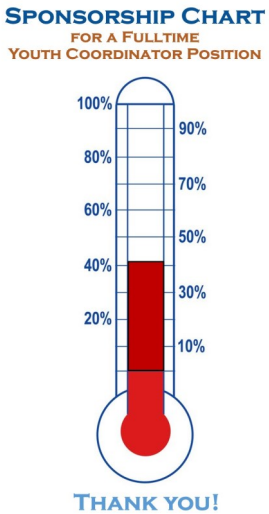
If you have children in Grade 4 or older, then they are invited to attend the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Programme, a 5-week course.

If you wish to participate in this programme, you can download the new form from our website: https://www.fatimaacaciaridge.org.au/sacraments.html
The enrolment form together with the child's Baptism certificate, are to be sent in by Friday 3rd February 2023.

An information evening for parents and children will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 6pm inside Our Lady of Fatima Church.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Lizet Sanchez. *Parish assistant.*

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 away 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



Six 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 on-going expenses. We rely on your help to run our administration, ongoing bills, liturgical life, ministries, and maintain and repair our facilities.

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

1. Planned Giving Envelopes

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

3.Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Account.

BSB: 064 786
ACC No: 100000413
Account Name: Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish
Reference: Last Name - collections

4. Online: http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au,

5. Parish Giving App using the QR Code Payment system
Just scan the QR code (sticker on the pew) with your smartphone using the inbuilt camera and follow the instructions.

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

Thank you for your generous support during this difficult time!

PARISH GIVING
Donate Here

Ministry to the Sick

"*Truly I tell you, Jesus said, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me*." (Matt. 25:40)

The parish is in need of volunteers to take communion to the sick and elderly at these 2 nursing homes: Algester Lodge Nursing homes and Carrington Nursing Homes Parkinson.

If you are able to give of your time and presence, please contact the Parish Office 32745513. We will provide you with the necessary training and knowledge to perform your ministry with excellence. Thank you.

Advertise your business here.

Contact the Parish Office for more information

Australia Day Mass:

9am, Thursday 26th January

Safeguarding Training for all Volunteers

In line with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy, all registrated volunteers must complete a Safeguarding Training every two years. All parish volunteers need to undertake a refresher training course, which is available online at:
https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/.

After completing the training, volunteers must submit a confirmation of completion form to register the training with the parish.

For more information, please send an email to acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au

Lizet Sanchez. *Safeguarding officer*

PIETY STALL

Our Lady of Fatima's **piety store** is open after the 9am Mass on **First Sunday of the month. We have great and cheap** religious articles, gifts and items like rosaries, medals, crosses, candles, books, leaflets, prayer cards, statues, figurines and more.