



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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### PARISH CONTACTS

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WEEKEND OF 11TH — 12TH DECEMBER 2021

**PROPER OF THE MASS:** First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18; Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

### Hello everyone,

Since we didn't have the Awaken Prayer Evening last Saturday night (because of a few COVID cases in the Gold Coast and Capalaba), Steffanie has kindly offered to pray for those who wish to have a 'pray over' after the Spiritus Mass last Sunday. Those who stayed behind experienced a powerful night with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was like being at Awaken on Saturday.

Thank you to the Holy Spirit for His blessing and a powerful night. Thank you also to Steffanie for being available and his vessel.

Here are some testimonies from those who attended last Sunday:

*"I love the Spiritus Mass and the healing. I don't want to leave. I want to stay here. It is very peaceful here."* Tess.

*"When Steffanie prayed over me at the front of the altar, I felt God's presence and felt the heat, the spirit coming out of me, God asked me to serve Him. Steffanie also prayed for my fiancé (in Vietnam) over FaceTime because she was sick with a fever, an unknown sickness in Vietnam. She was in the hospital at the time, and the next day she was fine, and was ok to discharge from the hospital."* Wilson.

### COVID SAFETY AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

We have received a number of questions this week from parishioners regarding the vaccination protocols and Christmas Masses. I thought it may be helpful to share those questions and responses with all of you. I hope this information may be of assistance.

#### 1. Do people need to be vaccinated to attend Mass?

No. Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their vaccination status. Places of Worship are not subject to vaccination restrictions. This remains the same once the borders open.

#### 2. Are we required to check the vaccination status of parishioners and visitors at Churches?

No. At this time, you are not required to check the vaccination status of those attending places of worship. **The Queensland government continues to require people to use the Check-In Qld App when entering places of worship.**

#### 3. What are the occupancy requirements for Christmas Masses?

At this time, the occupancy for Christmas Masses remains the same as current occupancy restrictions for places of worship. The following limits apply (this also includes baptisms) with the use of the COVID Safe Checklist.

- 1 person per 2 square metres indoors
- There is **no need for booking** prior to Mass
- In case, we will have a large crowd at the Christmas Masses, unvaccinated Parishioners are encouraged to wear mask for protection
- Arrive early to your mass to avoid being turned away
- Continue to use the **QR Check-in app** when entering the church
- Be patient and follow the instructions of the marshal and ushers at mass

#### 4. What is the occupancy for weddings and funerals?

• From 17 December, weddings will have no capacity limit if only fully vaccinated people attend. If anyone attending a wedding is unvaccinated, it is restricted to a maximum of 20 people.

• Funerals will not be limited to only vaccinated people. Funerals are required to adhere to the current limits:

- o 1 person per 2 square metres for areas open to or used by guests or patrons, or
- o 200 people

God bless

Fr Lam

#### Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed during the following times: Friday 24th Dec to Friday 7th January 2022. The Office will reopen on Monday 10th January 9am.

#### In Transition

As a parish family we welcome:  
**Enoch Gbeindeh, Israel Bitie, and Destiny Bitie**  
who will be baptised at Our Lady of Fatima  
this Sunday.

## Thank you

Your generosity to the Parish is very much appreciated and our Parish mission of witnessing to the Good News takes place through your continued support – **thank you**. During these COVID times, so much of our parish routine has been disrupted and we have all had to adapt and find new ways of being part of a faith community. This is especially true of how we financially support the parish.

There are 4 ways that you can support our parish:

**1. Direct Debit or Credit Card giving** (Forms are available at the back of the Church)

**2. Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Account.**

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Account Name: Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish

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**3. Online:** <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>,

**4. Parish Giving App** using the QR

Code Payment system. Just scan

the QR code (**sticker on the pew**) with

your smartphone using the inbuilt

camera and follow the instructions.



However you decide to financially support our community of Our Lady of Fatima, a grateful parish says thank you!

## The Catholic Leader

The December edition of The Catholic Leader is available in the church. Limited copies are available and the cost is only \$4 each, which can be placed in the Vinnie's box.



## Christmas Celebration at Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Planning for the Christmas Masses has begun! In order to make this Christmas a special time for the Parish and

families, we are looking for volunteers to set up, pack up, marshal, take up the collectors and serve food.

We're also asking people to bring a plate with food to share after each Christmas masses. A list is being prepared, and we would be appreciated if you could let Lizet from the Parish Office know.

Parish Office's phone 3274 5513 or

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## SENIORS GROUP



EVERY TUESDAY 9.30am-10.30am

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve ~ Friday 24 December

5:30pm Christmas Carols by Rising Youth Ministry

6:00pm Youth Mass ~ Followed by refreshment

(Please bring a plate of food to share)

### Christmas Day ~ Saturday 25th December

8:30am Carols

9:00am Mass ~ Followed by refreshment

(Please bring a plate of food to share)

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

#### Saturday 25th December

5:00pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 26th December

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Mass (Spiritus Mass)

### Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 20th December at 6:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank

Tuesday 21st December at 6:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank



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### **RISING HIGH on Sunday 28th November 2021**

What a night!! Rising High finished the year on a night filled with the Holy Spirit that left the youth buzzing for more! Steffanie reminded us of how every one of us have a purpose in this world and that we are His perfect creations called to be a light to those around us.

Our guest, Dr Therese shared with us her very powerful testimony about how the Holy Spirit journeyed with her through life's storms. We were all moved and touched by her story which is testament to God's faithfulness even through tough times.

Dominic, one of our youth leaders shared with us the power and reasons for praise and worship. The night ended with us lifting the roof off with praise and worship and singing our lungs out to God!

We are so blessed!!! Everyone had a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit. It was a wonderful night of inspirational talks, praise & worship, sharing a meal and soaking in the presence of God.

Here are some testimonies:

"Sunday was my first time at Rising High. As soon as it started, I instantly felt welcomed by others and the Holy Spirit. The night also taught me many valuable lessons that changed my perspective for the better." Alex

"Last Sunday's Rising High was probably the most powerful one I've helped out with. It was amazing to witness the youth resonating to Dr Therese's talk. And the Holy Spirit was present, moving through praise and worship and talks." Bianca



## Photos from the Seniors Group on Tuesday 7th December 2021.



## Last Seniors Group for the Year!!!

Next Tuesday 14th December will be our last Seniors Group for the Year.  
Join us for a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

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