FATIMA WEEKLY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22TH MAY 2022

PROPER OF THE MASS:
First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. **Second Reading**: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29.

Hello everyone,

Our last **Awaken Prayer Evening** on Saturday 7th May was powerful. It was so wonderful to see a full Church even though it was pouring down rain. It really showed me that people are thirsty and hungry for God. Everyone of us are in need of God and He is so merciful to us. We had so many people received healing and blessing on that night.

Here are 2 testimonies from that night:
"*I sat at the back of the Church at Awaken, and Steffanie called out to me, 'the lady who is wearing a blue shirt, you are receiving healing now.' … I didn't realise until later that my sore back (11years of dull pain) and allergies (itchy) gone. I received healing instantly.*" Tess

"*My friend came to Awaken for the first time, and she was amazed and blown away. She couldn't believe it.*" Carmel, an Archdiocesan Staff.

Already 5 people have expressed their interest in becoming Catholic because of their experience at the previous Awaken Evenings.

Our next Awaken Prayer Evening will be on Saturday 11th June, 7pm. Hope to see you there. Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

After a short break for Easter season, we are now back with **Rising Youth Ministry** on Sunday19th June, 2-4pm. I know our children and parents have been asking for the return of RYM and we are excited to say that the next gathering is going to wonderful and fun again. Get ready and excited everyone.

The last item of the Silent Auction for our Fundraising is still running. If you would like to bid for a QLD Reds' Jersey worn by Tuaina Taii Tualima (our parishioner) in 2021 and signed by the 2021 Players, please place your bid in the box near the entrance of the Church or email it to us. I would like to thank Tuaina and the Tualima family for this great contribution to our fundraising.

Also our Seniors group is on again this coming Thursday. Join us for a cuppa tea and social. It is a great way to catch up and meet other parishioners.

God Bless
Fr Lam

Photo below: From the Seniors Group on Thursday 12th May.

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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
10.30am, 2nd Sunday
of the Month.
(Baptism Preparation: 6pm, first Thursday of the Month)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:
Lizet Sanchez

From the Parish Assistant

If you have a child who is currently in Grade 3 or older and you feel ready as a family to prepare with your child to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022**, please contact the Parish Office for the enrolment form or download it via the Parish website. Once completed email the form and the child's baptism certificate to acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au. **Enrolment closes on 15th July 2022.**

The date for the Rite of Confirmation Ceremony is on Wednesday **24th August 2022** at 6:00pm.

Last Tuesday our Parish had a Work Health and Safety Audit by the Archdiocese and I am pleased to say we passed but there are still a lot of work to do. Please keep us in your prayers.

Now that we have successfully completed the Preloved Market, we do not require donations (clothes, toys, etc) anymore. Please do not leave your donation at the hall. Thank you.
Have a great week.

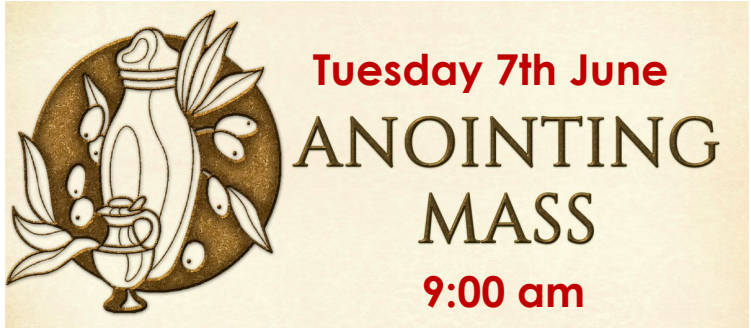
Lizet Sanchez
Parish assistant

Better together: Thank you to our volunteers

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held 16–22 May 2022.
Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone as reflected in the theme for National Volunteer Week 2022: Better Together.
Our Lady of Fatima Parish relies on the many parishioners who kindly volunteer their time in many ways and National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to pause and recognise the vital work they do and to say thank you.
Thanks to all our wonder-

Silent Auction

This is your opportunity to own a Reds Jersey – worn by Tuaina Taii Tualima in 2021 and signed by the 2021 Players.
This Jersey is being auctioned by Silent Auction to raise funds for the Awaken Outreaches in the local community and in Africa. To place your bid send through your name, mobile and best bid either as a PM, Text: 0437006264 or email: acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au
The highest bid will be announced on Tuesday 31st May at 10.30am
Get your bids in now so you don't miss out!

