Appeal for Victims in Cebu, Philippines

EARTHQUAKE

Our brothers and sisters in Cebu are in urgent need of our love and support after the devastating earthquake. Many families have lost their homes, belongings, and even their peace of mind.

Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu-Philippines
and the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño de Cebu

CALL FOR DONATION

for those affected by the recent earthquake in Northern Cebu

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full." (Proverbs 19:17)

In the spirit of solidarity and Christian charity, the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu and the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño de Cebu extend a humble appeal for help. Together, let us bring hope and comfort to those who are suffering from this calamity.

- In-kind donations *may be dropped off at the Basilica guard house.*
- Cash donations may be given through the QR Code provided. *For proper acknowledgment and recording, kindly send a screenshot of your transaction and specify that your donation is intended for the earthquake victims in Northern Cebu.*

We sincerely thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion in this time of great need.

From the Augustinian Friars

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HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Donations can be made through: Catholic Filipino Australian Gold Coast, Heritage Bank BSB 638070 Acct. 13261053 OR Marriage Enrichment Movement Brisbane Commonwealth Bank BSB 064144 Acct. 10216728 OR Our Lady of Fatima Parish Acacia Ridge - contact Fr Dang Nguyen or Efren Altez OR St James Parish Coorparoo - contact Fr Francis Belcina OSA & Fr Saldie Resolado OSA

Collected donations will be forwarded directly to the following charitable organisations in Cebu: Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu-Philippines and Carmelite Missionaries Cebu.

Your simple act of kindness can help provide: medicine for the sick, shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, hope for those who feel lost.

No gift is too small - every peso, every prayer, every effort matters.

Together, we can help them rise again.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Teresa of Calcutta chose October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, as the date to found her congregation, the Missionaries of Charity, in 1950. On this significant day, the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity warmly invite all parishioners to join with their community for a day of prayer. Please come and spend some time in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 AM to 5:30 pm. The adoration will conclude with a Holy Mass.

The Society of the Missionaries of Charity
92 Warry Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Cathedral of St Stephen

Jubilee!

Celebrating 25 years of the Cathedral's Grand Organ

Christopher Trikilis - Organist
Brisbane Baroque Brass

Sunday 26th October 3:00pm
https://www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

RETREAT IN BRISBANE, QLD

"AND MARY SAID, MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD."
Luke1:46

MARIAN RETREAT

with Fr.Sam Samuel VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW

Saturday, 25th October, 2025
(9.30am to 3.30pm)

Holy Cross Church
110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring, QLD, 4021

• Admission is FREE • No registrations needed • BYO food
For any further inquiries please contact: 0432833439

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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

SCHOOLS

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FATIMA NEWS ORDINARY TIME

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
5 October 2025

Gospel: Luke 17:5–10
When a Mustard Seed of Faith Is Enough

Last year, I was on one of those long-haul trips that make you question why you didn't just stay home. Fourteen hours from Brisbane to Los Angeles, a six-hour layover at LAX, and then another five hours to finally reach El Salvador. Somewhere between flights, my body decided to remind me that I sometimes suffer from tendonitis in my right foot, and this time it flared up badly

As soon as I got off the plane in LA, I realized I could barely walk. A wave of fear hit me: I had luggage to manage, a six-hour wait in a crowded airport, and family waiting on the other side of the world—people I hadn't seen in years. The last thing I wanted was for them to greet me limping and broken.

The problem was, I wasn't prepared. No ice packs, no tablets, nothing to ease the swelling or calm the pain. So I did the only thing I could—I prayed. My prayer wasn't fancy. It was more like a desperate plea: *"God, I really need You this time. Please, quick. I'm asking through the intercession of St. Joseph, and through Your Mother too. Please hear them."* Honestly, it felt less like a holy prayer and more like calling customer service and begging them to escalate my ticket to the manager's manager.

