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MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 8-8.50am
(Or by appointment)

BAPTISMS
10.30am, 2nd Sunday
of the Month.
*(Baptism Preparation: 6pm,
first Thursday of the Month)*

PARISH DIARY

Awaken Prayer Evening
7pm, Sat 6 March
(OLOF Church)

Bible Study
7-9pm, Mon 8 Mar
(OLOF Church)

First Reconciliation
6pm, Wed 10 Mar
(OLOF Church)

**Stations of the Cross
& Adoration**
7-8.30pm, Fri 12 Mar
(OLOF Church)

Bible Study
7-9pm, Mon 15 Mar
(OLOF Church)

First Reconciliation
6pm, Wed 17 March
(OLOF Church)

**Stations of the Cross
& Adoration**
7-8.30pm, Fri 19 March
(OLOF Church)

Rising Youth Ministry
1-3pm, Sun 21 March
(OLOF School Hall)



FATIMA WEEKLY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge QLD 4110

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: 7TH MARCH 2021

PROPER OF THE MASS

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; **Second Reading:** 1Cor 1:22-25;
Gospel: John 2:13-25.

Hello everyone,

This Saturday, 6th March, at 7pm, we will have our second **Awaken Prayer Evening**. We are expecting a big gathering and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to uplift us. I always look forward to this Prayer Evening, as I always get fill with the Holy Spirit. He gives me the strength to do His works. There is no way I am able to do the work in Parish without God's grace. I encourage you if you are spiritually dry and you need that spiritual fuel, or you desire for a deeper relationship with God, then come to this prayer evening and experience God at work in you. I am grateful for the Awaken Ministry in our Parish.

There are still a lot of **Planned Giving Envelops** at the back of the Church to be collected. Planned Giving helps us achieve our pastoral mission and meet our ongoing expenses. Please do consider another option of giving: by **Direct Debit**. It saves the parish the printing expense of envelopes. Your continued generous support is appreciated and not taken for granted. Thank you so much for your generosity.

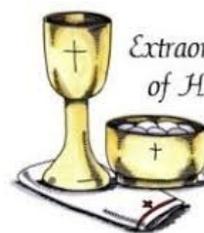
Last Sunday at the 9am Mass, some parishioners unfortunately had to be turned away again because we had reached **our maximum number of people** allowed in the Church (170) under our COVID – 19 safety plan. With the amount of activity going on in our Parish Family at the moment you can't just turn up and expect that there will be a vacancy for you! For us to be a good and responsible Parish we must abide by our COVID – 19 safety plan by using Eventbrite on the Parish Web Page – it only takes a minute to do! Otherwise you run the risk of being turned away at the door because we have reached our maximum number.

However, if you miss the Sunday 9am mass, then come to the **5pm Spiritus Mass**. Make sure you book for Mass too. As the name indicates, it is a mass of the Holy Spirit, where we allow the Holy Spirit to move us in prayer. St Paul says:

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

This Wednesday, the fourth week of the **Sacramental Programme**, our children will learn about confession. On Wednesday 17th March, at 6pm, about 32 children will make their First Reconciliation. On Sunday 28th March at 11am Mass 23 children will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers.

We are putting together a list of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for Mass and Nursing Homes and home bound. There are 6 nursing homes in our parish boundary and we are in need of your help. To be a Minister at these Nursing Homes you need to have a blue card and Police Check. If you wish to be part of this ministry or want more information about it, then please contact the parish office.



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

Have a wonderful week, and enjoy your Lenten season.
God bless,
Fr Lam

IN TRANSITION

We remember this week at Mass Cheryl Coe who recently passed away and whose funeral rites will be held on Thursday 11th March, at 11am, at OLOF Church. Cheryl was the Parish's organist for about 20 years (1990-2010). May her soul and all the faithful departed and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.



Vaccination Queries:

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has issued a note that states the use of these vaccines is acceptable given the "grave danger" of spreading the coronavirus. The Doctrinal Office insists that it is not giving "moral endorsement" to the vaccines in question but noted that connection to aborted material is "remote".

The note does not recommend that vaccination against the coronavirus be made mandatory. However, it states "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good".

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed. "All vaccinations recognised as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive."

Some people may not wish to take the vaccine. If that is the case, those people "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent".

Days of Penance (Canons 1251, 1253)

Abstinence for meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – as for example, mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the cross; praying the rosary; or in other ways;

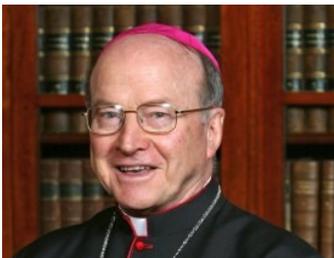
(b) self-denial – v.g. not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country and elsewhere; or in other ways;

(c) helping others – v.g. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened, or in other ways.

ACR LXII, 4, October 1985

COMMEMORATING ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHBISHOP BATHERSBY'S DEATH

The Archbishop and the Bishops of Queensland will celebrate the 12.30pm Mass on Tuesday March 9 to commemorate the 1st Anniversary of John Bathersby's death.



COVID19 restrictions will limit the Cathedral attendance numbers. Those who wish to attend must visit the Cathedral website and register at: www.cathedralofststephen.org.au It will also be webcast live at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The monthly edition of The Catholic Leader is available from this weekend. Limited copies are available and the cost is only \$4 each.



STATIONS of the CROSS and Adoration

Every Friday, 7-8.30pm
Our Lady of Fatima, Acacia Ridge



BIBLE STUDY

Jesus said:
"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
—John 8:31-32



FEBRUARY 08TH MONDAY 7PM – 9PM
Our Lady of Fatima
350 Mortimer Rd, Acacia Ridge
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RISING YOUTH MINISTRY



1-3PM, SUNDAY 21ST MARCH
OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL HALL
350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge
Register: hello@risingyouthministry.org

Praise & Worship Talks & Healing

Facilitated by Steffanie Le & Fr Lam Vu

"Every time I attend Awaken, God is breaking my chains" - Liz.

"God has given me peace. I didn't think I would get there, but through God, I found peace" - Lana



7PM, SATURDAY 10TH APRIL
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