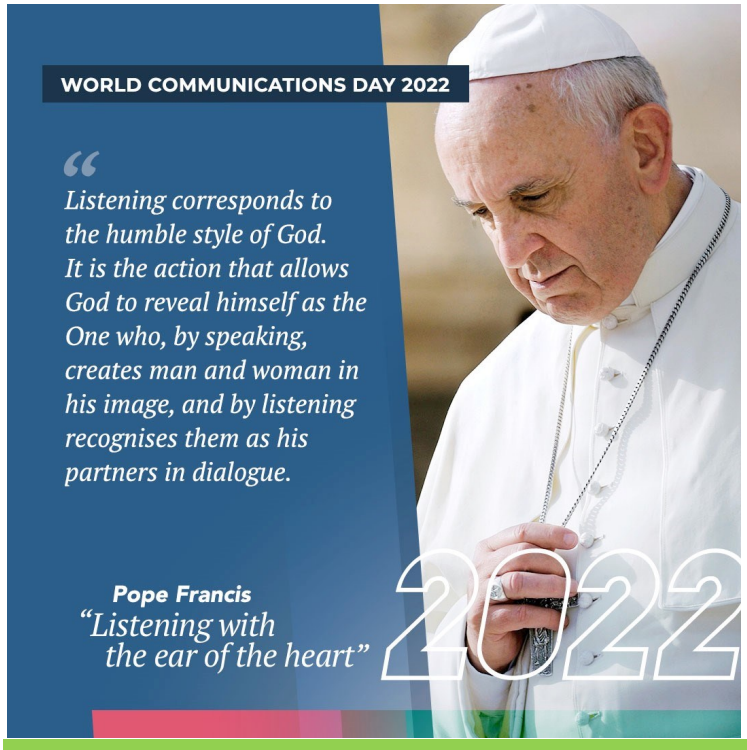


Blessed Virgin Mary.
Why do we have devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Even among Catholics this is a constant question. Is it necessary? Is she important to our Christian life? Others may be afraid that devotion to Mary might interfere with their devotion to Christ. Some may be apathetic to any Marian devotion because they find it 'too much!" These are a few common assumptions that prevent many from experiencing the warmth of Her maternal love, and the consolation of being drawn closer to her Son, Jesus .

St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality
St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality presents Joan Chittister osb for the Toowong Parish's annual event celebrating women's spirituality.
Joan Chittister is a practical theologian and renowned author who has much to say on women's spirituality. Joan has written more than 50 books, including the recent The Time is Now. Joan's books will be available for purchase and she will be available to sign books following the event .

When: Friday June 3, 2022
Time: 7.00-9.00 pm (AEST)
Where: Stuartholme School Chapel, 365 Birdwood Tce, Toowong. Qld 4066
PRICES:
Tickets: $35 each
Early Bird Special: $30* each
BOOKINGS: www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ
*For purchases until April 30, 2022



National Sorry Day 26 May.
Every May 26 in Australia, National Sorry Day reminds our nation to remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL SORRY DAY
Learn the stories of the Stolen Generations.
Children were torn from their rightful families and forced into an unfamiliar and difficult life living with strangers, as well as trying to keep up with the schooling, traditions, and family dynamics of white Australians. Read a few of their stories.

Celebrate Aboriginal achievements.
People of Aboriginal descent have made incredible contributions to Australia as a whole, in the fields of art, music, law, medicine, entertainment, and more.
Take some time to locate some of these contributions, learn about them, and bask in the richness of their culture.

Think about what "reconciliation" really means.
To apologize without reservation. That can be a tough thing to do. An apology can go a long way towards healing.

Thinking about the concept of reconciliation in your life and applying it can be a humbling and important experience.

Plenary Council Second Assembly:
Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July3.

Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities.

Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

In Transition

We pray for Ruben Tacujan (Camela's brother) who passed away last Thursday in USA. May his soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of country where we are gathering today. As a Catholic Parish we recognise their continuing connection to the country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.