For almost six hours I sat there, trying not to cry, shifting in discomfort. The pain stayed. But just before the airline called passengers to board, I stood up—and it was gone. Completely gone. No limp. No pain. I almost laughed because it felt so unreal. All I had was a tiny bit of faith, just enough to whisper a prayer, and somehow God turned that into a miracle. I walked with ticket in hand and with a smile, feeling blessed!

That moment came flooding back to me when I read today's Gospel, **Luke 17:5–10.** The apostles ask Jesus, ***"Increase our faith."*** It's such an honest request. They had just heard Him talk about forgiving others—something we all know is easier said than done—and they realised they didn't have the strength to live it out on their own.

I can relate to that. We all can. Who hasn't prayed for stronger faith at some point? But what's interesting is how Jesus responds. He doesn't hand them a bigger dose of faith. Instead, He says that even faith the size of a mustard seed—the tiniest seed you can imagine—has power to do the impossible.

That's both humbling and liberating. **It means faith isn't about how much we have, but whether we're willing to use the little we do have.** Some days my faith feels solid; other days it feels paper-thin. But Jesus is saying, ***"That's enough. Give me what you've got, however small, and watch what I can do with it."***

And then there's the second part of the passage, where Jesus talks about a servant doing their duty. At first, it feels harsh—like, shouldn't the servant be thanked? But what He's getting at is **humility**.

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Living by faith isn't about applause or recognition. It's about serving with love, even when nobody notices, because God already sees it all.

I think about how often we crave validation—likes on a post, praise at work, acknowledgment from others. **But the truth is, the quiet, hidden acts of faith are often the most powerful.** ***The whispered prayer.*** The choice to forgive when nobody else knows. The patience we show in tough times. These little moments water the mustard seed.

So maybe the real prayer isn't just ***"Lord, increase my faith,"*** but also ***"Lord, help me trust that even my small faith is enough for You to work with."***

Because if tendonitis in an airport can disappear with one desperate prayer, then who knows what else God can do when we bring Him our tiny seed of faith.

Peace, Deacon Hugo

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

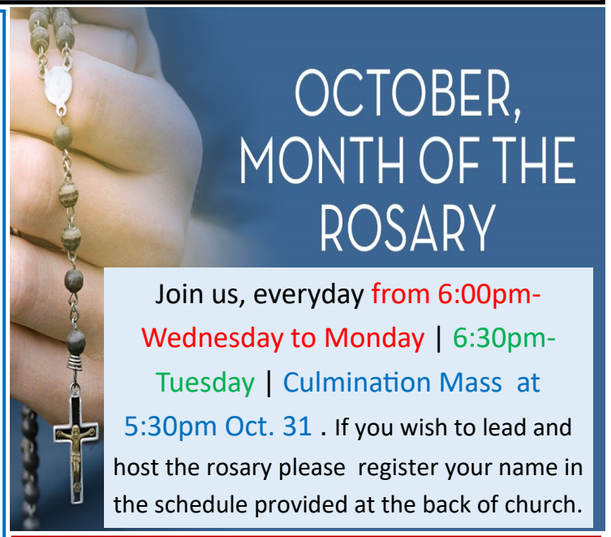
Safeguarding News

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:// brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguard/

Friends in Grace - parishioners at the presbytery/ office on Sept. 25 , next catch up is on the 9th of October after the 9:00am mass.

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



Join us, everyday from 6:00pm- Wednesday to Monday | 6:30pm- Tuesday | Culmination Mass at 5:30pm Oct. 31 . If you wish to lead and host the rosary please register your name in the schedule provided at the back of church.

Waste Vouchers needed!

Dear Parishioners,
You may have noticed, our church grounds are in need of some attention. We have a lot of cleaning up to do, including clearing out the broken shed and removing fallen branches from around the property. To help us manage the waste and dispose of it properly, we are reaching out to ask if any parishioners have spare waste vouchers they would be willing to donate. These vouchers will greatly assist us in taking rubbish to the tip and ensuring our church grounds are tidy, and welcoming for everyone.

