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MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

ANointing MASS
First Tuesday of the Month ,
9am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 8-8.50am
(Or by appointment)

BAPTISMS
10.30am, 2nd Sunday
of the Month.

*(Baptism Preparation: 6pm,
first Thursday of the Month)*



FATIMA WEEKLY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

350 Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge QLD 4110

Hello Everyone,

Our youth group, **Rising Youth Ministry (RYM)**, returns this Sunday 17th October, 2-4pm. The RYM team is looking forward to welcoming the children back. We have an exciting program for the children and we can't wait to share it with them. Get ready for another amazing day. After RYM the children will gather in the Church for a Youth Mass at 5pm. The energy from the children will uplift everyone at Mass. It is going to be great.

We had our second gathering of **Rising High** last Sunday. It was another fun-filled God centred night!! Thank you to one of our youth leaders, Dominic for sharing his story on how God helped him through his darkest years. Strengthening & trusting his faith in God - to a God who sees all things. Victory is claimed! In Jesus we trust!!! (See photos below)

Rising High is an extended group of Rising Youth Ministry (RYM) for teenagers aged from 13-17 yrs old. Rising High meets every Sunday, except on RYM days, from 6-7.30pm, in the Parish Blue Hall. We begin by attending the Spiritus Mass at 5pm, then followed by formation, fellowship, and just having a great time.

Despite the bad weather last Tuesday, we had a good turnout at our Seniors Group. Everyone had an enjoyable day. A great gathering. Our Seniors Group is on every Tuesday from 9.30-10.30am (after the 9am Mass). Everyone is welcome. Come and join us for a cuppa. Here's a testimony from George: *"We haven't been to Mass or any Parish event since the start of COVID. It is so good to be here. We really enjoyed it."*

God bless
Fr Lam



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEEKEND OF 16TH-17TH OCTOBER 2021

PROPER OF THE MASS: First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome into the church Cecilia-Rose Marija Kajim, Marv Lu Rafael, Mary-Fay Conway, and Keegan James Bergmans who were baptised last Sunday.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Job opportunity

Wanted Disability Support Worker/Home Care Employee -
 Brisbane and surrounding areas

Disability Services and Employment Queensland (DSEQ) an NDIS registered service provider has been providing exceptional care to disabled Australians across regional, rural, and remote QLD for more than 5 years.

We actively promote and maintain a proud sense of community and are passionate about enriching the lives of our clients by delivering flexible and personalised services to support our clients to continue to live safely and independently at home and in their community.

Are you flexible, reliable, show initiative and take pride in your work? Are you supportive, understanding and have a caring nature? If this sounds like something you can see yourself doing, **apply by** attaching a copy of your resume and cover letter to manager@dseq.com.au

We are hiring care workers now. www.dseq.com.au

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

The start of November is only two weeks away, and the Church celebrates two great feasts:

All Saints - Monday 1st November, 9am Mass, and **All Souls**- Tuesday 2nd November, 9am Mass with Anointing. Followed by the gathering of the Seniors Group.

This weekend we will have a **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** in the church and you are invited to take a moment to record the names of your loved ones who have gone before you marked by the sign of faith.

November is traditionally the month that we remember and pray for the dead and our BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE will be placed in the sanctuary and will be the focus of our prayers during this month.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or want to explore more about Catholic faith? Do you know someone who has shown an interest in becoming a Catholic?

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Every Thursday at 7pm, inside Our Lady of Fatima Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office (acaci ridge@bne.catholic.net.au or 32745513). Cost: free! All are welcome!



ANOINTING MASS

9am, First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday 2nd November, at 9am

All are invited. Those who are ill, elderly, or undergoing surgery in the near future will be anointed during the Mass,

SENIORS GROUP



EVERY TUESDAY 9.30am-10.30am

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall

Rising Youth Ministry

We're back!



Hooray!
 Yippee!
 Finally!



