



“Celebrating 150 years of the Cathedral of St. Stephen and coinciding with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, you are invited to gather in thanksgiving for our unity in baptism and our common mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Heart of the City”.

Friday May 17

Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving
6pm | The Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City, QLD 4000



Domestic and family violence prevention month

MAY 2024

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MASS TIMES

Tue: 5:30pm—Holy Mass
6:00pm Eucharist Adoration

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

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 5:00pm to 5:30pm
(by appointment)

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month 10.15am

PIETY STALL

1st Sunday each month

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FATIMA NEWS

Ascension of the Lord & Pentecost Sunday, May 2024

Greetings to all,

I Happy Feast Day to all,

Today, we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven after his glorious Resurrection. Personally, I used to not appreciate much the feast of the Ascension like I do with the celebration of Good Friday or Easter. Somehow, the feast of Ascension did not have an impact on me like the others had. Perhaps, I did not fully understand the meanings of the celebration.

Later on, I have learned that the feast of Ascension is all about sharing in Jesus' joy. It is about celebrating his return to the heavenly glory. It is about rejoicing that his crown of thorns has been replaced with the kingly crown, that the mocking crowd at Calvary has been replaced with myriads of adoring angels. So what's in it for us?

Indeed, there is something in it for us. Jesus says in the Gospel of John, He goes to prepare a place for us (Jn 14:2). We will also one day wear crowns made of gold instead of thorns. But until that blessed moment, we need divine power. That's another reason we ought to rejoice in his Ascension. Jesus takes his place at God's right hand so that he can pour out the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, upon his disciples (Eph 4:10).

As Jesus ascends, he tells the disciples to wait for this power. But notice that he does not tell them to wait passively for the rapture. In fact, in Acts 1:11, after Jesus ascends out of their sight, the angels appear and ask them "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" I think the angels are there to shake up the apostles, to get them to move, to stop looking up and start looking around to see what they can do to spread the good news of God's kingdom.

The apostles were challenged to look inside of themselves and remember what Jesus had taught them. Do we sometimes "stand looking up at the sky" wondering what we can do? Let us open our eyes and see who among us is in need and respond in whatever way we can: a smile, a word of encouragement, a helping hand, a prayer. In his letter to the Ephesians Paul reminds us that we have been called by God, and we have been given gifts, not for ourselves but gifts to be used so we can build up the Body of Christ.

Also, in the gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells us, "Signs will accompany those who believe." What are some of the signs that show we are witnesses to Jesus? We speak of love not hate; we tell the truth, not lies; we are sisters and brothers to everyone, not only those who look and speak like us; we care for the good of everyone. We have not been called just once. We are called every day to preach the good news in whatever way we can and every day we are given the gifts that we need.

Today is also Mother's Day. We pray for our mother's in gratefulness for the gift of life and nurturing that they have given us. We remember those who have died and are with us in the resurrection. Those preparing for motherhood are also in our prayers as they wait expectantly for what lies ahead.

God bless, *Fr Dang*

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SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.

RCIA

Formation Day

A NEW WAY

Sunday 26 May | 1-4pm
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre
Charlotte St, Brisbane City



In person and livestream options available

Scan code to register or visit
www.tinyurl.com/RCIA-FD24

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

corpuschristibrisbane.com

RESTLESS DREAM TRUTH TELLING

A conversation with Uncle Bob Weatherall and Rubena (Roe Colbey) Anderson

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA OVER THE YEARS...

Before the present Acacia Ridge church was built, parishioners celebrated Mass in an old Army Hut (blue hall) brought from Archerfield Airport relocated at the corner of Beaudesert and Mortimer Roads. It was placed on a 5-acre land bought in 1949 by Fr Flanagan, then parish priest of Moorooka. The new use of the building was a far cry from being an accommodation hut sometimes a prison for army soldiers to what was described as “a handsome little church erected on high blocks with porch and sanctuary”.

On Sunday, March 26, 1950, Archbishop James Duhig blessed the ex-the Army Hut as the original OLOF Church in the presence of about 150 people. Mass was celebrated here every Sunday at 7am presided by priests from Moorooka, as Acacia Ridge was still part of Moorooka Parish. Two more Army huts were added as the number of parishioners grew and a 5:30pm Sunday mass was added.

On 25 January 1954, the enlarged church opened as Our Lady of Fatima with 78 pupils taught by two Sisters of St Joseph. Over the years there was an increasing strain on the facilities as the building doubled both school and church. The new brick church was built at the cost of \$56,000 under the direction of Fr B McLaughlin, parish priest of Moorooka. It was then blessed and opened by Arch. Patrick Mary O'Donnell on 5 June 1966. It became a parish church on 10 December 1967 with Fr Terry Ganzer was appointed as the first Parish Priest.

Fr Ganzer pushed for a new building which was opened in 1971 with 260 pupils. The old army hut became the parish hall building which is heritage listed together with the green house which was the old presbytery.

