



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am  
Saturday 4.30pm (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)*

#### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Lizet Sanchez

# FATIMA WEEKLY

## EASTER SUNDAY

17TH APRIL 2022

### PROPER OF THE MASS:

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43. **Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9.

Hello everyone,

As I mentioned in previous newsletter, we had a very successful **Car Wash** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. I would like to give you the total amount of money raised for this event: Including all the cars washed on the day plus the donations, we made a total of \$6437. This is a wonderful amount for just one event. Once again, thank you to all those who allowed us to wash their car and to our generous benefactors. Thank you also to our volunteers, our Rising High children and the Awaken Team.

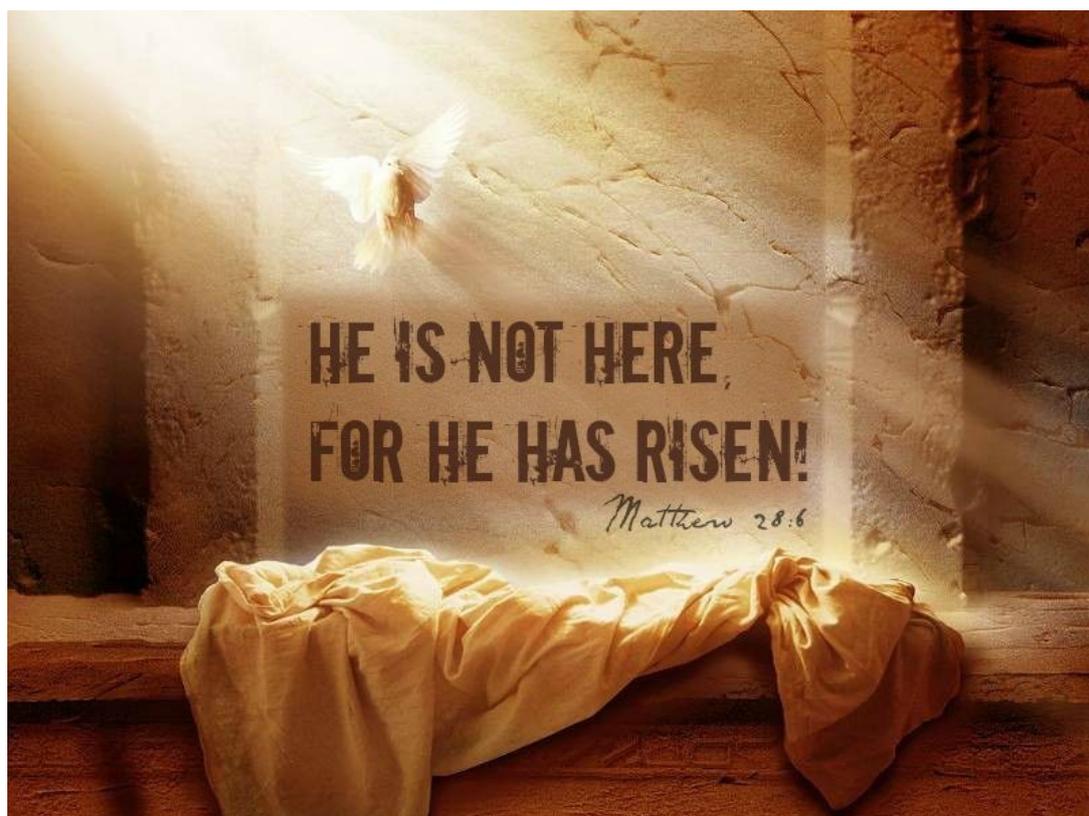
Our next fundraising event is the **Pre-Loved Market**, which is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. It's only just 2 weeks away, and we still have a lot to do. Expect a great community day, lots of bargains, delicious food and great fun. Please come to support our Parish. We are looking for volunteers to help us sorting out donations every Thursday in the blue hall, and also selling things on the day. We need strong people to help us set-up and pack-up marquees, tables, chairs and signs. It is going to be a big day and we need all the help we can. If you are available, please contact the parish office.

Finally, **Happy Easter** everyone! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!  
In the joyous season, I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

We rejoice that Jesus, who is for us Light of the world, rose from the dead. In His resurrection, we find our hope and our joy. Easter is the greatest message of hope of all.

During these days of Easter, we remember especially those who have suffered through the recent floods and those who are displaced due to floods and also war. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are going through a tough time of suffering and hardship at the moment. They will miss out another Easter celebration, and we all know what it's like to miss out Easter during COVID. I can't even imagine what these people are going through at the moment and we pray that this war will end soon. Let us pray that the Light of the Risen Christ will grace all of these people with strength, hope and joy.

Happy Easter to all!  
Fr Lam



**Awaken Pre-loved**

**M A R K E T**

Fundraising  
for Awaken Outreach



Delicious food  
plants cold drinks  
home decor



Pre-loved clothing  
toys crockery books  
and so much more





**Saturday 30 April**  
**9.30am - 4.30pm**

Our Lady of Fatima Church Grounds  
350 Mortimer Road  
Acacia Ridge

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**AWAKEN TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

*Praise & Worship*

**FACILITATOR**  
**STEFFANIE LE**

**7TH MAY 2022**  
**7.00PM**

*'It was I that chose you and sent you to go and bear much fruit.' John 15:16*

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*"The day after Awaken, I wanted to shout out from the rooftop that our God is real and His Goodness runs after us and He is a faithful and jealous God." Vilma*

### Awaken Pre-Loved Market -30 April 9.30-4.30

We are excited to announce our Awaken Pre-Loved Market on 30th April 9.30am - 4.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church Grounds. This is a fundraiser for the Awaken Outreach Programs.

