Sacramental Program 2026

Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

(for Grade 4 or older)

ENROLMENT via WEBSITE: OR Scan QR code to enrol

LAST DAY TO ENROL: 13th April, Monday

INFORMATION EVENING: 22nd April, Wednesday, 6pm-7pm

RITE OF ENROLMENT: 2nd May, Saturday, 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

OR 3rd May, Sunday, 9am (Mass)

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION CLASSES:

29th April, Wednesday, 6-7pm

6th May, Wednesday, 6-7pm

13th May, Wednesday, 6-7pm

RECONCILIATION CLASS: 20th May, Wednesday, 6-7pm

RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION: 27th May, Wednesday, 6-7pm

REHEARSAL: 3rd June, Wednesday, 6-7pm

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC PARISH
Acacia Ridge

Easter Fun Day

BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2PM - 4PM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA HALL

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2026

Theology of the Body

ONE DAY IMMERSION

Join us for an introductory TOB program exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose through a day of fun and formation.

St. Francis Hall,
West End
Good Shepherd Parish.

2nd May 2026. $30 incl. meals.
For 14-19 yr olds

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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 Palm Sunday

29 March 2026

Greetings to all,

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a moment steeped in hope and anticipation. We gather as a faith community to remember the day Jesus entered Jerusalem, greeted by crowds waving palms and shouting, “Hosanna!”—a cry of praise, celebrating Jesus as King. The gospel paints a vivid picture of a city alive with excitement, where people lined the streets, laying down cloaks and branches, eager for a new beginning.

Yet, as the story unfolds, a remarkable shift occurs. Within days, those same voices that welcomed Jesus with honour and joy become the ones calling for His crucifixion. The chants of “Hosanna” fade, replaced by cries of “Crucify Him!” It’s a sobering reminder of how quickly attitudes can change, and how easily the crowd can be swayed.

As we reflect on the gospel narrative, it’s natural to wonder where we fit in. Are we among those shouting praise, or are we sometimes swept up in the tide of opposition? If we’re honest, our lives can echo both refrains. Through our choices—when we turn towards sin, we find ourselves aligning with those who called for Christ’s death.

Yet, Jesus came into this world to suffer and die for us, enduring unimaginable pain because of our sins. His willingness to bear the cross was not out of obligation, but out of love, freely undergoing suffering so that you and I could find freedom from sin.

It’s not a question of whether we will participate in driving those nails into Jesus’ hands, but rather how we will respond to our participation in His death. Will we be like Judas, unwilling to accept God’s forgiveness? Will we be like Pilate, wanting to deny any responsibility? Will we be like some of the Jewish leaders who are responsible for the events leading to Jesus’ crucifixion but was not seeking reconciliation or will we be like the Good Thief, recognising our faults, accepting responsibility, and embracing God’s forgiveness, which Jesus offers to us from the cross? The cross of Christ is not a theory but a dreadful ordeal—a sign of love that must be accepted.

As we enter the holiest week of the year, we can either enter into Christ’s passion and death or turn our backs on Him and simply not be bothered. What is your choice? If you want to join Him then don’t let this week be like another week. Take up the invitation to join us at 6:30pm on Thursday for the Mass of the Lord’s supper, where we will relive the Last Supper, Jesus’ agony in the garden and His betrayal, spend some time in prayer that night with Jesus as He is tortured and then come back and join us on Friday at 3:00 pm as we commemorate the brutal death of Christ and reverence His saving instrument of the cross. Most important at all, on the sacred night of Easter Vigil, we remember God’s faithfulness and rejoice in Jesus’s resurrection, in his victory over death and opening the way to new life, new freedom, and renewed hope for all.

Let us embrace this week with open hearts, ready to reflect, respond, and celebrate the enduring love that Christ showed for each of us.

Many Blessings, Dang

Sixteen catechumens were welcomed during the presentation of the Creed to the elect on March 22nd Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who participated in our parish Stations of the Cross and Lenten program. Your presence and engagement made this journey truly meaningful. Special thanks go to our dedicated volunteers especially Virginia Sharps and Lenten program leaders Fr Dado, Fr Rodel, Dc Hugo, Richie and Malahanie whose guidance helped us reflect on the words of God throughout our Lenten journey. Your efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated.

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 :
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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/

IN GRACE FRIENDS

Join us for a Morning Tea on Thursday, 9 April, 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.

Caritas AUSTRALIA — PROJECT COMPASSION
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A practical and life-giving expression of Lent is our call to generosity and sacrifice in support of those less fortunate through the Project Compassion Appeal. This is something every individual and family can take part in, with a single envelope for the whole season of Lent available at the entrance of each church.

Palm Sunday

A feature of the liturgy on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord is the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem which includes the procession of branches. This is not intended to be a re-enactment of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

The Church's liturgy does not re-enact past events but is rather a living encounter with the whole mystery of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, death and resurrection to glory. The proclamation of the story of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving branches and processing together as a pilgrim people are ritual actions which help us call to mind a key event in our salvation history.

By participating in the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, we symbolise our commitment to complete the initial victory that Christ has won. We joyfully join ourselves to Christ, making his passion our own. We share in his suffering so that we may share in his glory.

The readings and prayers set down for Palm Sunday clearly proclaim that, just as there is no cross without the resurrection, there is no resurrection without the cross.

Easter Triduum

The term "Triduum" refers to the period of three days starting on Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ending with Mass or evening prayer on Easter Sunday evening.

Key liturgical celebrations of the Triduum are the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

Busy people may be tempted to attend just one of these, perhaps Good Friday because of the moving veneration of the cross, or the Easter Vigil because it's the main celebration of the period, although it starts later than the normal Saturday evening Mass and lasts much longer!

But to miss any of the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum is like missing one act of a three-act play. The Triduum is really one three-day-long liturgy. This is illustrated clearly when we consider how the liturgies of this period begin and end.

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal and people depart in silence.

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful paschal dismissal "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia" as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days.

- Elizabeth Harrington

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday March 31
5:00 pm: Rosary | 5:30 pm: Holy Mass | 6 pm: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
Wednesday April 1
8:30 am: Rosary | 9 am: Holy Mass
Thursday April 2
8:30 am: Rosary | 9 am: Holy Mass

Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday April 2
6:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
|8:45 pm: Evening Prayer
Good Friday, April 3
10 am: Station of the Cross
3 pm: Passion of the Lord
Note: no 9am mass on Friday
Holy Saturday April 4
7pm: Easter Vigil Mass
Eater Sunday April 5
9 am: Easter Sunday Mass
5 pm: Easter Sunday Mass

Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, April 3rd.** This collection promotes the **missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land** by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

This year, the Holy Land continues **facing an income shortfall in funds** due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. **Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.**

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