Fr Brendan Dooley became parish priest from 1 January 1975. He built the new presbytery in 1977 and faithfully served the parish until 2004. In retirement, Fr Dooley chose to stay at OLOF as parish priest emeritus, and OLOF was entrusted to the administrative care of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank.


The impetus for the revival of OLOF was provided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge when he appointed Fr Terry Nueva as administrator on January 2015 which reignited the parishioners' passion for their church and community. Since then they have built a prayer, a memorial garden, purchased a new wooden image of Our Lady of Fatima, whose beauty adorns the sanctuary of this church named in her honour. Among others, the big fans we have in the ceiling, new carpet, padded kneelers, altar parquetry, new candle votive and interior renovation at the presbytery are of great improvements and innovations. He also introduced the fellowship after Mass that helped our faith community. The golden jubilee of Our Lady of Fatima Parish was celebrated in 2016 with a big bang.

After Fr Terry's term ended, Fr Lam Vu was appointed as new administrator on January 2021 and served the parish until March 2022. Fr Lam Vu with his gift of preaching and creativity in his pastoral care had brought a new life into this parish. Her served the parish faithfully until March 2023

Fr Dang Nguyen was then appointed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge from July 2023 until now.




FEAST OF
OUR Lady OF Fatima
MONDAY, 13 MAY 2024
Our Lady of Fatima Church Acacia Ridge
5:30 pm ROSARY followed by HOLY MASS
Please bring a plate to share with for fellowship after the Mass



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Being a member of St Vincent de Paul is more than just helping the poor and disadvantage in Acacia Ridge it is a spiritual journey aimed at deepening one's faith. Frederick Ozanam the founder of St Vincent de Paul stressed that the “chief work of the Society is the saving of souls”, to support, to encourage with compassion and to be empathetic advocates for each other and for those voices crying in the wilderness. If you would like to join please contact Noel Sweeney, Mobile 0423550052

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MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children.
Look with kindness on all mothers. Give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families.
Listen to their prayers, and bless them in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus your Son, and Mary our Mother in the everlasting happiness of heaven.
Loving God, we ask this grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MUSIC MINISTRY IN THE LITURGY

Music in the Mass: The Importance of Singing

The Christian faithful who gather as one to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf Acts 2:45). Thus St Augustine says rightly, “Singing is for one who loves”. There is also the ancient proverb: “One who sings well prays twice”.

In choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference should be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those to be sung by the priest with the people responding or by the priest and people together.

The Entrance: After the people have gathered, the entrance hymn begins as the priest enters with the ministers. The purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduced their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season. The hymn is sung alternately by the choir and the people or by the choir alone.

The Kyrie Eleison: Since it is a chant by which the faithful acclaim the Lord and implore his mercy, it is ordinarily done by all, that is, by the people and the choir having part of it. As a rule, each acclamation is sung or said twice, though it may be repeated several times, by reason of the character of the various languages, as well as the artistry of the music. When Kyrie is sung as part of Penitence, a trope may precede each acclamation

The Gloria: The Gloria is a very ancient and venerable hymn in which the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other text. The Gloria is intoned by the priest if appropriate or by a cantor or choir; but it is sung either by everyone together or by choir alone. It is sung on Sundays outside the Seasons of Advent, Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and at special celebrations of a more solemn character.

The Responsorial Psalm: After the first reading comes the Responsorial Psalm, which is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and holds great liturgical and pastoral importance because it fosters meditation on the word of God... it is preferable to be sung, at least as far as the people's response is concerned. **(To be continued....)**

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Australia 2012)

PENTECOST

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME

Pentecost is a Christian observance commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus Christ's disciples, according to the Bible. Many Christians in Australia celebrate Pentecost, which is also known as Pentecost Sunday, Whitsunday, or Whit Sunday.

According to the Christian Bible, it was on the 50th day after Easter when the apostles prayed together and the Holy Spirit descended on them. They received the “gift of tongues” – the ability to speak in other languages – and immediately began to preach about Jesus Christ to Jewish people from all over the world who flocked to Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot.

Christian Pentecost not only commemorated the Holy Spirit's visit but also marked the birth of the Christian Church. Although it is not certain when Christians started observing Pentecost, it may have been early as the first century CE. Whitsuntide, also referred to as Whitsun in modern times, is the period beginning with the Saturday before Whitsunday and ending the following Saturday.



Join us for a Morning Tea on Thursday, 16th May, 9:30am at Parish Office/Presbytery. Bring a plate of food to share and a friend.

GROWING IN GRACE
FRIENDS IN GRACE



Catechism Class

Dear parents,
An ongoing catechism class every Sunday during school Term for 30 minutes after the 9 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Acacia Ridge. For more information, please contact Sr. Hanna MC. Ph: (07) 3252 4441 if interested.