2-4 pm, Sunday 17th October

Join us for Mass at 5pm

Our Lady of Fatima School Hall, 350 Mortimer Rd, Acacia Ridge

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Photos from the Seniors Group



The First General Assembly of the Plenary Council The Journey so Far— (9 October 2021)



Assembly One: October 2021

As we conclude the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the process of discernment continues. From the opening Mass to the closing of the Assembly, our prayer has been 'Come, Holy Spirit.' The call to hear afresh the Good News of Jesus Christ through a spiritual posture of 'deep listening' has been a central element of the preparation of the Plenary process and a distinctive feature of this week. We adopted a regular pattern of prayer and spiritual conversation throughout each day. This slow process of deep listening allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity.

The opening session each day began with a Welcome to Country, spoken from various regions of Australia. Indigenous voices, both young and old, paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging, welcomed the Members of the Plenary Council to the day's gathering, and invited all of us to a time of quiet and prayer. As Members offered their reflections day by day, they regularly acknowledged the Indigenous peoples of the land from which they were speaking.

Over three hundred participants gathered for six days, meeting virtually across five different time zones, with many more people following the opening session of each day online. The gift of listening to one another has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us. Many described the small group conversations and reports as the heartbeat of this First Assembly. Our process of discernment requires time and space for mature reflections to emerge, and further spiritual conversations will be necessary in our considerations of what God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

As the many personal interventions demonstrated, there is no shortage of passion and charisms among the community of believers. These interventions covered a wide range of the complex realities of the Church and Australian society in this particular moment of our history. They expressed personal wisdom and aspirations that have been a gift to this Assembly's deliberations. Many elements of the Council's Agenda were carefully considered. Discussion of other issues, including some not formally on the Agenda, was initiated, and will require more time.

As participants in this Assembly, we have experienced and expressed the range of emotions that come with facing profound issues together, holding in tension diverse interpretations and expectations. Through prayer and reflection, we have been called to be patient with the process, with each other, with the Church and, most importantly, with the Holy Spirit.

We listened to the confronting and important voices of victims and survivors of abuse in the Church. They reminded us of the great wounds and failures of the Church and the continuing need to discern pathways of true healing and renewal.

The plain speaking of First Nations people has brought into even sharper focus the need for reconciliation with Indigenous communities, as well as the need for justice and for the healing of this land itself through an 'integral ecology'.

In responding to the Agenda questions, we considered ways of living as Church today. Many affirmed what they value about their Catholic faith: spirituality, community, prayer, liturgy and sacramental life, and service through the vocation of all the baptised. Members spoke of the ministries of pastoral care and education, health and aged care, and the many social services and advocacy the Church provides in the Australian community. These are great gifts to a world that is seeking meaning and more authentic living.

Other interventions expressed hopes for renewal, offering perspectives on what might be possible for a Church facing crucial questions, tensions and uncertainties. Many called our attention to the importance of enhancing the role of women in the Church. We heard the call to conversion and fidelity, as well as to imagination and renewal. We were reminded of the needs of rural dioceses and parishes, as well as those of large cities. We celebrated the gifts that the Eastern Churches bring to the Catholic community in Australia.

Often expressed through the lens of personal experience, the discernment of this Assembly has threaded together conversations about what the Church can offer today's world on the one hand, and how the world can inform the ways and structures of the Church on the other. We reflected on questions of leadership and governance in light of Pope Francis' call for us to be more synodal.

The missionary vision of Pope Francis has both inspired and infused all the deliberations of this First Assembly. Missionary discipleship has been a key theme, as has the call to go out to the margins. Another recurring theme, expressed in different ways, is the need for ongoing processes of ecclesial listening which can form and inform how the Church lives its mission today.

The Assembly also considered how all people might feel at home in our communities, regardless of their particular circumstances. Various voices drew our attention to young people, women, single people, parents and families, people with disabilities, people with diverse experience of sexuality and gender, and others who feel, for a variety of reasons, that there is no place for them. We asked how a missionary Church might connect with those who feel distant from the community of faith.

Each of these voices has been a powerful reminder that the Church, as a sign of the kingdom of God, has the vocation of being an image of Christ and an icon of grace to the whole human family. With the closing of this First Assembly, the Plenary Council process now enters a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development. This will involve continuing reflection by the Members of the Council, and consultation with the wider Church community, as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod, For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. In faith, hope and charity, we entrust all these tasks to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer remains, as always: 'Come, Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.'