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**St Veronica Welfare Committee's 2021 Christmas Gift Cards**  
 This year, St Veronica Welfare Committee is offering three affordable and life-changing Christmas Gift Cards!  
**\$10 Chickens:** this gift will be used to help purchase chickens for poor families in Sire, Nekemte, Ethiopia. Surplus eggs from each family's chickens will also be donated to the Bethany Fathers' feeding program, which provides meals for poor and malnourished children in the community.  
**\$20 Blankets:** this gift will be used to purchase blankets and linen for victims of domestic violence in Siri Nidhan, Sri Lanka. In 2019, St Veronica's Welfare Committee helped raise funds to construct a temporary safe house (pictured above) in the Puttlam District, with the aim of providing a place of refuge for those escaping domestic violence. Construction is almost complete, with the remaining fit outs and furnishing work being carried out in late 2021. The blankets and linen will provide a warm and comforting welcome for the vulnerable women and children arriving at the safe house.  
**\$30 Computers:** this gift will assist with the purchase of classroom computers and projectors for St Mary's Convent School in Mariapuram, India. The school is working to meet a government requirement that insists every classroom include a computer and projector. While government schools are provided with these items, independent schools such as St Mary's Convent School must find their own means of purchasing technical equipment, despite limited funds.  
 Gif cards can be purchased online at [www.stveronica.org.au](http://www.stveronica.org.au); email [admin@stveronica.org.au](mailto:admin@stveronica.org.au); phone (07) 3844 7423; or at our Thrift Shop located at 89 Hardgrave Rd, West End.

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**Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator—Cleveland**  
 Applications are open for a position at Star of the Sea Cleveland Catholic Parish. A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 10 hours per week on a fixed term contract. Application close: 10 December 2021 <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/402918/youth-ministry-coordinator-cleveland-parish>  
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 St Ita's - Dutton Park;  
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**Second Sunday of Advent  
 5 December 2021 - Year C**



The Second Candle of Advent symbolizes **"PEACE" or "ANGELS" CANDLE** it reminds us of the /Angels message: "Peace on earth, Good will toward Men."

shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." There are three words there which are closely linked - baptism, repentance, and forgiveness. Baptism is the call to be initiated in the life of Jesus and be cleansed from all blemishes. It is a symbolic action through which people expressed their reconciliation with God by their immersion in the waters of the River Jordan hoping that their desire to have their evil past totally washed away. 'Repentance' is the forgiveness of sins and is understood as metanoia, meaning change of Heart, not just sorrow for past sins but a total and radical change of outlook in our relationship with God and other people. It calls for radical and genuine renewal and conversion of heart. It signifies a new outlook on life in keeping with the will of God. This metanoia or conversion in turn will bring about the forgiveness of sin. Forgiveness means letting go, liberation from the chains of sin and evil. Forgiveness is seen as the dropping off of heavy baggage or burdens. Such a building up of fervour would be a good way to prepare for the coming of the messiah during this advent season.

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday's Gospel is concerned entirely with the figure of John the Baptist. From the moment of his birth John the Baptist was greeted as a prophet: "And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High because you will go before the Lord to prepare the ways for him" (Luke 1:76). What did the precursor do to be defined as a prophet, indeed, "the greatest of the prophets" (cf. Luke 7:28)? First of all, in the line of the ancient prophets of Israel, he preached against oppression and social injustice. In Sunday's Gospel we can hear him say: "He who has two tunics must give one to him who has none; and he who has something to eat must do likewise." Secondly he prepared the mind of people to welcome Christ as a role model for new kingdom designed by God.

John the Baptist helped people to welcome Christ by preaching the message of repentance. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: Every valley

God bless you and have a great weekend  
 Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap  
 Parish Priest

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—by Parish**

**Dutton Park West End Parish**

**Christmas Eve Friday 24th December**

**St Ita's** 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30pm Carols)  
**St Ita's** 8.00pm Mass Indonesian

**Christmas Day Saturday 25th December**

**OLPS Fairfield** 7.00am Mass  
**St Francis** 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)  
**St Ita's** 10.30am Mass Indonesian

**Boxing Day Sunday 26th December**

**OLPS** 7.00am Mass  
**St Francis** 9.00am Mass  
**St Ita's** 10.30am (Indonesian)

**St Mary's Parish South Brisbane**

**Christmas Eve Friday 24th December**

**St Mary's** 6.30pm Mass (6.00pm Carols)

**Christmas Day Saturday 25th December**

**St Mary's** 9.00am Mass

**Boxing Day Sunday 26th December**

**St Mary's** 9.00am Mass  
**St Mary's** 5.00pm Mass

**Please Note:**  
 St Mary's and St Ita's Christmas Masses—Allocated Seating will apply—an Eventbrite link will be sent to parishioners Wednesday 15th December to enable you to book mass before it is opened to the public.  
 St Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Christmas Masses will be run as our normal Sunday masses and close off at capacity.

**MASS TIMES**

**St Mary's Church** (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)  
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)  
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm  
 Youth Mass: 4th Sunday 5pm  
 (Anointing 1st Friday of each month)

**St Francis' Church** (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)  
 Sunday: 9am

**St Ita's Church** (Pope St., Dutton Park)  
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm

**Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)  
 Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

**CONFESSION**

**St Mary's Church:**  
 Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm

**St Ita's Church:** By appointment contact parish office

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 St Francis of Assisi Church: Liam Cunnane 0477 306 166  
 St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205

## Readings at Mass

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle—Peace

Let us pray: O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts at this time and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings - the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. Amen.