We invite you to come along, grab a bargain and some yummy food and support a worthy cause.

Your help is needed, is it time to do a Autumn declutter through the wardrobes? All donations are welcome, bring them down! Are you able to help in any way?

- Donations of goods - clothing, crockery, sporting goods, toys, home decor, etc we will be receiving donations to be dropped off at the parish blue hall up to and including Sunday 24th April. Please ensure all donations are in sellable condition, clean and well presented. Plants are to be taken to the hall on Thursday 28th April.

Call out for donations of hangers to hang all our lovely clothes for the market day!

- Volunteer - we welcome all volunteers to either help out on the day or helping to sort the donations. If you are able to help in any way please reply to [admin@awaken.org.au](mailto:admin@awaken.org.au) or 0437 006 264

This market is going to be a fun day filled with community spirit, a great opportunity for us all to come together. Everyone welcome and please share with those in the local community.

Bernadette On behalf of Awaken Together in Christ

#### Volunteers needed for Pre-Loved Market.

Help us sorting out clothes and other things in the Blue Hall. This coming Thursday and other Thursdays, at 9.30am.

## Congratulations

At the Easter Vigil Mass this Saturday, our Parish Community will welcome Dobo Kunda, Etara Kunda, Michael Phan, Hanh Tran and Luan Vo, who will be baptised, confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time.

We will also welcome Xan Horsfall, Daniel Michael Lasu Onesimo and Wilson Truong, who will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church.

What a great day for our Parish. We thank the Lord for these new Catholics.

#### In Transition

We pray for **Maria Kandanga**, who passed away last week and whose funeral was on Saturday 9th April. May her soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

#### Positions Vacant –

**Applications are open for two positions at Sunnybank Parish**

##### Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic committed person to join the Parish team and assist them with the coordination of a variety of pastoral ministry programs. The position is permanent part time 20 hours per week with the days of work to be negotiated. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/471284/pastoral-ministry-coordinator> Applications close: 29 April 2022

##### Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

This position requires a self-motivated individual who has a personal commitment to the values, teachings, and mission of the Catholic Church. Working 20 hours per week, the successful applicant will be responsible for facilitating and developing Life Teen youth programs and activities across the parish. This part-time position commences asap. A current driver's licence and eligibility for a Working with Children blue card and covid 19 vaccination are essential. Previous experience in ministry to young people is preferred. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/471312/youth-and-young-adult-ministry-coordinator-sunnybank-parish> Or telephone the parish office (07) 3345 3766. Applications close Friday 29 April 2022.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

#### Good Friday Fast and Abstinence:

The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat. The practice of fasting was recommended by Christ, both by example and by teaching. In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal on a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Catholics were once well known for their practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays. The purpose of fasting and abstinence is not to punish but to teach us a detachment from whatever may keep us from God. These practices on Good Friday are to heighten our hungering for God's love revealed in the crucifixion. Then will our hearts, minds and bodies be made ready to rejoice in Easter and Christ's resurrection. (For a full article visit <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/days-of-fast-and-abstinence/>)

**Below: Photos from First Holy Communion 2022**



Awaken Together in Christ celebrated the Ministry's 6th Birthday at their April Prayer Evening. Congratulations to the Ministry and all the volunteers that assist in the successful running of their many outreaches.



Reflecting over the years, we think about the conversions, bringing so many back to Christ – bringing His children home! We look at the gifts He has given Awaken – that precious special privilege to awaken people to an awareness of God and all that awareness beholds! How appropriate that on this special celebratory night we also celebrate the lives that have been touched, families that have been changed forever as they reconnect with their God. When we think of the awakening in people's spirit, we think of the scales that have fallen from eyes to fully reveal that beautiful relationship with Christ. The relationship that is attainable through the connection we can have and experience in our daily walk. Now we stand as one, in unity and love and all proclaim together that Jesus is Lord. God's blessing and favour was on Awaken's special evening and it is so exciting to see where He is taking this ministry into the future.

**LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday should still be carried out in a non-contact manner. Parishes may choose to refill their holy water fonts. This would be appropriate following the Easter Vigil. Regular cleaning of the fonts is recommended. With every best wish and blessing for Holy Week and your Easter celebrations.

Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Bishop Ken Howell

**5 ways to support our Parish**

Four ways you can support the Parish's valuable pastoral activities and ongoing sustainability.

1. **Direct Debit or Credit Card giving** (Forms are available at the back of the Church)
2. **Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Account.**  
BSB: 064 786  
ACC No: 100005917  
Account Name: Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish  
Reference: Last Name - collections
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.
5. **Eftpos machine**—located on the desk at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generous support during this difficult time!



**Holy Land Collection:**  
Australian parishioners have always been most generous to the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds. Made all the more difficult over the last two years due to the pandemic. This will take place as a leaving collection at the Good Friday ceremonies. Thank you again so much for your assistance and commitment to this annual Pontifical Collection for the people of the Holy Land. Your generosity is most appreciated.  
Yours faithfully, Fr Mario Debattista ofm  
Commissariat of the Holy Land - Australia Office