

MEET OUR LITURGY COMMITTEE



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110



Efren Altez

Married to Nora Altez and blessed with one daughter, Efren has been serving our parish for 35 years since his family migrated from Philippines to Australia. A well-known leader in the Filipino community in Brisbane, Efren loves doing community service which until now still enlivens the masses and liturgies of Our Lady of Fatima Church. An inspiration to many, helping others in his special ways he hopes to be able to draw participation and involvement from everyone in the parish. A former coordinator of the Filipino Chaplaincy in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and parish pastoral member, he is an active choir member, eucharistic minister and responsible in different roles such as preparing mass powerpoints, monthly roster for volunteers, newsletters, church decoration, giving personal assistance to parish priest and other myriad things that benefit our parish.



Hugo Silva

Hugo is originally from El Salvador, he is married to Margarita Silva, and they have two children and three grandchildren. He is currently in his fifth year of the Permanent Diaconate Formation program with the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Hugo is pursuing a Degree in Theology with Domuni Universitas, an international Dominican tertiary institution based in Toulouse, France. With a rich background in pastoral ministry, He has served in various church ministries at a parish level. His roles have included coordinating Evangelization teams, providing formation to Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Acolytes, also leading the Liturgy Ministry within the Latin American Catholic Community. Additionally, Hugo dedicated six years to providing support to prisoners through the Prison Chaplaincy Centacare program, demonstrating his compassion and commitment to serving marginalized communities."



Margarita Silva

Born in El Salvador and residing in Brisbane since 1987, Margarita is a dedicated General Accountant with a deep-rooted commitment to her faith and community. Married to Hugo Silva, she has been an active and devoted member of the Catholic Church throughout her life. She and her husband has been serving the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 36 years, contributing to various roles including youth leadership, liturgy coordination, evangelization, and Eucharistic ministry across multiple parishes. As passionate representatives of Mater Fatima International in Australia, Margarita and Hugo are also the founders of the Cenacles in Brisbane within the Spanish-speaking community. Margarita's faith is a cornerstone of her life, and her dedication is beautifully captured by her favorite quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta: *"He who does not live to serve, does not serve to live."*



Soakai Afeaki

Soakai is a retired Science teacher of high school children for over 35 years in both his homeland of Tonga and in Canberra. He was an active member of his local Parish in Canberra as an Acolyte and reader for over 5 years and was also a leader in the Tongan Catholic Community of Canberra for over 10 years. Soakai served as the President of the Tongan Association of Canberra for 7 years as well as being heavily involved in the Catholic Church events, schooling and multicultural projects. He is a well-known leader in the Tongan Community of Brisbane in his short 5 years in the State after relocating to be closer to his 2 daughters and grandchildren. Soakai is an Acolyte and reader for his local Parish and is a leader in the Tongan Catholic Community of Brisbane.



Carmela Tapay

Carmela's intense dedication and perseverance paved the way for her to serve as volunteer at Our Lady of Fatima Parish for over 16 years. She performs various roles such as: Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and Liturgy, assist in the church preparation and special events and coordinate/facilitate liturgy ministers prior to commencement of the Holy Eucharist. She was once a transitory member of the Filipino Chaplaincy in Archdiocese of Brisbane. She is an asset to the liturgy team for imparting her knowledge and experiences. Back home to Philippines, she's an active facilitator of Marriage Encounter Program in her local parish. Formerly a devoted Agriculturist and Training Specialist by profession in her country and serves as a nurse in Australia. Married to Rene Tapay, blessed with 3 children and 3 grandchildren.