



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.*

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th October 2024 - Year B

Today's Gospel has somewhat of an odd question, that being, 'is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife?' Now, why is this odd? Well, when we go to the book of Deuteronomy 24:1-2, it says 'suppose a man has taken a woman and made her his wife, but she has not pleased him and he has found something objectionable of which to accuse her; he has therefore made out a writ of divorce for her and handed it to her and then dismissed her from his house; she leaves his home and goes away to become the wife of another man.' We see immediately from *the Law* that divorce was permissible. Divorce was so permissible, that historically, divorce for trivial reasons, was a common occurrence.

Perhaps the real question they were asking Jesus was, 'is it **right** for a man to divorce his wife?' Jesus noted that because they were so 'unteachable' Moses allowed them to 'draw up a writ of dismissal.' Now on one level, perhaps those that were 'testing' Jesus had an intuition that the divorce proceedings among Jewish men were unjust, inconsistent or unlawful. Maybe they wanted to hear from the wisdom teacher Himself, what was the appropriate way forward. Or perhaps they were so caught up in their ways that hearing Jesus say things like 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too,' gave them the ammunition they needed to put him to death.

Whatever the case, Jesus reminds them that discipleship, is more than just following the trends of society, pursuing the sordid desires within or accepting shortcuts that make us complacent. Discipleship is about these words we hear in an earlier part of Mark's Gospel where Jesus says, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me (8:34).'

To focus more on Marriage, the Church desires that all humans choose Christ and the precepts of the Lord in absolutely every aspect of their lives, including their marriage. Discipleship includes every part of who we are, not just the Sunday version of ourselves or the versions we present to the Office staff, Church community or social club during the week. **Every** part of ourselves and every aspect of our lives. It's for this reason that the Church is interested in the minutiae of Marriage, especially around things like sexuality, chastity, celibacy, intimacy, relationships and community because we can easily choose to follow our own designs within these spheres that matter most.

We've seen a breakdown in the institution of the family. Pornography has skewed the act of love and life for pleasure and power. People are struggling to have intimate loving moments because use of the phone and our devices has made it difficult for us to encounter the other.

Marriage, love and relationships is under attack. Our invitation is to ground ourselves in what it means to be a disciple of Christ, attentive to all the ways we might follow the Lord. Let us then be vigilant, teachable and obedient to the Lord, and find freedom as disciples of the Lord from the dangers that seek to separate us from each other.

**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: Genesis 2:18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.***

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R/**

Your wife will be like fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **R/**

**Second reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.'

Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

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**THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses**

**Monday 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary**

*The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.*

**Tuesday 8th: Ordinary Time 27**

*Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

**Wednesday 9th: Ordinary Time 27**

*Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.*

**Thursday 10th: Ordinary Time 27**

*Blessed is the Lord God of Israel; for he has come to his people.*

**Friday 11th: Ordinary Time 27**

*The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.*

**Saturday 12th: Ordinary Time 27**

*The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.*

**MASS TIMES**

**St Ita's** (Pope St, Dutton Park)

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

(68 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:**

Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

### ST MARY'S CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Fundraising for St Mary's Church Restoration Fund  
Help us restore St Mary's Church! Join us on Sunday,  
**13 October from 8am to 12 noon** for a  
community car wash.  
Pricing: \$25 per car or \$35 for 4WDs  
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### ACU SHORT COURSE: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE COVENANT AND CALLING

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a short course  
presented by Professor Clare Johnson, Director of  
ACU Centre for Liturgy. It will run over four Tuesday  
evenings. Each session stands alone and enrolment  
for one or all of the sessions is an option.  
15 Oct—Session 1: Biblical and Theological  
Foundations  
22 Oct—Session 2: Marriage as a Contract,  
Covenant, Sacrament  
29 Oct—Session 3: Living the Sacrament of  
Marriage: Unity, Indissolubility and Openness to Life.  
12 Nov—Session 4: Theology of Marriage in Order of  
Celebrating Matrimony.  
Cost: \$100 (or \$25 per session)  
Registration: [www.acu.edu.au/  
marriage\\_short\\_course](http://www.acu.edu.au/marriage_short_course)



### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR NET MINISTRIES

You are invited to the Archbishop's Annual Fundraising  
Dinner for NET Ministries on **Thursday the 24th  
October**. This year's dinner will feature a panel  
conversation on a theme close to our hearts:  
*Hope for Young People and the Church.*  
We are honoured to have Archbishop  
Mark Coleridge presiding over the evening,  
alongside a panel of speakers who  
will share their insights, experiences,  
and hopes for the future of our young  
people. Register by 7th October.



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Register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)  
Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024  
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Contact: 0422 472 567 or [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



What a great first youth group for Term 4!  
**Next youth group is on the  
18 October**. From 6:00—8:00pm  
at St Ita's Primary School  
For grades 7-12, all are welcome!



### STATE ELECTION

As you may be aware, the Queensland State  
Election is due to be held later this month. The  
Catholic Bishops of Queensland have collaborated on  
a statement urging those seeking election at this  
year's State election to speak the truth and those  
who will vote for them to use their ballot for the  
good of all. You can view their video on the Archdio-  
cese Facebook page or scan the QR code.

*"In such a world and at this time", the  
bishops conclude, "we would ask of those  
seeking election and those who will elect  
them that, beyond the seductions of the  
lie, they tell the truth, that they resist the  
pressures of polarisation and work for the good of all, and  
that they recognise populism for what it is and fully re-  
spect the processes of democracy and the rule of law."*



The State Election will be happening on **Saturday  
26 October**. St Francis Hall will be used for voting  
and St Francis Table will be hosting a sausage sizzle  
and cake stall. If you are available to support on the  
day or donate bake goods please contact the Parish  
office.

### THANK YOU AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Recently Edith, Grace and Lorie celebrated their  
birthdays in a very special way by using their parties  
to raise funds for St Francis Table Ministry. We are  
so thankful for their generous contribution!



### CONFESSION AT ST MARY'S

During the month of October, there will be no  
Confession at St Mary's on Fridays.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE & FLOCKNOTE

Parishioners and regular attendees are invited to  
sign-up to Flocknote, our new communication and  
engagement tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese  
of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all  
parishes, as a safe, new, and improved way of  
communicating in parishes.

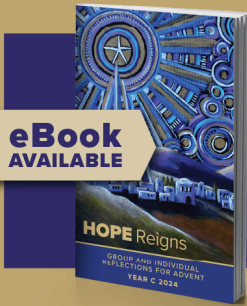
Starting from mid-October, event registration and  
newsletters will be sent out via this new platform.  
Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is  
no need to download anything. Your info is kept secure  
and private. It only takes a couple  
minutes to sign up to receive  
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able to reply directly back to those  
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**Parishioners and regular  
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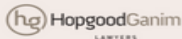
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## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays after 8am Mass until Sundays 8.30am

### 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

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



## BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

**Tuesday 22 October, 2024**

### You are My Flesh and Blood The Ecology of God

7:00pm to 9:30pm | The Hanly Room,  
Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street  
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or direct internet transfer:

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## 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](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)

