

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP KEN HOWELL

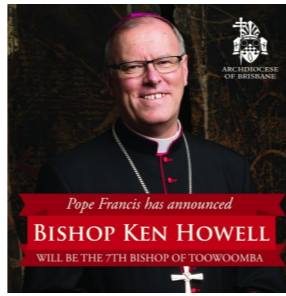
The entire community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the appointment of Bishop Ken Howell as the new Bishop of Toowoomba and offers him our warmest congratulations. The only surprise perhaps was that it took so long.

Bishop Ken was born in Brisbane, and in the Archdiocese he has been a well loved son, priest and bishop. He will be much missed here. But the Church is bigger than the Archdiocese; and his gifts and experience will ensure that he brings all that is needed to his new mission and ministry. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has received much from the Diocese of Toowoomba through the years, and now in return we give one of our own.

We look forward to the Installation on 11 July, and in the meantime we accompany Bishop Ken with our prayers.



Archbishop of Brisbane



Our Lady of Fatima Parish congratulates [Bishop Ken Howell](#) on his appointment as 7th Bishop of the Dioceses of Toowoomba. Our prayers go with you. 🙏🔥



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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.

FATIMA NEWS

The Most Holy Trinity & The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Year A
4th & 11th June

Referendum on The Voice 2023

I was struck by a huge page in the Courier Mail on Saturday 27th May. It was a full-page spread, signed by the various leaders of Australia's sporting bodies, all supporting a positive response to the Referendum on the Yes vote planned by the Australian Government to take place later in the year.

I have placed a copy at the door of our Church for you to see and copies can be available for those who wish to read it as well. I hope I have not infringed copyright by so doing.

I mention this here, because a week or two ago, I attended a clergy gathering addressing this very issue. Two leaders of our First Nations People spoke to us of the importance of the YES vote for the future of First Nations People and their place in our Land Australia.

Unfortunately, there was no representation from the 'NO' side of the argument, but I was struck by the plea from the two Indigenous people who did speak, and it seems to me that in voting Yes for First Nations Peoples to be included in Australia's Constitution and by giving them a voice to Parliament when it comes to issues affecting First Nations Peoples it can only be a good thing, not only for them but for us as Australian People together.

The Referendum later in the year, is a conscience vote for all Australians, but hopefully the outcome of this referendum will give our Indigenous brothers and sisters a place at the table of decisions.

It seemed to me that the leadership of our significant sporting bodies through this full-page spread, have offered their support for a YES vote when the time comes, but the decision is ours.

May we choose wisely and well in this important decision for our Land and its people.

God bless, Fr John

As we close off National Reconciliation week this Saturday 3rd June, Our Lady of Fatima Parish acknowledges the Jagera and Turrbal people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Father of all, you gave us the dreaming.
You have spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us
In the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care.
You own us.
You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problems of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia
To listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you
Grow strong in all people,
So that we can make a home
For everyone in our land.

Amen.
Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope St. John Paul II and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.



In Transition

We pray for the souls of Catherine Stewart who passed away earlier this week.
May her soul and all the souls of faithful departed rest in peace.
Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time.
May God's presence nourish and strengthen you.



SUNDAY 11 JUNE | 2PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

St Vincent de Paul will be holding its Winter Appeal on the weekend 17/18 June. There are significant numbers of disadvantaged families in our parish who struggle to put food on the table, pay the rent, pay school fees etc. We need your help to assist these families with food and other expenses. Acacia Ridge parishioners have been generous in the past and we look forward to your generous support. There will be envelopes in the pews for credit card donations and we will have a collectors outside the church after mass
We also need **members** to help us in assisting the poor. Can you spare a couple of hours per week? Members are trained and we always visit in pairs. If you are interested please ring Noel 0423550052.

STRENGTH & BEAUTY

A WORKSHOP FOR CHRISTIAN COUPLES
(SINGLES WELCOME TOO)

SATURDAY 8 JULY 2023
4.00PM - 8.30PM



ST. PAUL'S PARISH - PARISH HALL
3 SAINT PAUL'S DRIVE, WOODRIDGE, QLD 4114
4.00 PM - 8.30 PM

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

REGISTRATIONS:
CYPRIAN: 0401 864 961
FRANCINE: 0403 245 337
CHRISTINE: 0401 844 600



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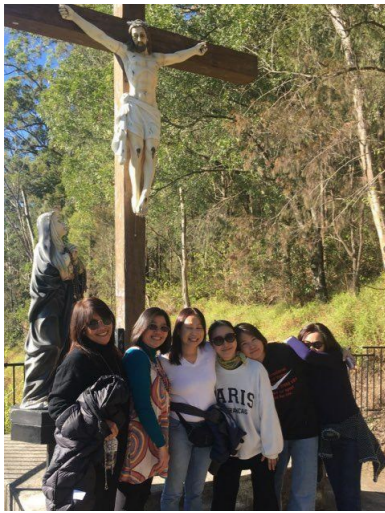
Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place. Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. Visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/> to register.

