

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter



A sower went out to sow

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are many changes occurring in and around our community. I'd like to begin by inviting all of us to ground ourselves in the power of the Holy Spirit who will counsel us and lead us into truth and understanding.

From the beginning, my desire has been to listen to the voices of the community, and it has been a short process, but to date we've been able to gather suggestions, share attendance and financial standards, explain pastoral realities and encouraged a Parish wide vote. Every submission and every vote has contributed to the discernment process.

At the same time, I think it's important to understand that consultation is an essential part of the process but the responsibility for making the final decision ultimately rests with the Pastoral Council and the priest. This means that while all the voices will be heard, the final decision is not made by a majority vote. The consultation informs the discernment and then the discernment will inform the decision.

Friends, a number of people have asked about the purpose of the discussion evenings that will follow after the final decision. Some have questioned whether these meetings are worthwhile, especially if the decision has already been made. In previous experiences, these gatherings have become like debates where communities, understandably, felt the need to defend their Church placing Parishioners in a position where it felt as though one community was competing against another. I wanted to avoid placing Parishioners in that position. Opening written submissions to Parishioners provides equal opportunity for people to be heard without the pressure of public debate and voices dominating the conversation.

The discussion evenings are not meant to reopen the decision or have another vote, but it's an opportunity to explain how the decision was reached, share principles that inform the decision and more importantly provide an open place for Parishioners to ask questions and be heard. There might be a few practical challenges we will need to consider with the shifting of the schedule, and this will be a moment to flag them, and if possible, find solutions.

This might apply more to our St Mary's community members, but on Monday State Government announced funding for the building currently occupied by Emmanuel City Mission. The details of the funding have not been clear, and there are figures floating between different news outlets. Since the Parish owns the building, there has been some interest around occupancy and use. For now, I can link you to the document from State government, but until I get some figures, I won't be able to provide any other information. These matters will mostly be dealt with by the Parish Finance Council, but I will endeavour to keep people informed.

Please be mindful of the dates and timeline of our Mass Schedule (see page 3). I thank you again for your patience and perseverance on this journey.



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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.



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

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

Readings at Mass

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th July 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64(65):10-14
R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R/**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R/**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R/**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

1 S 3:9, Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.
He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path,

and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Next Sunday Readings:

Wis 12: 13, 16-19

Ps 85(86): 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Rom 8: 26-27

Mt 13: 24- 43



Upcoming Events & News

You can submit your vote on the proposed model as per below dates:

- **19 July:** Voting on the suggested model closes.
- **21 July:** Parish Pastoral Council meets to make the final decision.
- **26 July:** Final decision announced.
- **28 July, 4 August, & 11 August** (6:00 PM at St Francis Hall): Discussion and clarification sessions.
- **6 September:** New Mass schedule begins.

These are the current models...

One Mass Per Church Model

Saturday 5pm, St Ita's

Sunday 7am, OLPS

Sunday 9am, St Francis

Sunday 5pm, St Mary's

-This one is highly interchangeable, but the basis of this model was that each place had a Mass time over the weekend.

Most attendees Model

Saturday 5pm, St Ita's

Sunday 8am, St Mary's

Sunday 9:15am, St Francis

Sunday 5pm, St Mary's

-Although Mass attendance is difficult to judge, this model considers where the most people attend, and it also considers the expansion of St Ita's and the school connection over OLPS.

Less Masses for Priest Model

Saturday 5pm, St Mary's

Sunday 9am, St Francis

Sunday 5pm, St Mary's

-Fr Will also celebrates Mass at 10:30am on Sundays at Emmanuel City Mission, South Brisbane. It is not technically part of the Parish schedule but is a weekly occurrence due to his role as Chaplain to Emmanuel. This will be a model that reduces the Mass schedule for the priest.

Any other suggestion

-Having seen what has been collated, we would like to extend another opportunity to make another suggestion. Please make sure you put down at least three Mass times with the name of the Church. We had too many people emailing, on Mass time and it wasn't clear what Church they were considering.

Friends, the rubber has hit the road. We are on this journey. Let us continue to hold each other in charity and generosity. Come Holy Spirit!



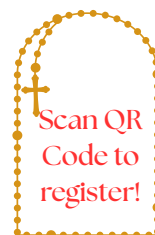
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Fr William

First Holy Communion Registration is now open!

**First Holy Communion 2026:
Registration Now Open!**
Is your child ready to take this beautiful next step in their faith journey? If your child has been confirmed and is turning 9 this year, they are eligible to join us for this special milestone.

- **Celebration Dates: September 5th-6th & September 12th-13th, 2026**



Celebrating Grandparents Day with St Ita's yr 6 students!



Please join our parish community and bring your grandparents, grand children or an elderly neighbour as we honor and celebrate the beautiful gift of our grandparents and elders.



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Join us @ St Francis Hall for a day packed with activities and fellowship

20th July 2026

9am-1pm

Join us at St. Francis Table for this special event!

We're thrilled to welcome back our amazing Zumba ladies.



Cancellation of Confessions

There will no longer be confessions after Mass on Fridays from:
7:30am - 8am St Mary's because
Fr William will be at School
Masses/Liturgies most Fridays.

Community News

A few notes:

IGNITE CONFERENCE 26

LET US GO UP OF THE LORD
COME, TO THE MOUNTAIN ISAIAH 2:3



IGNITE CONFERENCE 26

24 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Thursday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime
ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane QLD 4101

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Mass Times

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**

Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 9:30am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

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: 9am - 1pm

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.

To obtain the **Direct Debit Form** Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3734, Or see your Church Co-ordinator if you are interested.

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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