



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

350 Mortimer Road,
Acacia Ridge QLD 4110

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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

7TH & 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH & 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

It has been a week of pressing in and pressing on! In amongst this week's disruption and challenges God's grace has been sufficient. What a fruitful week it has been. A quick recap of the past few weeks and what's coming up.

The Parish is proud to announce that 33 children are participating in the Sacramental program of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation 2023. The second class for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation will be on next Thursday 23rd February at 6pm- 7pm in the church, due to Ash Wednesday day.

Our Rising Youth Ministry was a huge success. 36 degrees didn't keep the children away many came and brought their smiles and friends! It was an incredible day sharing God's love with the children. While the world celebrated Valentine's Day with their partners our children celebrated it with Jesus! For God is love.

A very big thank you to everyone who came to the 'Friends In Grace' morning tea, it was a celebration of hearts! We all came together celebrating our love for God. The morning was packed with nonstop laughter and joy. Thank you everyone for a fantastic day and see you all again on Tuesday 28th February.

Please continue to support our parish raffle tickets. We are fundraising for the restoration of our premises, the up keeping and running of a growing parish. We need your help and support. Whether you can give a little or a lot, the Lord can certainly use it. Thank you all so much.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that adoration will be available at our parish during Lent, please sign up if you can be present during these adoring hours. Please check the flyer included in the newsletter. God bless us all, have a wonderful weekend.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

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.

In Transition

As a parish family, we welcome **Ivan Goodness Sibbo, Zayne Ezra Bolanghe, and Elena Rose Reyes Zhang** who will be baptised on Sunday 19th February 2023. Welcome and congratulations!

In Transition

We pray for the soul of Kelly Esperanza Hernandez, Carmencita and all the souls of faithful departed may rest in peace.

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

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You will Learn. It is a life changing opportunity to work with and live amongst some of the most appreciative and resilient people you will ever meet.

You will be Supported. Since 1961, Palms Australia has supported qualified and experienced Catholics motivated to undertake this Mission.

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RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

www.palms.org.au



Youth News

What an amazing turn out for such a scorching day. The temperature soared to a high 36 degrees. The children braved the heat and they were on fire. That is, Holy Fire for God! We had a wonderful time spending the afternoon with one another and learning about how much God loves us.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Steffanie shared a wonderful teaching to the children on what God's love looks like and also the importance of knowing Jesus' love for us. This got the children nodding and smiling to the realisation of how awesome God is.

To top it all off, we finished with a nice cold ice block. A blessing!

It is a privilege to see the children learning and growing in their faith. Their enthusiasm was clearly contagious as the youth leaders were inspired to run around in scorching heat as to not miss out on the fun! I think the youth leaders had more fun!

Looking forward to seeing my little friends at the next Rising Youth Ministry on 12th March 2023. Don't forget to bring your friends to the next youth gathering.

Warm regards,
Ellen Tran,
Youth Coordinator



 **Rising Youth Ministry** 

SUNDAY 12
MARCH
2 PM - 4 PM

JESUS OUR
Living Water

RYM - for children in
Primary School
Prep to Year 6

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

0488 220 606
hello@risingyouthministry.org

Register here:


[HTTP://RISINGYOUTHMINISTRY.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/](http://risingyouthministry.eventbrite.com.au)



Rising High **Transformation through God's Word**



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

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

0488 220 606
0437 006 264

 **rising@awaken.org.au**



Friends in Grace

Valentine's Day

We had a wonderful morning tea at Friends in Grace this week as we celebrated Valentine's Day together. It was so good to be back together! Lots of laughter, joy, yummy food, singing and to sum it up—simply a great time! Come along to the next FIG 28th February 9.30am in the parish blue hall.

So much yummy food!!



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

Jackpot Raffle

1st Prize \$300
2nd prize \$200 3rd prize \$100

\$5 per ticket

GRAND DRAW
March 5, 2023 · after 9.00am Mass
350 Mortimer Road Acacia Ridge

Winners will be notified if not present
All proceeds go to parish activities

Thank you for supporting our parish activities.

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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

Jackpot Fundraising Raffle

Thank you to everyone who so far has supported our raffle. To date we have raised over \$6,000 with a few weeks still to go. Your support for the parish is amazing and shows encouragement for the breath of life that is bringing such a wonderful presence into the parish. We want to ensure that our parish is kept and maintained so that everyone can come to a tidy and safe place of worship. With such growth in our community we need to look at the infrastructure that will cater for the future. If you have taken tickets to sell at work or home, please return those ticket butts with the money to one of our weekend masses and give to the volunteers at the raffle table. Thank you for your continued generous support, looking forward to celebrating with the winner!

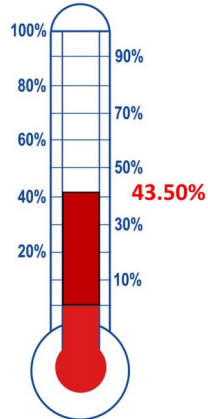
Warmest regards
Bernadette Maguire
Youth Coordinator, Digital Media, Communication & Ministry Development.

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 utmost 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.

SPONSORSHIP CHART FOR A FULLTIME YOUTH COORDINATOR POSITION



THANK YOU!

Announcement to the Parish of Acacia Ridge

In the recent days, the Archdiocese of Brisbane was made aware of a workplace matter at Acacia Ridge Parish.

After initial enquiries, the Archdiocese appointed an independent investigator to look into the matter. Police involvement is not required at this stage.

While the investigation is being conducted the Archdiocese of Brisbane has asked Fr. Lam Vu to stand aside and he has agreed. This decision was made in line with the national protocols of the Catholic Church. Fr. Vu will reside outside of the parish while the investigation takes place.

It is difficult to know how long the investigation will take. This is at the discretion of the independent investigators. However, the Archdiocese will keep the parish updated with all relevant information.

Weekend Masses will continue as scheduled.

Fr. Luan Le will celebrate Masses at Acacia Ridge this weekend. The Archdiocese will ensure that priests are available as required.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact John Brinker, Director of People and Culture, via email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au

We thank you for your understanding during this time.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane.



AFTER 9 AM MASS

COME & JOIN US!!!

TUESDAYS • FEB 14 & 28, 2023 • BLUE HALL

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



Ash Wednesday Masses 22nd February 2023
9am (Children Mass) and 6pm (adults)

(A day of fasting and abstinence)

Fr. Luan will precede both Masses



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

Thank you for your generous support during this difficult time!