To receive the Parish's eNewsletter please email to

acaciarridge@bne.catholic.net.au

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MARIAN VALLEY RETREAT :

What an incredibly beautiful day we had at Marian Valley for our Retreat "Power of Prayer" on Monday! We boarded the bus in the chilly morning and arrived in time to celebrate mass with Fr Luan. A day filled with good food, amazing company, time to journey with the Lord and His Mother in the gorgeous surrounds of the valley and a powerful rosary to finish the day. It was a day of fellowship, discovery and the presence and love of our God and Blessed Mother Mary. What a great intercultural community we have with 10 countries of heritage within our group that day! The countries of: Republic of Philippines, El Salvador, Columbia, Mexico, Vietnam, Korea, Australia, Italy, India and Togo/ Ghana were all represented. What a blessing! Thank you to all the Parishioners and Awaken in Christ members that made the day so memorable.

Bernadette Maguire

Digital Media, Communications & Ministry Development



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA SUPPORT, PRAYER AND CARING

TUESDAYS
9.30AM
JUNE 13
JUNE 27
2023
BLUE HALL

*Friends in Grace
live life, laughter, friendship
sharing the Word of God*

*BRING A PLATE OF
FOOD TO SHARE
AND A FRIEND.....*

FRIENDS IN GRACE: So blessed to have this community in our parish ❤️ Here are just some of our Friends in Grace parishioners. Love how they represent all ages, walks of life and the intercultural success which resonates out of our community.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Catechism classes

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS, SCHOOL TERM
FROM 10 AM - 10.30 AM
BLUE HALL
CONTACT SISTER HANNA.

RYM - for children in Primary School Prep to Year 6

SUNDAY
11 JUNE
2PM - 4PM

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY
11 JUNE

word of God Praise & Worship

Register here

Our Lady of Fatima School Hall
350 Mortimer Rd Acacia Ridge
Join us for mass at 5pm
0488 220 606
holla@risingyouthministry.org
[HTTPS://RISINGYOUTHMINISTRY.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/](https://risingyouthministry.eventbrite.com.au/)

Jesus Loves The Children

'Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

We encourage the children to come and join us in the next RYM as we learn about the 'The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ' —Corpus Christi. A huge Thank You to the parents who donated the Rosary Beads, the fruit, muffins and cakes for the children.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at our next RYM on the 11th June.

Ellen Tran
Youth Coordinator

Please Support the Parish

There are many ways to support the Acacia Ridge Parish but the most effective way is through our

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM BY DIRECT DEBIT

We need your help our parish is growing! We understand that many of you may have committed your donation to other worthy causes; however, this time around we are appealing to your charitable heart to consider financially supporting our wonderful parish.

We are asking in this season of growth and planning that you help the parish to continue its service to our parishioners, community, and youth. Without your "planned giving" we are met with challengers in our planning and implementing tasks that are crucial for the operations of our church, grounds, office, spiritual obligations and nourishment to all who make OLOF their place of worship and spiritual comfort.

We ask that you consider sowing into the future of Acacia Ridge OLOF. Whatever you can give is appreciated and we are deeply grateful. Its our turn now to sow into the kingdom of God through your planned giving, we stand together committed in giving OLOF the opportunity to build and prosper for the sake of Jesus Christ.

2 COR 9:6-8
THE POINT IS THIS: HE WHO SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND HE WHO SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY. EACH ONE MUST DO AS HE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. AND GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH EVERY BLESSING IN ABUNDANCE, SO THAT YOU MAY ALWAYS HAVE ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING AND MAY PROVIDE IN ABUNDANCE FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

DIRECT DEBIT FORMS FOR ACCOUNT TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

CONFIRMATION

year 3 or older

Now

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ENROLMENTS

19th July 6pm

CONFIRMATION DATE

23rd August 6pm

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For enquiries:
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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 2023**, please download the Enrolment form from Our Lady of Fatima's website and returning it to acaciarridge@bne.catholic.net.au along with a copy of the baptism certificate of the child.

Our Lady of Fatima

Piety Stall

Once a month on the 1st Sunday of each month

Beautiful Giftware

including statues of Jesus and Mary
Holy pictures framed | Rosary beads many varieties & colours
Books | Prayer Cards and more!

YOUTH COORDINATOR SPONSORSHIP

we're moving mountains

Our Parish has one of the most dynamic youth programs within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. **Rising Youth Ministry** caters for Primary School Students in Prep to Yr 6 with fantastic age related activities based on the Word of God, fun and games, Praise and Worship and an awesome Youth Group that builds friendship and community. **Rising High Ministry** is a Focus Group for high school students aged 13 -17 years of age. The focus is on a teenage level where they can connect and discuss issues they are facing in daily life. It is a time filled with fun, games, food, talks, Word of God, Praise & Worship. Free of charge. It is a safe environment for your teenager to connect with new friends as they learn and grow in the word of God. Our **Youth Coordinator** works extensively throughout the parish and schools within the parish, connecting with and identifying needs and programs for the youth. Help fund this vital work for the youth of our community - the next generation of our Catholic Identity and future leaders of our communities and nation.

Thank You

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