



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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MASS TIMES
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

ANOINTING MASS
First Tuesday of the Month,
9am

CONFESSIONS
(by appointment)

BAPTISMS
10.15am, 3rd Sunday
of the Month.
(Baptism Preparation: 6pm,
second Thursday of the Month)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:
Lizet Sanchez

FATIMA NEWS

4TH & 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 19TH & 26TH MARCH 2023

Hello Friends,

The Lord be with you always, it has been another fruitful week at the Parish. We are so blessed to have received such kind support and donations from our community. Thank you to all who have donated bibles and resources to our youth groups. These donations will bless our children greatly. Also thank you to the many who have also volunteered for future community and fundraising events. What an amazing response. Watch this space!

The bible tells us, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalms 133:1

Please take your time to read the newsletter and join us in the many activities that are happening throughout the parish and don't forget to sign on if you can help in areas that will bless our community. We are calling all communion ministers and readers, youth volunteers, handy men and women and to all who can offer the Lord their service. The Lord needs you and the Parish needs you too. The Parish has certainly taken on a new hope and life and it's because of YOU who has made Our Lady of Fatima Parish a very special place to come and worship. Thank you everyone!

Have a wonderful week,
The Parish Team

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Phan Tan Lam/Caritas Australia

In Transition

We pray for the souls of **Nenita Irasusta** who recently passed away. May her soul and all the souls of faithful departed rest in peace.

In Transition

As a parish family, we welcome **Alina Antony** who will be baptised on Sunday 19th March 2023. Welcome and congratulations!



What a fantastic morning we had together at Friends In Grace this morning. It is so good to share, laugh, eat, listen to each other's cares and pray together. The Lord is truly blessing us all in deepening our friendships and connections. Come along to our next morning tea on the 28th March.
Bernadette Maguire
Digital Media, Communications & Ministry Development



It was great to see so many children at Rising Youth on the weekend. The storm hit half way through the afternoon but the children didn't even hardly notice, they were having so much fun.



They had a really great time learning about Holy week and the importance of being humble like Christ, all while enjoying the dancing, singing, games and of course the food!!

Your children are engaging in the program and it is so lovely to hear as they share ways they can incorporate the lessons during the week at home and school. We hope they are a blessing to your family as they carry out their acts of service. Please encourage them in these tasks as they live out the message of Christ.

Make sure you follow RYM on Facebook and on Instagram to keep up with all that is happening at RYM, read more testimonies and encouragement that helps us in our walk with God.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2023

MASS TIMES:

Holy Thursday 6th April

6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7th April

10:00 am Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8th April

6:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9th April

9:00 am Mass



Our Lady of Fatima
Acacia Ridge

We extend an invitation to you, your family and friends to join in with the parish community in the events during Holy Week.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Acacia Ridge

Stations of the Cross

Commencing Friday 24th February,
and every Friday during Lent
at 7:00 pm

Walk with me The Sorrowful way of the Cross

Stations of the Cross drew a large crowd Friday night. It is so good to see the children attending with their families and being totally engaged. Such a blessing for the future generations.

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Sacrament Program

Congratulations to all children who celebrated their First Reconciliation last Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers as they will receive their First Holy Communion on 26th March.

Lenten Adoration

Please join the community as we adore the Lord and draw closer to God this Lenten season.

EVERY FRIDAY	24TH FEB 3RD MARCH 10TH MARCH 17TH MARCH 24TH MARCH 31ST MARCH	FROM 9.00 AM TO 9.00PM
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WE INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH AND ALL TO UNITE IN TAKING HOURS OF ADORATION BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY FROM 24TH FEBRUARY TO 31ST MARCH FROM 9.00 AM TO 9.00PM

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



We ask the parish community to pray for Mr Damian Gambley, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima School. Damian is currently facing health challenges and prayers are asked for him and his family at this time. Mr Luke Thomsen is Acting Principal during Damian's leave. Below is part of a message from Luke to the school families. This parish is known for your powerful prayers and we encourage you to join with us in praying and believing for healing for Damian.

'This week, each student received a prayer card for Damian. On this prayer card are 2 significant messages, which I encourage families to pray with regularly. One, a prayer from St Padre Pio, who was wholly convicted of the power of God's healing power. The other, the Word of God from Psalms, blessing the Lord for His steadfast love and mercy.'

St. Padre Pio's Prayer for Mr Gambley

Loving Father, Touch Mr Gambley now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for him to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit.

Cover Mr Gambley with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of his head to the soles of his feet.