#### First reading Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125 Rv.3

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. R/

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. R/

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. R/

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. R/

#### Second reading Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

#### Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Luke 3:1-6

**All people shall see the salvation of God.**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius

Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

#### Communion Antiphon Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading:** Zeph 3:14-18;

**2nd reading:** Phil 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Lk 3:10-18

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## This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 6th: R/ Our God will come to save us!

Tuesday 7th: **St Ambrose (Memorial)**

R/ The Lord our God comes in strength.

Wednesday 8th: **(Solemnity)**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

R/ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.

Thursday 9th: R/ The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Friday 10th: R/ Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Saturday 11th: R/ Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### Rest in Peace

**Liam Doan** was a long standing parishioner at St Ita's Church. Liam passed away this week and a funeral will be held on Saturday 9am at St Ita's. Our condolences to Liam's family at this time. May his soul rest in peace.

## St Francis of Assisi

**Morning Tea Sunday 5th December** after 9am mass in the hall to celebrate the year and Christmas. If you would like to contribute a small plate of food, it will be enjoyed.

### Parish Office Closure

**The Parish office will be closed** during the following times:

Wed 8th—Friday 10th Dec (reopens on Monday 13th 9am)

Thurs 23rd Dec 2pm—14th Jan (reopens on Mon 17th Jan 9am)

## Christmas Nativity Play



**ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY** If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856. Practise will run for 2 Sundays, after 9am Mass (12 & 19 Dec)

## St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly



St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly  
Christmas Party— **6 December 10am-1pm**  
**Everyone Welcome!**  
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

**This ministry will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays and will resume on 7th February 2022**

### Blessed - Advent Reflection Every Tuesday

**Join us in our 4 weekly Advent reflection and 1 week Christmas Reflection starting Every Tuesday 6pm at St Ita's School Board Room, Dutton Park.** Bring a plate to share for dinner.

## 2 Minute Catechism

### Preparing for Jesus - An Advent Checklist

In our culture, the observance of Christmas begins in mid-October or even earlier, as stores put out their holiday displays. But the calendar Catholics live and celebrate by is different from the secular world's calendar. When we let our faith and the ancient wisdom and tradition of the Church centre us as we plan, schedule, and organize our time, we're celebrating Christmas as Catholics. Print this page and use it with your family to help keep Jesus as the focus of your Advent season!

### Advent

As Catholics, we prepare for Christmas by celebrating the season of Advent in the four weeks preceding Christmas. We hear John the Baptist, echoing the words of the prophets of Israel, call us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord in our own lives now, and to look for the fulfilment of his kingdom in the future.

### Use an Advent Wreath

The circular wreath with four candles reminds us of God's eternal nature and the light Christ brings into our lives. You can say a prayer and light the candles before dinner each night or at some other consistent time.

### Make a Jesse Tree

The Messiah was expected to come from the line of King David, son of Jesse. The Jesse Tree is a way of remembering Jesus' roots in Israel. Hang from the branches each day a symbol of an important point in Israel's history: an apple, Noah's ark, Jacob's ladder, David's harp, and so on. (How to make a Jesse Tree)

### Count Down to Christmas with an Advent Calendar

Advent calendars begin on December 1, with a door to be opened each day. Behind each door is a Scripture verse or small picture of a biblical scene. A calendar is great for keeping our focus (especially children's) on the coming of Christ.

### Celebrate God's Mercy

During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Discover the History of Santa on the Feast of Saint Nicholas

St. Nicholas of Myra's feast on December 6 is celebrated in many European countries as a day to share gifts — often candy, and often placed in shoes. As Europeans immigrated to the United States, various St. Nicholas traditions combined and emerged as Santa Claus. Sharing the story of St. Nicholas can help us emulate the generosity of his faith-filled life and reclaim this Christian saint.

Source: OSV Newsweekly

## Parish Activities in 2021

### BAPTISMS

Saturday | 10.00am | monthly  
2nd Saturday St Mary's, South Brisbane  
3rd Saturday St Ita's, Dutton Park

Family preparation sessions on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. Bookings essential.

### ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am  
1st Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm  
1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church  
Sunday 9.00am St Mary's Church

### FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm  
(School term only — check dates on website)

### ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

**Monthly** 1st & 3rd Monday: 10am-1pm  
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

### YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday of the month | St Mary's Church 5pm

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for becoming part of our community.

## PLANNED GIVING FOR 1ST & 2ND COLLECTIONS

### Please consider giving to our planned giving program

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committed parishioners who financially support our parish every week. As you can imagine the cost of running and the upkeep of a parish this size takes a considerable amount and we ask that you prayerfully consider committing to assist our planned giving program. The easiest most hassle free way for you to do this is via our Direct Debit Program. Click on the links below to download the separate forms for each parish. Our parishes are separate with individual accounts—please download the correct one for you, complete and email back to the parish office directly

### Dutton Park Parish:

Download: <https://duttonparkcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/DUTTON-PARK-PARISH-collections-DD-FORM.pdf>  
Email: [stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au)

### St Mary's Parish:

Download: <https://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/South-Brisbane-Parish-DDR-1st-2nd-Collection.pdf> Email: [southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Other ways of giving:

**St Mary's Parish South Brisbane** BSB: 064-786  
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Acc No: 100 022 825 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections  
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We also have **Tap n Go** see church coordinator at mass.