## THE APPOINTMENT TO BRISBANE OF BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

For many reasons I welcome the appointment of Bishop Shane Mackinlay as my successor in Brisbane where he will be a distinguished addition to the line of Archbishops.

Bishop Shane has shown himself an unusually gifted man in his years as priest in Ballarat and Melbourne and as bishop in Bendigo and beyond.

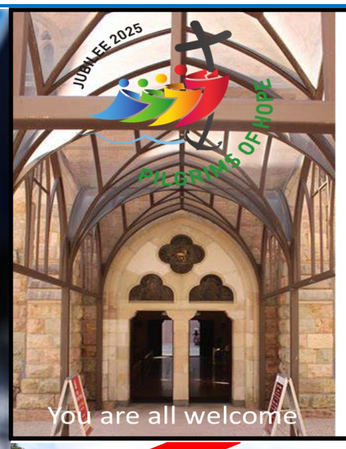
He has a fine mind, and he will bring intellectual firepower to his ministry as Archbishop and to public debate in Queensland and Australia. He will be able to dialogue intelligently with a culture which at many points is distant from Christian understandings.

He is also an experienced pastor who knows how to listen and who through his time as Master of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne remained a Parish Priest near Ballarat. As bishop, he has been able both to shepherd the Diocese of Sandhurst and to accept responsibility on the global stage.

He deals well with both the big picture and the nuts and bolts, which is why he is a capable administrator. That will serve him well in a diocese as large and as complex as Brisbane. Temperamentally, he is not easily flustered, having about him a poise that makes him a good driver in heavy traffic. That too will serve him well as Archbishop at a time when the traffic can be heavy. At 60 he is also of the right age and maturity to assume greater responsibility not only in Brisbane and Queensland but nationally and internationally.

As we look to the installation on 11 September 2025, I have no doubt Bishop Shane will bring these gifts and fresh energies to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, where he will be creative in pursuing the path of synodality into the future God is preparing. I am grateful to Pope Leo for this wise choice of a new Archbishop, and I commend Bishop Shane to you and your prayers as he prepares for this new mission.

+Mark Coleridge 18 June 2025




**Jubilee Door -**
**Parish visit to Stephen Cathedral**

Date: Saturday 12 July | Time: 10:30am and stay for 11:30am mass

Requirements to Gain the Jubilee Indulgence

To gain a plenary indulgence (remission of all temporal punishment due to sin), the faithful must:

1. Pass through a designated Holy Door at a cathedral or basilica (often the door is marked and blessed for the Jubilee).
2. Make a sacramental confession (within about 7 days before or after the visit).
3. Receive the Holy Eucharist.
4. Pray for the intentions of the Pope (usually an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be).

Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (the hardest condition, but the Church teaches we can strive sincerely for this state).

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**MASS TIMES**

**Tue: 5:30pm—Holy Mass**
**6:00pm Eucharist Adoration**
Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Tues: 6:00pm to 6:30pm (or by appointment)**

**BAPTISMS**

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

**PIETY STALL**

1st Sunday each month

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# FATIMA NEWS ORDINARY TIME

**Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul**
**29 June 2025**

Greetings to all,

Perhaps it comes as a surprise that the feast of Peter and Paul takes the place of the Sunday, including the readings. In many respects Peter and Paul were very different people. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee. His world was the Sea of Galilee and the hilly countryside that surrounded it. According to John's gospel, he was from Bethsaida, a small town on the Northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. He would have had a basic education and his first language was Aramaic.

Paul was from the university city of Tarsus, the capital city of the Roman province of Cilicia, on the south-east coast of what is today Turkey. He seems to have been educated to a high level. He wrote fluently in Greek. His family appear to have been well-to-do as his father was a Roman citizen. He was a zealous Pharisee, who declared himself blameless with regard to the keeping of the Jewish Law.

If the two of them had met before they came to faith in Jesus, one senses that they would have had little in common. Yet, today, the church throughout the world celebrates their joint feast day. It is Jesus who brought them together. Yet, he touched their lives in very different ways.

Peter heard the call of Jesus by the shore of the Sea of Galilee as he engaged in his daily work of fishing; Paul heard the call of the risen Lord somewhere in the vicinity of Damascus where he was heading on his mission of persecuting people like Peter who were proclaiming Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah.

Jesus called Peter to be the rock on which his church would be built; he called Paul to be the apostle to the non-Jewish world, the pagans. Each of them gave their lives in responding to the Lord's call; Peter was crucified; Paul was beheaded. They were both executed in Rome, a long way from Galilee and from Tarsus.