Amen

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" ~ Psalm 103:2-4

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:15). I can see, after a week of being here, how much of a positive impact Damian has on this community, so I implore you to pray for him.

Thank you and God bless, Luke Thomsen'

UPDATE TO THE PARISH OF ACACIA RIDGE

I'd like to provide a brief update about the current workplace matter that is being investigated at the Parish.

As most of you are very aware, we are currently working with an external investigator to conduct interviews at the Parish. At this stage, this matter does not involve the police. I understand it may seem like this is taking a long time. However it's important to ensure that we do not compromise the integrity of the process and to let them follow course to complete the investigation.

We recognise the stress that this has placed on our parishioners and I assure you that we are working to have the investigation finalised as quickly as possible and, in the meantime, honour the privacy of Fr Lam, parish employees and volunteers while this is being conducted.

The Archdiocese will continue to ensure that priests are available for Masses and to attend to the spiritual needs of the community. That is our highest priority while the investigation is ongoing.

I assure you that we will keep the parish updated on the outcomes as soon as possible.

Archdiocese of Brisbane



Rising High Transformation through God's Word

Join us for a night filled with games, talks and worship. Parish Blue Hall

Sunday 26 March
6.00pm - 7.30pm
13-17 yrs old

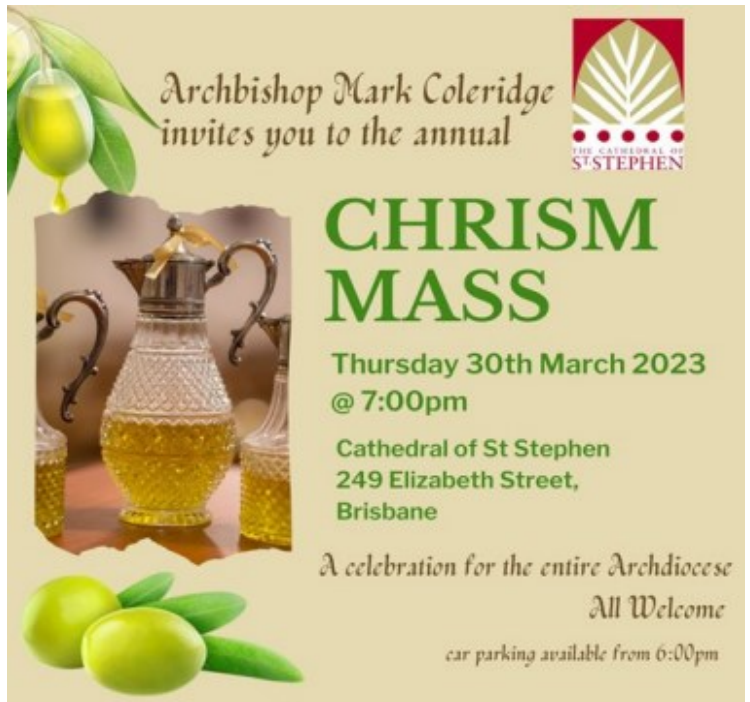
0488 220 606 rising@awaken.org.au

Information Day for Prospective Guides & Welcomers

You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

Thursday 20th April from 9:30am to 2:00pm in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre.

It's the 150th Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen. Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral. Register your interest at Cathedral Office via ph 07 / 33243006 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 25th March

**Calling all handy men!
We need your help !!**

Our parish needs regular maintenance and your skills can really help to keep our parish maintained at a safe and tidy standard for all who visit and pray at Our Lady of Fatima

The parish has small urgent jobs in need of tender loving care!



CONTACT US

PLEASE CALL
THE OFFICE
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Safeguarding Training for all Volunteers

In line with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy, all registered 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 acaciariidge@bne.catholic.net.au

Lizet Sanchez. Safeguarding officer

The Archbishop's Dinner for Men is an evening event that provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you are currently facing.

This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey.

When: Thursday 13 April 2023, 6.00pm

Where: Archbishop's Residence Wynberg, New Farm

RSVP: To express interest in attending, email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



COME & JOIN US!!!

TUESDAYS • MAR 14 & 28, 2023 • BLUE HALL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be a messenger of the word?

Calling All Volunteers!

We Need Your HELP! 😊

Join our Parish volunteer group and help out as Readers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers.
All training will be provided.

REGISTER NOW

More Information and to register call :
Ellen 0488 220 606



Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

WEB: www.palms.org.au



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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 ongoing 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. **Effpos machine**—located on the desk at the entrance of the church.



Thank you for your generous support during this difficult time!

