FATIMA WEEKLY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8TH MAY 2022

PROPER OF THE MASS:
First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52. **Second Reading**: Apocalypse 7:9-13, 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30.

Hello everyone,
What an amazing day we had at the Pre-Loved Market last Saturday. The Lord has truly blessed us with such a very successful day. We give Him thanks for this blessing.
The day started out with a light shower, but then turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day. Once we finished setting up various stalls and the market was opened, we had a constant stream of people coming through that was overwhelming. It was none stop.
The hall was packed with buyers, and at time made it hard to move around. Even our food (African, Tongan, Asian, fruit, baked good, and Tea and coffee) and plant stalls were busy with buyers. The food from our stalls was delicious. All day the Market was just buzzing with excitement and joy. I think our volunteers had the most fun. It was just a fantastic community day.

Here is some feedback from people:
"The community was alive. I got to know other parishioners better now because of this market." Francine.
"It brought the whole community together" Silia.
"I have never seen the parish so alive" Cathy.
"It was beautiful to see so many different communities coming together and connected." Anonymous person.
"This is so good. I love it. I had such a wonderful time and brought a lot of things" Ronan.

We still haven't received the total amount raised yet as we are still waiting for other money to come in. Once we have the final number, I will publish it here in the newsletter.
The fund raised from the Market will be for:
* the building of a new community centre on the Cnr of Beaudesert Rd & Mortimer Rd. It will be a centre where our children can gather for activities and learning, and a place where parishioners can catch up, share the Word of God, and participate in activities and retreats.
* to support a Catholic community in Senegal, Africa.
As I mentioned before, the main objective of these fundraising activities is to actively live out the Lord's teaching on alms-giving & serving. As St Francis of Assisi said "For in giving we receive". A teaching that we would like to instil in our parishioners and especially our youth.

I would like to thank all our youth and volunteers who have helped with the Pre-Loved Market. We had about 72 volunteers who helped us (in various ways) throughout the month of the market. On the day of the Market we had about 40 people volunteered. These numbers are amazing, as it showed that the Parish Community came together and was very supportive of this cause. Thank you!
Thank you also to all who have generously donated their pre-loved things & supported this event. A big and special thanks to the Awaken team for an unbelievable project that is bearing so much fruit.

A reminder also that Awaken Prayer Evening is this Saturday 7th May, at 7pm. The last month's Awaken was so powerful. We received some big miracles that night. Awaken Ministry is changing people's lives and we give thanks to the Lord for these healings. We are so blessed to have this powerful ministry. Get ready for another powerful evening again this coming Saturday. Come and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

God Bless
Fr Lam

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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

From the Parish Assistant

We received an overwhelming amount of donations for our Pre-Loved Market, and I would like to say thank you to all our generous benefactors. A big thank you also to all our volunteers who helped on the day. It was a joyful day.

Our programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Wednesday 13th July 2022. Enrolment for this sacrament will begin in early June.

Our parish will undergo in a yearly Work Health and Safety audit soon, please keep us in your prayers.

A reminder to those volunteers who have not provided me with the required documents (eg. Blue card, Police check, etc) or have not done the online trainings, please do so soon. As part of the Archdiocese regulation, our Parish takes these requirements of safeguarding seriously.

For any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via acaciaidge@bne.catholic.net.au or 32745513.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Lizet Sanchez
Parish assistant

National Volunteer Week (NVW) will be held on 16 – 22 May 2022. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 is **Better Together.**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 16-22 MAY 2022 Better Together

Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.
National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.
Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, **Better Together**.

Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement

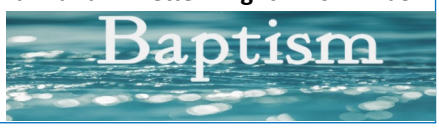
You are invited to read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, Towards a Better Kind of Politics, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all.
The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

Count Me In!

Every couple of years the Australian Bishop's Conference organises a Mass count across every Parish in Australia. These statistics, along with the Australian Census and other information help with future planning and the allocation of resources. The count will take place over the weekends of May

In Transition

As a parish family, we welcome **William Glen Wright, Lincoln Stephen Dean Wright, and Olivia Maria Annette Wright** who will be baptised this Sunday.
Welcome and congratulations.



Silent Auction

We are happy to announce the winners of the Silent Action:
-**Picture Jesus Praying Winner:** Jenny Cheng
-**Picture Jesus walking on waters winner:** Silia Afeaki-Sevele
-**Blue and white phoenix vase winner:** Efren Altez
-**Blue white cylinder mountains vase winner:** Gie Oculto.

We are prolonging the draw of the Reds Jersey – worn by Tuaina Taii Tualima and signed by 2021 Players to Tuesday 31st May at 10.30am. Currently we are getting the Jersey framed. If you wish to bid for this jersey, please place your bid by leaving your name, mobile and best bid in the box located inside the church. May the best bid win!

Thank you to all those participated.

Catholic Leader

The latest issue of Catholic Leader is available at the back of the church for $4. Please place your money in the Poor box next to the Leader.

Photos from the Pre-Loved Market
Sat 30th April 2022

List of Volunteers who helped with the Pre-Loved Market

Ellen Tran
Lizet Sanchez
Bernadette Maguire
Steffanie Le
Pam Le
Juliana Manrique
Theresa Vu
Margaret Hrstich
Silia Afeaki-Sevele
Kiko Afeaki-Sevele
Precilla Lobo
Jazz Ah kiau
Therese Tran
Taylah Tran
Senna Welch
Francine Machozi
John Sibo
Jacqueline
Jakisa Sinandugu
Francoise Ayinkamiye
Glorioza Mpawenimana
Bahati
Wilson Truong
Sang Truong
Sharon Crocker
Howard Crocker
Lusia Taualai
Tina Vu
Hung Tran
Sulu Taualai
Rossini (Rose) Elias
Vera Perkins
Carmela Tapay
Ces Arreola
Hoa Truong
Flora Cheng
Gie Oculto
Lito Oculto
Kristina
Amelia Vetticad
Angela Kim
John Paul Mpawenimana
Huey Hoang
Jackson Tran
Anthony Hoang
Jimmy Vu
Daniel Chiang
Afano Tualima
Noel Sweeney
Aida Mandiri
Lien Pham
Clair Peterson
Jane Szeto
Dianne Ezzy
Lana Cheng
Bianca Rodrigues
Sharon Crocker
Julie Kim
Barbara Grove
Juanita Nguyen
Andria Maya Maya
Kim Tran
Ai-vy Tran
Thao Tran
Telma Lawren
Alba Lara
Julie Kim
Ellie Lee
Francine Mwitirehe
Alrcia Vasquea
Cindy Miller

Thank you!