



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



The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

The Epiphany of the Lord 5th January 2025—Year C

The Epiphany is the feast that hints towards the catholicity of the Church. The word catholic (with a lowercase 'c') means universal. So, this solemnity has roots in a universal outreach, one that has overtones of the Feast of Christ the King, where we also align ourselves to the universality of Christ as Sovereign and Lord, but more importantly, the Magi arrive to give honour to the child-King. The Magi here represent those of distant lands, outside of the chosen race of Israel, that are in pursuit of the truth. In them, we see the far reaching hand of love that God extends to all people.

The Church remains that these four walls, and the body of Christ, welcomes everyone. In all places and at all times, you are all welcome here! This serves to further emphasise the catholicity of our believing community.

And although everyone is welcome, it's essential that we come humbly knowing that we are far from the people that we want to be, and often, that means that we have to suspend our thinking, be ready to let go of some ideas, positions, beliefs that don't align with the teachings of the Church and become someone new in Christ. For if everyone is welcome, it does mean that not everyone will come knowing Christ and his ways, but if we come humbly, prepared to be moulded, recreated, loved, challenged, forgiven and set free, then we truly will find meaning in the one who is the way, the truth and the life.

An all welcoming community is indeed inclusive, but we come hoping that all people are conformed to Christ. The opposite would be an exclusive community, which I hope does not become our reality. I hope and pray that we say 'welcome' to the stranger that joins us over the Christmas season. I pray we have the courage to accept those who are different to us in love and confidence knowing that to all people, Christ is born this season.

People don't often remember what you said, but how you made them feel. As we look to the new year, I pray we begin with the Lord, and extend God's loving embrace to those we encounter this year, that through our witness, we might present a welcome all people that makes them feel as if they've come home. I pray that all people remember these encounters and by them come to know our Lord, who reaches down into humanity to meet all of us.

Fr William

Welcome to New Parishioners

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

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First reading: Is 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king. to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R/**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R/**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R/**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R/**

Second reading: Eph 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was

to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: 1s 40:1-5,9-11 **2nd reading:** Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7 **Gospel:** Lk 3:15-16,21-22

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 13th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Let all his angels worship him.

Tuesday 14th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
You gave your Son authority over all your creation.

Wednesday 15th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (or Alleluia!)

Thursday 16th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Friday 17th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Saturday 18th: Weekday, Ordinary Time 1
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

MASS TIMES

St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)
• Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
• Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
(72 Victoria St, Fairfield)
• Sunday: 7am

St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)
• Sunday: 9am

St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
• Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
• Sunday: 9am and 5pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's:
Fri: 7:30-8am|Sat: 8.30am-9am|Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

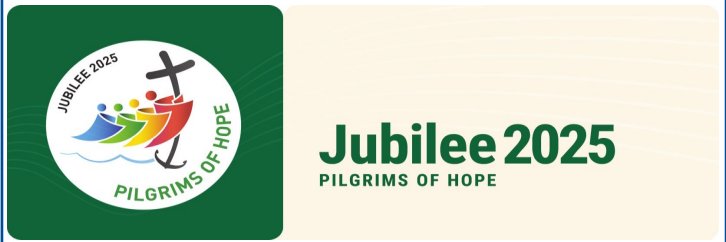
Farewell Fr. Ravi

As we approach the end of the year, it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to our beloved priest, Father Ravi. Though he has only been with us for just under a year, his time here has been filled with grace, warmth, and deep spiritual guidance. Father Ravi's leadership, kindness, and dedication have touched each of us, and his presence will be dearly missed. During his time with us, Father Ravi has been a true servant of Christ, offering his wisdom, compassion, and support in both joyous and challenging moments. Fr. Ravi has shown us the love of God in countless ways. We are grateful for the time we've shared and the ways he has helped our parish grow in faith. While we are sad to see him go, we trust that wherever he is called next, he will continue to be a beacon of light and love. Please join us in keeping Father Ravi in your prayers as he embarks on this new chapter of his ministry. May God bless him abundantly in all that lies ahead. Thank you and best wishes, Fr. Ravi!



Jubilee 2025

The term "Jubilee" refers to a special year, named after the *yobel*, a ram's horn used to announce its arrival. This horn was blown to mark the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), which occurs annually but holds particular significance when it signals the start of a Jubilee year. The concept can be traced back to the Bible, where a Jubilee year was to be observed every 50 years, following seven cycles of seven years (i.e., every 49 years, as stated in Leviticus 25:8-13). While organizing such a year was challenging, it was intended as a time for renewing relationships with God, each other, and creation. This included practices like forgiving debts, returning land that had been wrongfully taken, and allowing the fields to lie fallow.



Training Dates for Ministries within the Parish

- Readers 18th-19th of Jan after all Masses
- Communion Ministers 25th-26th of Jan after all Masses
- Sacristans and Altar Servers 4th-5th of Feb after all Masses



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

A reminder that the Parish Office will be closed from 21st of Dec to 5th Jan.

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The St Mary's Prayer Group will not be meeting on Tuesday 24th & 31st December and 7th of January.

Prayer Group resumes on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 6:30pm.



Support St Francis' Table through Containers for change

If you wish to support St Francis' Table Ministry through the **Containers For Change**, please use this account number **C11452798** when you depositing your containers. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Theology in Context

Archdiocesan Ministries is offering a 10-week course beginning in February. The course covers questions like If God is infinite, is it even possible to know God? What reasons do we have for belief in the existence of God beyond a religious framework? And many other questions. This might be a good way to begin the new year learning more about our faith and meeting other like-minded people. For more information, scan the QR Code.



Newsletter

In the New Year we will roll out our new Newsletter design. We wanted to update our look across our media so this will be part of a new re-vamping of things to come in the New Year. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Synod24 Action Plans

Friends, the much anticipated **Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod24 Action Plans: Implementing the Plenary Council Decrees** document has made it's way to our Parish. All 50 actions plans are listed in the document with the hope that they be implemented, if across the diocese, where possible. Not all action plans will have relevance for each Parish, and not all actions have equal weight, but in response to the Plenary Council, this indeed is the step that the diocese is taking to implement and focus our energies in the right direction. If you would like to access the Synod24 Action Plan, log onto the website at www.aobsynod2024.com and learn about the steps into the future for our diocese. These plans need to find their feet on the ground, so if there's anything particular you'd like to see happening in our Parish, please do not hesitate to make contact.



This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity,*
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At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:

contact@ecm.org.au

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When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

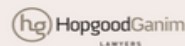
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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

- Saturdays - 10.00am
(Booking is essential - contact Parish Office)

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tuesday 6.30pm: St Mary's Church
- Sunday 4pm: St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday - 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday - 7am: OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly (Back January 2025)

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

or direct internet transfer:

- **St Mary's Parish South Brisbane**
BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 100 009 890
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
- **Dutton Park Parish:**
BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 100 023 601
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** at the back of the Church

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550.
For more information visit brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