If you are able to help, please bring your waste vouchers to the church office or contact us to arrange collection. Every little bit will make a big difference as we work together to restore and care for our parish.

On special notes, I would like to extend a massive thank you to **Vera, Bob, Marlon and Seivland** for their wonderful works in managing the parish grounds. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. Fr Dang

Our Lady of the Rosary

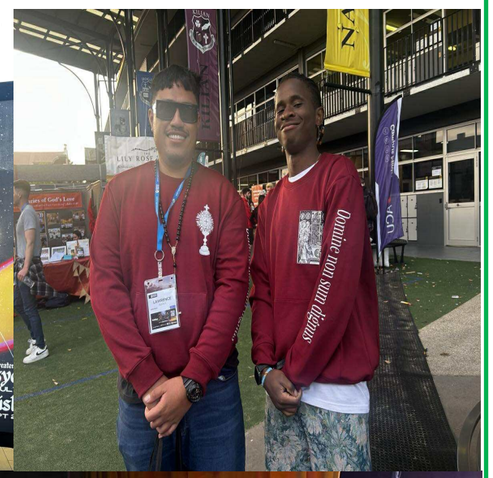
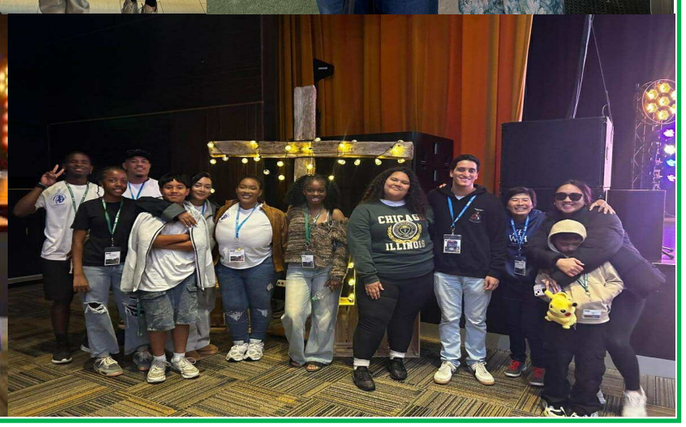
Next Tuesday the church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. And this feast is also extended to the whole month of October in that October is also known as the month of the Rosary.
The Church urges that the Rosary be recommended to the faithful and that its nature and importance be explained. It is recommended to the faithful because it is a compilation of prayers simple enough to be prayed by children, and by families, and by prayer groups.

The nature of the Rosary prayer is not just repetitive but it is actually a chant prayer where the prayers are actually repeated so that it goes deeper into the heart and at the same time helping to keep the focus. What is important in the Rosary prayer is that the prayers are rooted in Scriptures and it has deep spiritual meanings when we are aware of what we are saying.

The "Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer" is a prayer that is taught by Jesus Himself and it is the prayer of the Church and a prayer that we ought to know. The Hail Mary prayer is a combination of scripture verses from the gospel of St Luke and a petition to Mother Mary to pray for us.

In the apparitions at Fatima and Lourdes, Mary urged us through the seers to pray the Rosary. It is a prayer in which she assures that she will be praying with us.
Thus, during this month our parish gather in evenings each day to pray rosaries together. If you and your family wish to lead and host the rosary, please register your name in the schedule provided in the back of our church.

Ignite Conference 2025: A Transformative Encounter for Young Catholics

Last weekend, a group of youth and young adults from our parish attended Ignite Conference Brisbane! These four days were filled with vibrant rallies, powerful worship, engaging workshops and incredible opportunities to connect with people on fire in their faith!

Let us continue to pray for our young people in the parish. May they remain steadfast in their choice to follow God and embrace the journey of faith that lies ahead. Thank you for your on going love and support of our youth people of our parish. **Lawrence Auva'a, Youth Coordinator.**