

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Catechism classes

every Sunday
after 9 am Mass, School term
from 10 am - 10.30 am

for more info, contact sister Hanna.

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for a Rising Youth Christmas Celebration



Sunday 12th November
from 2 - 4 pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Acacia Ridge
RSVP: Ellen Tran 0488 220 606
Parish office: 3274 5513

MEN'S RETREAT

24th-26th November



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER



Souths Sports Club

BRISBANE DISTRICT COUNCIL Community Venues

Community Christmas Funday and FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER, 2023
FROM 4PM TO 8.30PM

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE START OF THE Holiday Season

LOTS OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FUN INFLATABLES • ARTS AND CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS • VISIT FROM SANTA
MASSIVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 8.30PM

FOOD AND REFRESHMENT CONCESSIONS ALSO ON SITE

Our prayers are with those who are suffering illness at this time.
May God's presence nourish and strengthen you.

SAINTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

November is a month of many remarkable saints to celebrate throughout the month. After the celebration of All Saints Day on November 1, the Church holds-up many individual saints to celebrate throughout the month. These saints range from great reformers to generous nobility. Here are some of the saints and their feast days:

All Saints Day: November 1¹²

St. Martin de Porres: November 3³

St. Charles Borromeo: November 4¹

St. Elizabeth of Hungary: November 17¹

St. Cecilia: November 22³

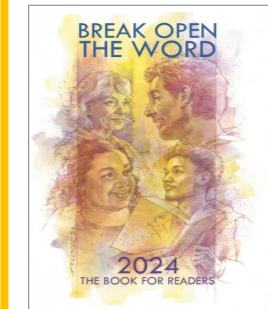
St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions: November 24 <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-jude-thaddeus-and-st-simon-the-zealot-apostles-541>



BOOKS FOR SALE AT PIETY STALL: Order now as we have limited stocks of the following books. To order, contact the parish office or our Piety Stall volunteers.

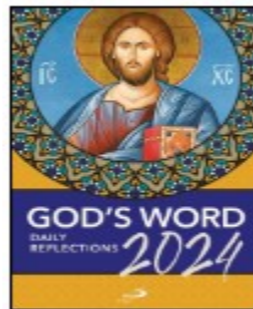
God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary \$22.00

These daily reflections are designed for you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life.



Break Open the Word: The Book for Readers, \$26.00

Gives the readings and psalms for each Sunday with a commentary designed to provide background to the text and assistance on how to proclaim it.



We invite you to join us for Morning Tea

November 16 & 30
9.30am

Bring a plate of food to share and a friend....





OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Acacia Ridge | Alger
Calamvale | Parkinson
Larapinta | Pallara

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MASS TIMES

Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 9 am
Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm

CONFESSIONS (by appointment)

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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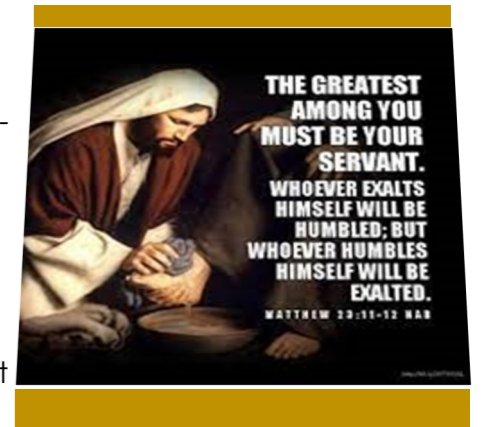
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FATIMA NEWS

31st & 32nd Sundays in Ordinary Time Year A
12th & 19th November 2023

Greetings to all,

In the gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus contrasts the attitude of the religious leaders of his day who wanted and expected to receive various forms of honour with what should be the attitude of his own disciples, namely the readiness and willingness to serve others. As Jesus says towards the end of that reading, 'the greatest among you must be your servant'.



Jesus defines greatness in terms of service of others. Rather than looking for honours from others, Jesus puts before us the ideal of honouring others by serving them.

It is those who humble themselves in the service of others who will be exalted, whereas those who exalt themselves and look for honour for themselves will be humbled.

Jesus clearly instructs his disciples that their role is to serve the people – not to be served. They are to follow the Jewish laws and customs as the Pharisees taught, but they were not to follow the Pharisees' example. Jesus hoped that his disciples would be humble in the best sense of the word.

