



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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## MASS TIMES

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9 am  
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

### CONFESSIONS

(by appointment)

### BAPTISMS

10.15am, 3rd Sunday  
of the Month.

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

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# FATIMA NEWS

5TH & 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
7TH & 14TH MAY

### 'Lies, damn lies and statistics'.

As you would no doubt be aware this is a famous statement quoted so often within society, especially where Government surveys are concerned. Well, we have our own *lies, damn lies and statistics* within our Church community as well, and they are taking place through this month of May as we set about to count the number of parishioners who attend the three weekend Masses in the parish.

Over the next four weekends through May, you will be counted, and probably I will be counted as well, so that the Archdiocese and perhaps the wider Church authority can gauge just how parish figures compare to days gone by.

So, when you see representatives from our various Mass times wandering around counting heads at each of the masses within the parish, just be aware that you will become another statistic within the life of our Church. But you will be a positive statistic as you represent the life of the Church here at the Acacia Ridge parish. So, let's count!

God Bless, Fr John.

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself.

To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life.

The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church.

It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day.

The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15).

The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us.

In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice,

"This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✠ Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane

Good afternoon everyone

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time, resources and help for the months ahead, as we prepare to launch our next two parish events in May.

We are excited to announce and would like to invite all to attend. May is the month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. This is a special month for our parish, as Our lady of Fatima community looks to Mary as our patroness. This is a holy month for all who choose to worship here. Please join us, and together in this month, let us pray to Jesus through our Mother Mary.

Please read on for further details and registrations!

**13 May 2023 Saturday**

**Procession, Rosary and Mass**

3.00pm – 5.30pm Full timetable on attached Flyer

**29 May 2023 Monday**

**Retreat - Marian valley 'Power of Prayer'**

Bus Trip to Marian Valley with Fr Luan Le  
Full details and ticket price on attached Flyer  
Registrations Essential Limited seating available

Together in prayer  
Steffanie  
Director of Ministry

Dear parents of the 1st Holy Communicants,

An ongoing catechism class every Sunday during school Term for 30 minutes after the 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Acacia Ridge.  
For more information, please contact Sr. Hanna MC.  
Ph: (07) 3252 4441 if interested. Thank you.

God bless you, Sister Hanna M.C.

**Morning Mass available on:**

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**Weekend Masses available:**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.30 pm.

Sunday 9 am and 5 pm



JOIN FRIENDS IN GRACE  
FOR A SPECIAL

# Mother's DAY MORNING TEA

**Tuesday 9th May 9.30am**  
*in the parish blue hall*

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

**Rising Youth Ministry**

word of God

Praise & Worship

**SUNDAY 14  
MAY  
2 PM - 4 PM**

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

RYM - for children in Primary School Prep to Year 6  
0488 220 606  
hello@risingyouthministry.org

Register here:

fun & games

[HTTPS://RISINGYOUTHMINISTRY.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/](https://risingyouthministry.eventbrite.com.au/)

Looking forward to seeing you all back at RYM on Sunday the 14th as we learn about Mother Mary for the month of May. Lots of exciting craft and activities centred on Mother Mary. See you all there.

Ellen Tran  
Youth Coordinator.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be a messenger of the word?  
Calling All Volunteers!  
We Need Your HELP!

Join our Parish volunteer group and help

- Readers of the Word
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Counters
- Altar Servers & Projector Operators

All training will be provided.

**REGISTER NOW**  
More Information and to register call:  
Ellen 0488 220 606

**21 MAY** **Humility** **Rising High** **Compassion**

Charity

May - Month of Mary

Prayer

Kindness 'Among Mary's essential virtues were her total, complete and surrender to do God's will.'

