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25 September 2019
 Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre 277 Elizabeth St Brisbane
 6pm-8pm
 Guest Andrea Dean, Director National Office for the Participation of Women

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 St William's Parish, Grovely, invites applications for part time position (2 days a week) of Administration Assistant. Closing date Friday 13th September.
 More information and to apply for this position, please email to James Herd, hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au.
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EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:
 St Mary's - South Brisbane;
 St Ita's - Dutton Park;
 St Francis of Assisi - West End &
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Fairfield.
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
08 September 2019 - Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

September 8th is the feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. On this beautiful day may our Blessed Mother intercede for each one of us, for our family to be true followers of Christ and to grow in love towards Jesus and one another.

The gospel reading today is about priorities. It starts off with a confusing statement about hating family – parents, siblings, spouse, relatives, and children. Can Jesus who died on the cross for the love and mercy for the whole world, speak about hating some one? No. In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often means to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

It also speaks about the cost of discipleship. It means that we cannot be half-hearted about following Him. It's impossible to be a casual or part-time Christian. Following Christ means a life commitment and that's a top priority. You either love Christ or you don't.

This is Jesus' very uncompromising way of emphasizing the importance of discipleship. We might put it differently and less dramatically in our way of speaking and say discipleship comes first and all other relationships fit into place around that. Priority and preference are the meaning of these gospel words.

God bless you and have great weekend
 Fr. Joshy Prappully Ofm Cap
 Parish priest.

Congratulations to the children who receive their First Holy Communion today at St Mary's Church.
 Please join us for a celebration after the Mass.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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7–8 September

Continuing the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the **MacKillop School Access Fund** provides Catholic education to children whose families are in financial and often spiritual distress.

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 Give today: 07 3324 3200 catholiccampaign.com.au

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm

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

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm; Sunday: 8.00am

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

Confession

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

St Ita's Church: Sat: 4-4.50pm

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How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is

Humble, Healing and Merciful

Stories of Faith: Ruth, Sandhurst

The sexual abuse scandal, the anti-gay marriage rhetoric, the patriarchal nature of governance and the attitude towards contraception has made it impossible for [my children] to remain active participants. All of my children are strong advocates for social justice and they applaud the Australian bishops for their stance on offshore detention and other issues such as climate change. However, the Church in Australia must engage with the other issues mentioned if it is to have a hope of retaining educated women within the ranks of its faithful. As a teacher in a Catholic school, I find the only way to recontextualise my faith so that it has relevance to my students is through social justice. I continually promote Caritas and all its wonderful work but I despair at times for the future of my parish and the Church in Australia as a whole.

Parish Activities in 2019

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'
2nd Saturday St Mary's
3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at the Parish Office on the fourth Tuesday morning of each month at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

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

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

First Saturday of the month at 6pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

CAKE STALL

St Francis Church

Third Sunday of the month After the 9am mass

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday: 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

First Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

PARISH MORNING TEAS

Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)

First Sunday of the month

OLPS Fairfield after 7am Mass

St Francis Church after 9am mass

FAMILY MASS

Fourth Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm

(school term only)

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

Third Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm

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.

READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First reading Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure

and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not

granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,

and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second reading

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the on-lookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,

so my soul is yearning for you, my God;

my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14;

2nd reading: 1 Tim 1:12-17; **Gospel:** Lk 15: 1-32

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 9th:

R/ In God is my safety and my glory.

Tuesday 10th:

R/ The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

Wednesday 11th:

R/ The Lord is compassionate to all his creatures.

Thursday 12th:

R/ Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Friday 13th: St John Chrysostom (Memorial)

R/ You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Saturday 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

R/ Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Jesus says that the way of true liberation is renunciation, even of what we seem to depend upon – family, possessions, even our own life. Our true security is found in sharing the sacrifice of the Cross. This is strange: loss turns out to be gain and death turns out to be life. That's the logic of God that underlies his plan.

The Annual Catholic Campaign takes its place within that logic and that plan. Each year the Campaign invites the Catholic community to help in accomplishing God's plan. Supporting the ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign involves renunciation, even sacrifice. But I ask you to make a calm and reasonable assessment of what you can give and to do so in recognition of where your true security lies, what your life really depends upon. What is also clear is that your generosity will be the answer to someone's prayer, which is again the way God wants it to be.

The Annual Catholic Campaign was intended to reduce multiple Sunday appeals to a single appeal. But the intention behind it goes far beyond that. In the end, the intention is to call the Catholic people of the Archdiocese into the unfolding plan of God – not just to help the needy but to bring to birth a new ordering of human relationships, a society where brothers and sisters can embrace each other in the compassion of God. So I urge you to say yes to that.

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane



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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,

breathe down upon our troubled world.

Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions.

Break the rules that keep you out of all our sacred spaces,

And from the dust and rubble,

gather up the seedlings of a new creation.

Come, Holy Spirit,

enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness.

Shake us of our complacency. Whisper our names once more,

and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon.

Break open the prisons of our inner being,

and let your raging justice be our sign of liberty.

Come, Holy Spirit,

and lead us to places we would rather not go; Expand the

horizons of our limited imaginations. Awaken in our soul's

dangerous dreams for a new tomorrow, and rekindle in our

hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.

Come, Holy Spirit,

whose justice outwits international conspiracy;

whose light outshines spiritual bigotry,

whose peace can overcome the destructive potential of

warfare,

whose promise invigorates our every effort to create a new

heaven and a new earth, now and forever.

Empowered by the Spirit, we continue the mission entrusted

to us.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Office Closed on Thursday 12 September for
 Archdiocesan Training for Parish Office Professionals

St Mary's are holding A special training for all volunteers who are on the **Reading roster** for St Mary's **Saturday 12 October 9am—11am**
 Please see Dianne to confirm your attendance.



Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Or completing your Sacraments?

Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in an atmosphere of friendliness and trust. It 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 RCIA Program will commence with an information session on 14th of September at 6pm at 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 see Father Joshy (after mass) or the parish office for more information. Cost - free!

Volunteer handyman

Our parish is looking for a volunteer handyman that could help out on a casual basis. Would suit someone who is retired and has a background in carpentry work. Please call parish office for details.

Youth Corner

"What man can indeed know the intentions of God?"

Some good friends and I ran through some tough challenges recently. The challenges were so tough, in fact, that there were tears, sleepless nights and some very painful conversations.

When tough situations arise in your life, what should you do? How can you keep God in your heart, when so many other worries are going through your head? You may even ask, "Does God even care about me?"

This sounds counterintuitive, but during times like these, you need to keep praising God and thanking Him for all the blessings in your life. You need to keep asking for His presence. Although we were hurting, my friends and I prayed during every spare moment we could find: we sang praise and worship, we prayed the rosary and thanked God for all that He'd given us. Slowly, but surely, the hurts began to subside and my friends and I came out of it better than ever.

Some say King David was hunted for 10 years by Saul, his enemies and even closest friends. But throughout this time, his adoration for God did not waiver: he prayed, he praised and gave thanks. Although he was a flawed man, in the end, David became the celebrated king of Israel, and from his lineage God gave him our saviour Jesus Christ.

Whenever you feel lost, in doubt or in pain - keep your heart and eyes set on God. If you ever need someone to pray with, the prayer warriors at Rising Youth Ministry are here for you. Contact us at hello@risingyouthministry.org

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34.

(Reference: <https://christianity.stackexchange.com/questions/52930/how-long-was-david-on-the-run-from-saul>)



David Bobis is the Youth Leader of the Rising Youth Ministry.

Join us at our next event on 22 September, 1:30 p.m. at 47

Dornoch Tce, West End. More info at risingyouthministry.org