We celebrate their joint feast today, giving thanks to God for their generous and courageous witness to their faith in the Lord. From its beginnings, the church has worked to be true to the faith of the first apostles, especially the two great apostles Peter and Paul. That is why we speak of the faith as apostolic.

Today, we too try to be true to the faith as lived and articulated by those two great pillars of the church. This apostolic faith finds expression in a special way in the New Testament. We keep returning to the gospels and letters and other books that are to be found there so as to remain connected to the faith of those early preachers of the gospel.

The Lord continues to speak to us through their lives. The Lord calls out to each of us today, as he called Peter and Paul. He wants to work through us in our distinctiveness, as he worked through the very different people that were Peter and Paul. We each have a unique contribution to make to the coming of the Lord's kingdom. In our efforts to respond to this call, Peter and Paul can continue to be our inspiration.

Have a blessed week,

Fr Dang

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

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025

Dear Parents

If you have a child who is currently in grade 3 or older and you feel as a family to prepare with your child t0 receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2025, you are invited to be part of our parish sacramental program.

This year, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 10th September at 6:00 pm. The formation for candidates happens during term 3.

Enrolment is open now. Please download the form from our parish website https://fatimaacaciaridge.org.au/sacraments.html and return it to acaciaridge@bne. catholic.net.au with a copy of the Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate of the child.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office, Phone 07 32745513.

# Confirmation 2025

In the Sacrament of Confirmation God sends down his Holy Spirit to strengthen us. We are given the necessary gifts to continue on the Christian path to serve Him and others as the Apostles did at

Pentecost.

*Matter (The physical Materials and Signs)*

Laying on of the Bishop's Hands and chrism oil.

*Form (The Words and Gestures Spoken)*

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"

*Why do we need Confirmation*

As we grow and understand our mission to serve God, He strengthens us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit., Knowledge, Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude , Piety and fear of the Lord. God calls us to be apostle like witnesses to the Gospel.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Information Night | 6pm, Wednesday 30th July |
| First Week Class | 6-7pm Wednesday 6th August |
| Second Week Class | 6-7 pm Wednesday 20th August |
| Third Week Class | 6-7 pm Wednesday 27th August |
| Fourth Week Class | 6-7 pm Wednesday 3rd September |
| **CONFIRMATION DAY** | **6pm Wednesday 10th September 2025** |

DUE TO EKKA Holiday being on the 13th August. There will be no class that week.

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## Have you signed up? Why Flocknote?

Parishioners and visitors are invited to scan the QR code to sign up and register with the parish. If you have any questions, please reach out to our parish office : acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au

## Safeguarding News

The Safeguarding Commitment for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Our Lady of Fatima Parish is: Zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and strives to safeguard all who interact with its ministries & services. Special priority is given to the safety & wellbeing of children & adults at risk. In an emergency, please call the Police 000 or information can be provided to STOPline anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au Online: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com https:// brisbanecatholic.org.au/ safeguarding/safeguard/




***Join our next Morning Tea on July 10, 2025 9:30am at Parish Office/ Presbytery. Bring a plate of food to share and a friend.***

# Catechism Class

Dear parents,
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.

OLOF parishioners join the Corpus Christi's procession "Walk With Christ" on **22nd of June 2025**, the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ at Brisbane City.

Commissioning of OLOF Liturgical Ministers during the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mass celebration.

## Understanding Purgatory: A Biblical and Theological Apology (Last Part)

**A Defence of the Faith: Addressing Common Doubts**

For anyone who finds it difficult to embrace the concept of Purgatory, it's important to highlight:

- ***Purgatory** is not an alternative to salvation but a merciful preparation for Heaven.*
- ***Purgatory** is evidence of God's justice (respecting the need for purification) and His mercy (guaranteeing eventual entrance into Heaven).*
- The ***Catholic view honours*** Christ's sacrifice by showing that God's work in us continues after death, completing what grace has begun.

**As the Catechism reminds us:**

"This final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned, is a reality affirmed by the Church's Tradition and teaching." (CCC 1031).

**Conclusion**

Purgatory, though mysterious, is a beautiful teaching that invites us to trust more deeply in God's mercy and justice. It reminds us that Heaven is not just about being forgiven, but about being perfected — purified of all imperfections so that we can fully love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. In this sense, Purgatory is not a rejection, but a final act of divine love, preparing us to enter into the fullness of God's holiness. Ultimately, Purgatory is not a punishment but a hope: the final healing of the soul before the eternal embrace of the Father. It is a merciful process, allowing us to be made ready for the beatific vision — to see God as He is and be in perfect union with Him forever. *Reflection by Dc Hugo*