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SEASON OF CREATION—ECUMENICAL EVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL—WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 at 7PM

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. The theme for 2021 is "A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God", oikos is the Greek word for home or household.

All are welcome to join Queensland Churches Environment Network in celebrating the start of Season of Creation for 2021, from 7.00pm on Wednesday September 1, 2021 (event also to be livestreamed at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>)

The Brisbane Catholic Education Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Teaching Scholarships now are open for 2022. The scholarship for year 12 students is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Catholic schools, across Queensland, who are interested in a career in teaching, and plan to commence study in 2022 at a university campus located in the Brisbane Archdiocese. Current university students who will be enrolled in a full-time teaching degree at a university campus located in the Brisbane Archdiocese in 2022 also are eligible to apply for the scholarship. See flyers attached to email for details.

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Could you do with a retreat? Why not spend a morning away at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre for a mini retreat! The retreat is about a profound engagement with God who loves you and desires to walk with you in your life. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. A Morning's Prayer will be held on Saturday 28 August from 9am-12pm. Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/prayermorningstsc4>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER Like many in Brisbane, The Catholic Leader team is working from home this week. Remember to check out our website where we post daily news and uplifting faith stories.

Filmmaker seeks backing to shoot a modern-day parable

A young Brisbane Catholic filmmaker hopes to raise funds needed to make a modern day adaptation of the parable of the Sower found in the gospels.

Philippine weightlifter credits her Olympic success to her faith

Hidilyn Diaz became the Philippines' first Olympic gold medal winner, set an Olympic weightlifting record – and thanked her friends who prayed the Miraculous Medal novena

1. Plenary Council members share their hopes for first session in October.
2. Australia urged to support West Papua at Pacific Islands Forum.
3. Homeless Aussies in the spotlight.
4. Mitochondrial donation legislation crosses threshold to 'three-parent babies' with no certain results.
5. Brisbane Ignite Conference looks forward to welcoming thousands in September.

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TO GIVE ONLINE FOR 1ST & 2ND COLLECTIONS

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St Mary's Parish South Brisbane Main Church Acc:
 BSB: 064-786
 Acc No: 100 009 890
 Reference: Your Last Name and Collections
 Acc Name: St Mary's Catholic Church

Dutton Park Parish: Main Church Acc:
 BSB: 064-786
 Acc No: 100 022 825
 Reference: Your Last Name and Collections
 Acc Name: Dutton Park Catholic Parish

(Please always use Reference of Your Last Name and the word Collections - We receive many deposits with no reference and it is very costly and time consuming to locate who deposited the money and for what purpose it is to be allocated.)

PASSING ON THE FLAME All Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to 'Passing on the Flame' by Spirited Women, 5:45pm – 8pm Thursday 19th August Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane City) \$20 (\$15 for concession) Register <https://tinyurl.com/passingontheflame>

Going Deeper

An online series exploring the heart of the Catholic faith

Our parish currently has a group registration and Fr Joshy extends an invitation to each parishioner to join in and experience this workshop series. If you would like to join the group workshop email the parish office: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au www.goingdeeper.org.au

FAN THE FLAME PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION

"Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well" Matthew 6:25-34

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2). (Instrumentum Laboris #83)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



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ST MARY OF THE CROSS (SOLEMNITY)
8 Aug 2021 - Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the last week or so, most of us have been confined to our homes in a more stringent form of lockdown thanks to the Delta strain of COVID-19. I don't know about you, but I must admit these periodic, and more or less random, lockdowns are wearing thin and I'm wondering when things will get "back to normal," whatever that might mean in these times. When will it end?

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Australia's first saint and patron of both Australia and our Archdiocese. Her Josephite sisters had schools in this very part of Brisbane, so we should feel close to her and call on her intercession regularly. Of course, one of the very many things St Mary is known for is that she was, for a time, excommunicated from the Church. Her canonisation underlines her vindication, but even so put yourself in her shoes. She was responding to God's call and trying to live a life of holiness and yet she was treated badly by the Church. I can imagine her thinking to herself: when will it end?

We can, as I am sure St Mary did, take heart from today's Gospel: "Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself" (Mt 6:33-34). Stay healthy, and have a great week!

Yours in Christ,
 Dcn. Adam

This Weekend 8 August No Mass in parishes

In Accordance with Qld Government Lockdown our churches will not be open this weekend. No 5pm Mass at St Marys. Please watch mass via one of these methods:

Livestreamed from the Cathedral
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
 Saturday 11.30am Marian Mass
 Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Mass for You at Home broadcast nationally on Network 10 6am, also on Tenplay and Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173) or go to their website <https://massforyou.com.au/> and watch via their utube link

Presently there is no public roadmap for after lockdown and we are unable to plan masses for this coming week. As soon as we have been updated by the Qld Health and the Archdiocese we will release an update of when the churches will reopen and what restrictions will be in place. We ask that you keep up to date with the Websites and Facebook Posts.

Our Parish office is closed and will be operating remotely during this lockdown period. If you need to contact with any queries please email as this will be the quickest form of communication. The office will reopen when the Archdiocese gives the go ahead.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm
 Youth Mass: 4th Sunday 5pm
 (Anointing 1st Friday of each month)

St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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CONFESSON

St Mary's Church:
 Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm

St Ita's Church: By appointment contact parish office

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Qld 4102
Phone: (07)3838 8400
Email: pduptonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au
Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 25:34, 36, 40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

First reading Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63:1-8: R. v.8

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R/
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R/
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R/
On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R/

Second reading Colossians 3:12-17

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful.

Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can

any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

Communion Antiphon Cf Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;
2nd reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26; **Gospel:** Lk 1:39-56

This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 9th:

R/ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Tuesday 10th: **St Lawrence (Feast)**

R/ Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

Wednesday 11th: **St Clare, virgin (Memorial)**

R/ Blessed be God who filled my soul with life!

Thursday 12th:

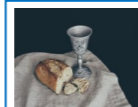
R/ Alleluia!

Friday 13th:

R/ His love is everlasting!

Saturday 14th: **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest (Memorial)**

R/ You are my inheritance, O Lord.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2021

Update regarding the Information Evening & Commitment Mass:

Closing date for Enrolments extended due to lockdown—Enrolments close off this Wed 11th

To enrol your child you must:

- complete the enrolment forms (found under the sacraments tab on the websites) All information on enrolment forms.
- register to attend the Information Night Wednesday, 11th August – 6.00pm at St Ita's Church, Dutton Park— see below

Changes and update due to the lockdown in Brisbane and many in quarantine.

The Information Night has been moved to Wednesday the 11th August at 6pm. The information will be emailed out to those families in quarantine. If the lockdown is further extended, or restrictions brought in preventing us holding this event, we will have no alternative but to deliver the beginning of the program online and you will all be notified. If you have already booked a seat for the information night, your information will transfer to the 11th. If you have not registered please do so at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/information-evening-first-holy-communion-11-august-600pm-tickets-166246153721>

The Commitment Mass will now be moved to Saturday 14th August St Ita's vigil 5pm mass.

At the moment we are unaware of what the restrictions will be regarding worship services at that date and will advise everyone ahead of time if there is a need to pre-register for mass or exactly what the specifics will be.

Please keep updated via website or Facebook posts.

St Mary's Feast Day

Next Sunday we celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Holy Day of Obligation)

St Mary's parishioners are planning on celebrating their Feast Day next Sunday with celebrations after the 9am mass (restrictions permitting) - an update will be sent out in next week-ends newsletter.

PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE PANDEMIC

With so much stress on our Health Care Workers in Queensland today, and with over 400 of these remarkable people currently in quarantine, may we pray for them and let them know that we are truly appreciative of their dedication to the community. In prayerful solidarity Father Gerry Hefferan

Prayer for Health Care Workers

Loving God,
we pray in gratitude,
for all Health Care Workers
and for their families and friends.
We give thanks for their service
and we pray for their safety.
We ask your blessing on each of them.

BATTLING VAD LEGISLATION WITH PALLIATIVE CARE PUSH

Queensland State MPs are weighing up how they will use their conscience vote on the assisted suicide and euthanasia legislation (aka VAD legislation).

If a significant number of parishioners heed its call to contact their local MP's in person both via phone and email and express their views, it may give the member pause to reflect on how they will vote.

Please consider contacting your local MP.

Positions Vacant

Pastoral Associate—Sunnybank Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. The Pastoral Associate will be required to coordinate children and their families preparing for the Sacraments. The applicant will also be involved in Liturgy preparation, Adult Education and Pastoral Care of Parishioners. The applicant will require recent study and practice in the Sacraments of Initiation and Theological qualifications are essential. The position is permanent part time 28 hours per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday) For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/339967/pastoral-associate-sunnybank-parish> Applications close: 20 August 2021

Sacramental Coordinator—Maroochydore Catholic Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Maroochydore Catholic Parish. A person with an understanding of liturgical life within a parish is required for a part time position for 8 hours per week over 2 days (Wednesday & Thursday).

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/340167/sacramental-coordinator-maroochydore-parish> Applications close: 30 August 2021

Youth Ministry Coordinator—Maroochydore Catholic Community

A person who is able to establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 8 hours per week over 1 day which is negotiable. <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/340182/youth-ministry-coordinator-maroochydore-parish> Application close: 30 August 2021

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Parish Activities in 2021

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 10.00am | monthly
2nd Saturday St Mary's, South Brisbane
3rd Saturday St Ita's, Dutton Park

Family preparation sessions on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. Bookings essential.

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

Monday to Friday: 12-2pm at St Mary's Church

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am
1st Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church
Sunday 9.00am St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
(School term only — check dates on website)

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

Monthly 1st & 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday of the month | St Mary's Church 5pm

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for becoming part of our community.



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in an atmosphere of friendliness and trust. The program leads up to Easter where candidates are Baptised, Confirmed and make their First Eucharist, or are received into the Church, depending on their situation. The 2021/2022 RCIA Program is commencing with an Information Session 11th Sept 2.30pm at the St Ita's Meeting Room, Pope Street, Dutton Park. You are welcome to come along and ask questions - there is no pressure to commit.

If you would like to participate in this year's program please contact the parish office for more information. Cost—free!

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Registrations close 11th September

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH EVENT



Bishop Ken Howell will launch the Australian Bishops' 2021 – 2022 Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" Wednesday 25 August 7pm St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo register <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement>