

# Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter



## The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Hosanna to the Son of David! Soon enough, some of the people who said these words as Jesus entered Jerusalem, would then go on to shout Crucify him!

Numerous studies have gone into the power of peer pressure or the mob mentality. People end up suspending their personal identity and moral inhibitions for what's emotionally driven by the group. Anthropologists and sociologists know at a deep core that humans beings are social animals. We rely on the group for safety and protection.

We see how it affects the crowds of Jerusalem but we also see how it affects the individuals of Jesus' team. Think of the disciples and how they scattered or Peter when he was in the courtyard denying he ever knew Christ.

Friends, we're at a cross roads in the history of humanity where people are bunkering down on their side. We know we belong to this group because we think this way and have this way of life. Now in some circumstances that can be good, especially within a domestic setting where pursuit of the Lord and things of God are at the forefront of parents' minds, but it can also become a trap, not allowing us to be open to the other, welcoming to the stranger and more importantly gracious and loving towards the enemy.

In a world where groups are beginning to close off to societies, we still need witnesses who will stand up for the virtues, gifts and treasures of heaven - no matter what!

Holy Week is a magnificent time to ask ourselves genuinely, would I stand for Christ, would I stand for my faith, would I stand for what's true, come what may?

I pray we have the courage, just like Christ, to dare being singled out for what is right, that we might be found worthy in God's eyes above all else.

*Fr William*

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

### Parish Administration

**47 Dornoch Terrace, West End, 4101**  
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### Parish Staff

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### Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:  
St Mary's, South Brisbane,  
St Francis of Assisi, West End  
St Ita's, Dutton Park  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

# Readings at Mass

## Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

## First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

**R/My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. **R/**

## Second reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 26: 14-27: 66



## Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Ps 117(118):1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9



# Upcoming Events & News

2026  
**Theology of the Body**  
ONE DAY IMMERSION

exploring love, life and purpose @  
**St. Francis Hall,  
West End  
Good Shepherd Parish.**

2 May. For 14-19 yr olds.

To register:  
hannah@realtalkaustralia.com

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** | **PROJECT COMPASSION**

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<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/>

**Divine Mercy- St Mary's Sunday 12th April**

- 3:pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of Faustina
- 4:pm Adoration, Confession
- 5pm Parish Mass including Blessing of Divine Mercy images.

A plenary indulgence is granted on this day under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff). Our Lord said to St. Faustina: “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary 699) “When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy.” (Diary 1602)

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land

Donations can be made to:  
Commissary of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024  
T: (02) 9369 9300 | E: [holyland@franciscans.org.au](mailto:holyland@franciscans.org.au)

[www.franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/](http://www.franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/)

**Sacramental Program 2026 is now open!**

Please note that all enrolments this year are being managed through Flocknote.

To register, simply scan the QR code →

**St Mary's Prayer Group**

You are invited to our gatherings in faith and prayer on:

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.

# Community News

A few notes:

## Mass Times

### 2026 Easter Triduum Mass Times

**Second Rite: Tue 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
St Mary's Church - 6pm

**Holy Thursday: 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
St Mary's Church - 7pm

**Good Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
OLPS Church - 7am  
St Mary's Church - 10am  
St Marys Church - 2:30pm  
(Children's Passion Play)

**Commmemoration of the Lord's Passion**  
St Mary's Church - 3pm

**Holy Saturday: 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
St Mary's Church - 7pm  
(Easter Vigil Mass)

**Easter Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
OLPS Church - 7am  
St Mary's Church - 9am  
St Francis Church - 9am

#### ST MARY'S

**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

#### ST ITA'S

**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 9:30am (Indonesian)

#### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

### CONFESSIONS

#### St Mary's

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am  
Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### BAPTISMS

- Sat: 9:30am

\*\*Booking is essential\*\*

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3734

#### PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

#### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

#### ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9:30 am - 1pm



Our Prearrangements are easy to put in place and let you get on with enjoying life.

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### Have you considered Planned Giving?



Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of Good Shepherd Parish

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3734 if you are interested.

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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse

**Good Shepherd Parish has zero tolerance for abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in any of its activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.**

**To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550**

For more information visit:

[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)