

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th June 2026



Anyone who does not accept their cross
is not worthy of me. Anyone who
welcomes you, welcomes me.

Friends,

As we continue our conversation around Mass Times, I want to share a little more about where I am at in the process.

When we began this consultation, we were looking at a number of possible models, including a four-Mass weekend schedule. At the time, this seemed like a reasonable option as we prepared for the departure of Fr Francisco and the transition to a one-priest parish.

As the process has continued, however, I have found myself asking a difficult question: are we planning for the next twelve months, or are we planning for the next ten years?

A four-Mass model would certainly allow us to keep more of our current structure. However, when my regular Sunday commitment at Emmanuel City Mission is taken into account, it would still mean celebrating five Masses every weekend. While this may be manageable for a period of time, I am not convinced it is the most sustainable model for the future of our Parish.

Part of me wonders whether choosing a four-Mass model now simply delays a conversation that we know we will eventually need to have.

I know this is not easy. Behind every Mass time is a community of people who love their Church, who have invested their time and energy over many years, and who understandably want to see their community continue to thrive. I feel that weight very deeply.

At the same time, I believe we have a responsibility to make decisions that give our Parish the best chance of stability and growth in the years ahead. For that reason, I believe a three-Mass model deserves serious consideration as we discern the way forward.

This does not mean every question has been answered or every concern resolved. Nor does it mean that everyone will agree. What it does mean is that we are trying to face the reality before us honestly, while also planning for the future rather than simply preserving the present.

I also recognise that many people have questions about how we arrived at this point. To help with that, I have prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document which addresses many of the common themes that have emerged throughout emails and this process. While it may not answer every question, I hope it provides greater clarity around the considerations, constraints, and realities involved in reviewing our weekend Mass schedule. I encourage you to take the time to read through it.

Friends, these are not easy decisions. Please continue to pray for our Parish, for our communities, for the Parish Pastoral Council, and for me. Most of all, let us continue to treat one another with charity and generosity as we seek what is best for the mission of Good Shepherd Parish.

Come Holy Spirit



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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

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammiteess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88(89): 2-3, 16-19

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R/**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 10: 37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.
'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.
'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Next Sunday Readings:

Zech 9: 9-10

Ps 144(145): 1-2, 8-11, 13b-14

Rom 8: 9, 11-13

Mt 11: 25-30



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!



Vote via
QR Code

Fr William

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE



'Serving Christ in the Poor' in
the suburbs of West End,
South Brisbane, Highgate
Hill, Dutton Park & Fairfield



The St Vincent de Paul Society QLD's 2026 Winter Appeal

is taking place until the end of June. The theme for this year's Appeal is 'Homelessness is Just One Sudden Crisis Away'. Vulnerable people are being pushed into homelessness and poverty – all it takes is one sudden crisis. This winter, you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness get the help they need. Donation envelopes are available to support our Conference. Donations can also be made via bank transfer or the QR Code to: Account/Conference Name: St Francis West End BSB: 064-786 Account Number: 100026566. If making a bank transfer, you may receive a verification warning. It is OK to proceed if you confirm the BSB and Account Number. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Between January and May this year we received 286 requests for visits from people and families. Altogether we provided 303 Coles cards for food and 124 Vinnies cards for clothing from Vinnies shops. The total assistance provided was worth \$23,000. This included \$15,000 for food, \$2,000 for rent, \$1,300 for electricity bills and \$2,800 for school expenses. Your continuing prayerful support is also greatly appreciated. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40)."



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BRISBANE:
2-6 JULY 2026

DISCOVER ST CARLO'S 5 STEPS TO HOLINESS
Thursday 2nd July
St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

10:30-11:30AM - Confession
10:30-12:15PM - Adoration
12:30PM - Mass
1:00-4:00pm - Talk & Veneration
10AM-4PM Exhibition

We  love
having you as part
of our flock

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via email  **COMING SOON**



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St Francis Table helped raise \$800!!

**Thank you all who
attended and donated
their time,
talents and money
towards this worthy cause.**



Anointing of the Sick Mass



St Mary's- 1st Friday of the month:
St Francis & Fairfield - 1st Sunday of the month
St Ita's - 1st Saturday of the month

Community News

A few notes:

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Walking Together in Christ:
A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Sunday 5 July 2026
9:45am at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Marking 40 years of Pope St John Paul II's visit
and 50 years of NAIDOC

Followed by a celebration of culture, community and faith in the Hanly Room

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS NAIDOC 1971-2021 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN Murri MINISTRY The Archdiocese of Brisbane

This event has been made possible by funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



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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**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 10am

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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.

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OF BRISBANEZero tolerance.
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