

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter



Let them grow together until the harvest

Friends, we've come to the end of our voting this weekend. I would like to thank all those who have participated in this part of the process.

On Tuesday, I'll meet with the Parish Pastoral Council and we will finalise the conversation of the schedule for the Masses in our Parish. I want to acknowledge that while voting has been an important part of the process, they do not form the only points of data for consideration before us.

As we look to the results, we as a Council need to be mindful of those who may not be fully represented. For example, our communities include a significant amount of people over the age of 60, who in some cases, have not been able to respond due to technical difficulties. I'm conscious also that not all voices have representation at a Council level, so we have tried to open channels of access for those voices to be heard. I want to assure people that these considerations will be held in high regard as discussions unfold.

The weekend of the 25th-26th of July is when we will make the announcement of the new Mass Times. We will then have an opportunity to respond at the listening sessions that will occur beginning on Tuesday 28th July.. Again, these sessions are not about changing the decision, but about listening to the concerns and worries, whilst looking towards implementation and practicalities. All parishioners are welcome to that session which will be held at St Francis Hall, West End.

I want to acknowledge something personally. This process has not been as straightforward as I had hoped. As we've moved through it, I've learnt a great deal. Looking back, there are certainly aspects of the process that I would have approached differently if I were starting again. Unfortunately, this has caused pain, confusion, sorrow and disappointment for members of our Parish. For this, I am sincerely sorry.

I believe we are moving towards the right decision for our Parish, so I am committed to the outcome. At the same time, I recognise the path that we've taken has not been ideal.

I am hopeful for the future of our Parish, as I mentioned last week, we are not far from rolling out the document for our Strategic Plan which will go a long way in activating our dreams, imagination and hopes for participation within our Parish.

Finally, the last word belongs to our God who has been with us in every part of this journey. Thus says the Lord, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jer 29:11)".



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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

First Reading

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11: 25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field

While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation
of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Next Sunday Readings:

1 Kg 3: 5, 7-12

Ps 118(119): 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rom 8: 28-30

Mt 13:44-52



- **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.



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Fk William



Christmas
in July

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



*First Holy Communion
Registration is now open!*

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**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**



Children's Liturgy St Mary's

**Children's Liturgy at
St. Mary's will
recommence on
Sunday 19th July
during the
9:00am Mass.**



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

**Monday 27th July
2026
9 am - 1pm
St Francis Hall**



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.

We  love
having you as part
of our *flock*

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via email **COMING**



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*Confessions on Mondays at
St Mary's*



**We will now have confessions every
Monday (after the 7am Mass)
at 7:30am**

Community News

A few notes:



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

Monday 7:30 am

Saturday 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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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