

Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th August 2026



Woman, you have great faith.

QUICK NOTE: Thank you to all those that attended our Tuesday evening sessions to discuss the decision around the Mass Times. We look forward now to the implementation of the Mass Times beginning **6th of September 2026**. We will then take a few weeks to settle as we roll out our Strategic Plan that has also been formulating in the background. God Bless you all. The image of Jesus as loving, accepting of all and a passive best friend, domesticates his firmness and focus. Jesus was intent on embodying the mission of 'Proclaiming the Kingdom of God,' and for every time and season, there was a moment to attend to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and there was a time where the Gentiles, pagans and outsiders would in turn, hear the message.

There were a few exceptions where Christ would scatter seeds and find rich soil among the outsiders. One such occasion captures our attention this weekend – Jesus and the Canaanite woman.

To cut a long story short, Jesus seemed to unfairly reject the woman's request, but what made this exchange fascinating, was the woman's faith expressed in her witty response.

Accepting the assignment of house dog that Jesus had given her, the woman humbled herself further still, acknowledging even the crumbs to have a saving effect and favour upon those not fit for the table. The woman surprised everyone with her response. Seeing her faith, and hearing her heart, Jesus responded with favour, and her daughter's healing occurred. There are many lessons to take from this exchange but allow me to name two.

Firstly, her faith allowed her to trust in Jesus as Saviour. In fact, she was the one who called Jesus Son of David, which was a title given to the one of royalty – the Messiah. So even at a base level, she had some belief, that Jesus was someone powerful.

Finally, humility before the Lord goes a long way. When the woman willingly accepted her place, she gained a favour and light that would have been shunned if she did the opposite and tried to climb the ladder. This, indeed, is a powerful lesson for all people. It wasn't that the woman saw herself as less, but that she knew in her heart who Jesus was, and in comparison, to Christ's divinity, she was lucky to even be part of the banquet hall.

As this week unfolds, let us pray that just like the Canaanite woman, we may have a respect and understanding of who Jesus truly is, without trying to domesticate or diminish him, so that in turn, we might know who we truly are, and step into that gifting as children loved by our Heavenly Father.

Fr William

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

Parish Administration

47 Dornoch Terrace, West End, 4101
Monday - Friday | 9am-2pm

Phone: 07 3324 3734

Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101

Connect with us 

goodshepherdsbwe@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Staff

Fr William Aupito Iuliano

Parish Priest

Deacon Adam Walk

Parish Deacon

Reyna Bran

Parish Secretary

St Ita's Primary School

247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Q 4102

Phone: (07) 3838 8400

Email: pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au

Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

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

Readings at Mass

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th August 2026

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66(67):2-3, 5-6, 8

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Next Sunday Readings:

Is 22: 19-23

Ps 137(138): 1-3, 6, 8

Rom 11: 33-36

Mt 16: 13-20



Upcoming Events & News

Here is what's coming up—mark your calendars!



- **Aug 17 | Feast of the Assumption:**
Join us for the Angelus, Marian songs, and the Rosary.
- **Sept 7 | Father's Day Special:**
* **Guest Speaker:**
Dr. Grace (Gastroenterologist)
sharing tips on gut health.
* **Raffle: Support our Youth Ignite fundraiser**

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT **NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**
www.napcan.org.au **13 September 2025**

TRUTH TELLING

Implementing the RAP

Honouring Country:
History, Culture and Connection

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop

SAT 22 August 2026 | 10am-12pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank



GUEST SPEAKER
Bundamabah Yah



Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/rapnetaug26
for info and to register.



Presented by Archdiocesan Ministries

NEW MASS TIMES SCHEDULE

A reminder that our New Mass Times

will begin **6th Sept 2026**

Sunday

St Francis - 8am

St Mary's - 9:30am

St Mary's - 5pm

Be blessed and bless others with your gift
Your gift matters

To donate, scan the QR Code, go online catholiccampaign.com.au or call 07 3324 3200

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

CONFESSIONS ON MONDAYS

ST MARY'S

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



We ♥ love having you as part of our flock

Keep in touch with us via email **COMING SOON**

Join our Flock!

Scan the QR code:



Community News

A few notes:



IGNITE CONFERENCE 26

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

ASCEND

IGNITE CONFERENCE 26

24 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Thursday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime
ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE

82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane QLD 4101

BRISBANE
Our home city will see its biggest ever Ignite Conference this year

Expression of Interest: Scan QR Code




Our Prearrangements are easy to put in place and let you get on with enjoying life.

K.M.SMITH
FUNERAL DIRECTORS since 1883

Phone 3252 2031 anytime for details or visit kmsmith.com.au

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

Mon: 7:30am-8am

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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

Zero 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