Jesus demonstrated his teaching in his own life. Paul says of Jesus that he emptied himself taking the form of a servant and that he humbled himself, even to the point of death, death on a cross.

We also are the beloved of God, and as the beloved of God, we also need to live by God's law of love. We are to care for our neighbor and all people who are in need (even if we may not like them). Today is a good day for us to aware of our personal motivations! Why do we do what we do? Is it so others will think highly of us? Is it because we simply care about people and desire to help them as best we can?

Service is a great gift to give others. I suspect that most of the time our service consists of small daily tasks or actions. However, in this process, perhaps the true gift is noticing another's need and then reaching out to serve in a loving way!

Blessings,

Fr. Dang

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please email to acaciaridge@bne.catholic.net.au

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LITURGY NOTES: UNDERSTANDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The Liturgy of the Word at Mass is followed by what is called the 'Preparation of the Gifts'. In the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought forward, placed on the altar and a prayer said over them. The procession with the gifts by members of the assembly represents our participation in the eucharistic action as we offer ourselves along with the gifts of bread and wine.

The Missal's *General Instruction* mentions only bread, wine and money (or other gifts for the poor and the Church) in the procession. It is a procession of *gifts*: you can't take them back again afterwards!

In the early years of Christianity, the faithful brought bread and wine with them to church to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work of the Church. In most parishes today a collection of money that will be used in the mission of the Church is taken up during the Preparation of Gifts. **(TO BE CONTINUE...)** - Elizabeth Harring-

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Central to the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest offers this prayer on our behalf and we participate through the opening dialogue and the three acclamations, and by joining our personal praise and sacrifice to that of the Church. The following elements are included in all thirteen Eucharistic Prayers in the Missal, though the order varies:

Thanksgiving - especially in the Preface which gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some special aspect of it;

Acclamation - the "Holy, holy" sung by the people and presider after the Preface. Here we join the singing of the angels and saints before God's throne;

Invocation - or *epiclesis*, the calling down of the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine;

Institution narrative - the retelling of the scriptural account of Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper;

Memorial prayer - or *anamnesis* ('lest we forget') which recalls the paschal mystery;

Offering - the entire Church and this assembly offer Christ and themselves to God in union with Christ;

Second invocation of the Spirit - this time on those gathered that they may become "one body, one spirit in Christ";

Intercessions for the Church and the world, for the living and the dead;

Final doxology - ("through him, with him, ..."), the prayer of praise in which the celebrant sums up and concludes the thanksgiving offered to God.

Parish office notice:

Our parish secretary, **Lizet Sanchez**, is not well, so she is taking some times off from work. Due to the needs of our parish, I have asked **Virginia Sharpe**, one of dear parishioners, to assisting the parish with some secretarial works as a volunteer while Lizet is away. I am very thankful Virginia for her willingness and dedication to help the parish during this time. May I also ask you to keep Lizet in your prayers.

Relocating Parish Office Project update:

The renovation and converting of the presbytery into a parish office has commence its work on the 2nd of November 2023.

Ways to Support our Parish

As a Parish we are enormously grateful for the generosity of everyone in our community who helps us fund our ongoing expenses. We rely on your help to run our administration, ongoing bills, liturgical life, ministries, and maintain and repair our facilities.

There are a few ways you can support the Parish's valuable pastoral activities and ongoing sustainability.

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

-Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Account.

BSB: 064 786 ACC No: 100000413

Account Name: Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish

Reference: Last Name - collections

-Eftpos machine—located on the desk at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your support!

Needed!



We need more volunteer readers, communion ministers, powerpoint operator and mass coordinator for Sunday 5:00pm Mass. If you are able to help, would be very much appreciated. Please contact the parish office on 3274 5513.

Solemn Culmination of the Month of the Holy Rosary



Procession



Living Rosary



Holy Mass



A big **THANK YOU** and a great effort by everyone involved in the moving celebration of the Rosary Culmination day on October 31, 2023. Parishioners and visitors gathered together that started with a procession of Mary's statue and prayed the living rosary to honour the Queen of the Holy Rosary. The faith community highlighted the heartwarming event with a Holy Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr Dang - a beautiful evening of faith and fellowship indeed in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.



Rosary Group



Fellowship