**6.00pm - 7.30pm**  
**13-17 yrs old**

Purity

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

Parish Blue Hall

Faith

**0488 220 606**  
rising@awaken.org.au

**Obedience**

For the love of Mary, please join us as we celebrate the  
**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**Saturday, 13 May 2023**  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH  
350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge



**PROCESSION,  
ROSARY  
& MASS**

3:00pm - General assembly

3:15pm, we begin with a PROCESSION  
of Our Lady of Fatima image around the  
church parking lot

3:45pm - Living Rosary inside the church

4:30pm - Celebration of the Eucharist

followed by a usual fellowship after the Mass

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**5th Week of Easter**



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**One Day Retreat**



**Power of Prayer**

at beautiful Marian Valley

**Monday 29 May 2023**

Join our community to celebrate mass and  
Rite of Reconciliation with Fr Luan Le

**Please join us**

as we unite in prayer for our community, families, nation,  
Pope Francis, Archbishop Mark and Church Leaders

Mass and Retreat will be followed by  
lunch (BYO) in the parklands of the valley.

**\$30 per head includes;**  
return bus ticket, morning and afternoon teas.

**BYO lunch and drinks**

Bus leaves Our Lady of Fatima Church 8am  
and arrives at parish by 5pm

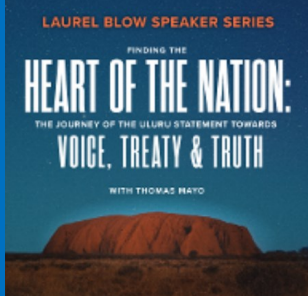
To Book: please call  
Ellen 0488 220 606  
Bernadette 0437 006 264  
or the parish office 3274 5513

Are you proud of your Catholic faith? Are you looking for an opportunity to bear witness and help "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19)? On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community. The Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The weekend will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (10th-11th June in the Cathedral precinct's Francis Rush Centre) and a vigil night of adoration (10th June from 7pm-11th June 8am, in the Mary MacKillop Chapel).

When: Sunday 11 June, 2pm

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City Find out more at [www.corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com)

**CORPUS  
CHRISTI  
PROCESSION**

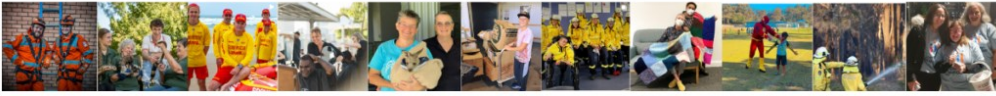


Finding the Heart of the Nation: The journey of the Uluru Statement towards Voice, Treaty, and Truth Are you aware of the conversations happening around the Voice to Parliament but not really sure what it's all about? This session of the Laurel Blow Speaker Series will help you understand what's really being asked and navigate the noise that is surrounding the issue. Since the Uluru Statement from the Heart was formed in 2017, guest speaker Thomas Mayo has travelled around the country to promote its vision of a better future for Indigenous Australians. Through the story of his own journey and hearing the stories of others, Thomas taps into a deep sense of our shared humanity and makes clear what the Uluru Statement is and why it is so important.

When: Thursday 1 June, 10am-12:30pm Where: Guadete Centre, ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo RSVP: Monday 29 May You're invited to engage in this important conversation and listen with an open heart by registering now at: [app.fickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow](http://app.fickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow)



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 THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK



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**THANK YOU**  
*for volunteering*



In coming weeks (May15-21) Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week (NVW). Throughout the parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, the Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups through out the state-around 10,000 approximately.

As we commence National Volunteer Week-For all who serve as volunteers in a multitude of settings within the Church and wider community: that their witness of faith and generosity of service will reveal the face of Christ to those for whom they care...We pray to the Lord.

SUMMIT23 is just around the corner! If you haven't yet registered, now is the time! With single day ticket options and creche available for under school-aged children, there are options for everyone to attend.

Masterclass registration is now open. To see a full list of topics and speakers, head to the website -[brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com) Remember to make sure you have secured a ticket to the Summit before selecting Masterclass options.

When: 6pm Thursday 18th – 3pm Saturday 20th May 2023  
 Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks, QLD)  
 Cost: \$185pp for full time tickets – other options available.

Find out more and register at [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)

**Summit<sup>23</sup>**  
 MAY 18-20, 2023

Engage in the mission  
 of the local Church.

[brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)

**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities  
 for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

**Priority Four:  
 Responding to Abuse and the  
 Abused**

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound – certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well – which makes it hard for us to move in the future."



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities  
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**Priority Five:  
 Engaging Anew with  
 First Nations Peoples**

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

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