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Abide in my love and you shall  
**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE**

The annual Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane City on Friday 21 May from 11am-12pm. All Catholics are welcome to join in praying for Christian unity as representatives of seven different Christian traditions lead prayer. To register for this event, head to [app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/weekofprayer2021) or you are most welcome to offer some prayers at home.

**The Catholic Man Breakfast Series for 2021** in Brisbane, will be held on Thursday 20th May from 7am to 9am at the Tattersall's club hear Rev Deacon Peter Pellicaan tell his story Protestant Pastor to Catholic Preacher. Bookings [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au) flyer attached with newsletter email.

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**menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry** to men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and mind of men and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Through a variety of events and programs men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

menALIVE Men's Weekend 22/23 May St Rita's Catholic Parish  
 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tpRlvOH98Df2yHxf8D5UTH-oWlpGcyzj/view>

**Today we honour all mothers as we celebrate this special day.**

We thank God for the special women he has placed in our lives, our mothers, aunts, grandmothers, neighbours, teachers, mentors – all women in our community who helped shape us to be the people God has called us to be.

Today we honour and thank you.

.....In my search for God's nature, I stumbled across something stunning: His handiwork in fashioning mothers' hearts. It's easy to miss God weaving Himself into mothers and their hearts. A deep well, failing definition. Greeting cards offer armies of categories addressing it. Hollywood's spent millions depicting it onscreen. Yet the wellspring of a mother's heart remains mysterious. Our Creator takes care to knit Himself into who we are and will become. For through her kindness, forgiveness, and never-ending compassion, I came to wholly trust God. He was easily recognizable in her and I deeply valued God's mothering heart woven tightly into hers. ....

taken from part of a beautiful article from Susan M Watkins

We are all mothers at some time, we all have others to nurture and bring to life.

Our prayer for all this Mother's Day is that God's love fills us so completely that our children, families, friends, our work place, our neighbours, our community come to know the nature and beauty of our God.....



**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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**9 May 2021 - Year B**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the end of Eastertide, today's readings continue to unpack the implications of what Jesus did on the Cross.

In the first reading from Acts we hear that "... anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35). And to the Jews' surprise, that includes pagans! Anybody - in fact, everybody - is acceptable to God! He welcomes all and, through the Holy Spirit, he equips us all, in our own way, to proclaim His greatness. It is a good news story. God has a place for us in His Kingdom and He has a plan for us, acting in our lives through the workings of the Holy Spirit.

While God reaches out to us and wants a relationship with us, we must play our part. We have to approach Him, to respond to His call. If we don't respond to Him, we may well become lost in the way Jesus describes in the Gospel: "... not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost" (Jn 17:12). In this sense, we can find God or we can risk becoming lost. The choice is ours. So, what does responding to His call look like? What does this mean in practice? The readings tell us. Do what is right (Acts 10:35). And, love one another in the way God loves us (1 Jn 4:10).

Yours in Christ,  
 Dcn. Adam

**Month of May**

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**



Pope Francis wants to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. What better way to do this than inviting the Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home and pray the Rosary every-day while it is there. Commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary is the best method of honouring Mary, and will bring great peace and holiness to your life. The statue usually stays with each family for one week.

The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue home family visitation is to aid families in responding to the requests made by the Blessed Mary during her apparitions at Fatima.

**The essence of her requests is threefold:**

- return to God;**
- make reparation for sins;**
- pray the Rosary for Peace.**

To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue between May to October contact Sr Salvacion [pastoral.stbristbane@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pastoral.stbristbane@bne.catholic.net.au) (note all government directives for sanitising are followed)

**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)

**CONFESSION**

**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**

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**FB:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/>  
**Dutton Park website:** [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)  
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 St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205

## Readings at Mass

### Entrance Antiphon Ps Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### First reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97:1-4 r. CF. v.2

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R/**

### Second reading 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,

let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

### Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel John 15:9-17

**No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

### Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading:** Acts 1:1-11 **2nd reading:** Eph 1:17-23; **Gospel:** Mk 16:5-20

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## This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

### Easter Time

Monday 10th:

R/ The Lord takes delight in his people.

Tuesday 11th:

R/ Your right hand has saved me, O Lord.

Wednesday 12th:

R/ Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Thursday 13th:

R/ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving.

Friday 14th: **St Matthias (Feast)**

R/ The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Saturday 15th:

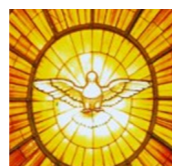
R/ God is king of all the earth.

## Please join with us in prayer for India

*"For the people of India, as their country is burdened with illness and with fear: heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends, and comfort their loved ones here in our communities."*

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

Please keep our Sacramental Candidates and their Families s in your prayers.



Come Holy Spirit  
Breathe in me  
Act in me  
Rest in me  
Strengthen me  
Protect me  
Amen

## St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly

### Come along 17th May & every 3rd Monday of each month

All Covid Government Regulations will be in place.  
Any queries please speak with Sr Salvacion Bunao,

## Children's Liturgy

**No Children's Liturgy this weekend at St Ita's Vigil Mass due to the 2nd Confirmation Commitment Mass.**

**Children's Liturgy is on at St Mary's Church 9am Sunday**



**St Ita's Fundraising  
Saturday 22 May 2021  
Indoor and Outdoor Plants Sale  
From 3pm to 5pm**



Come along and support our first fundraising initiative in several years. We have many areas of need at the moment and we are kicking it off with our plant

## Parish and School Family Mass



**Family Mass Saturday - 22nd MAY  
St Ita's Vigil Mass 5pm**

If you and your family would like to join in our family mass please register at Eventbrite <http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com>

*New families welcome. Please note that due to covid restrictions there will be no sausage sizzle in 2021*

**No Children's Liturgy when Family Mass is on.**

## Youth Mass

Youth Mass 5pm Sunday 23rd May  
St Mary's Church South Brisbane

We invite you to come along, invite your friends and join in our mass for youth.

Held every 4th Sunday of the month. Open for all ages

## Parish Giving/Tap n Go Donations

From this weekend a Tap n Go donation device is now available at St Ita's and St Francis in addition to the one at St Marys, to complement the existing collection boxes. This facility will assist those who are not keeping any liquid cash in their wallet especially in the light of COVID19. The purpose of this device is to support you in supporting our parish community in our daily running and not intending to replace our traditional collection plate at Mass. For those who mainly use credit/debit cards or smartphones for daily transactions you can now utilize the Tap n Go device to make your offertory/collections/donations at Mass. We are so grateful to each of you who support our parish mission financially and with your time and dedication.

Simply tap your credit/debit card or smart phone on the Tap n Go device. Each tap gives \$5 towards the running of the Parish and the support of the clergy. Those who can donate more can do so by waving their card/phone multiple times on the machine. Each contribution will be equally divided between the first and second collection.

Electronic Giving Options in our parish are:

- Tap n Go Device Donations at Mass
- Giving App
- Regular contribution Direct Debit /Credit Card
- Direct Internet Transfer to Parish Bank Account

## 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

### ANOIDING 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

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church (School Term Only)

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 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.

## THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

We have several fundraising projects at the moment due to the major areas of need as below:

### Dutton Park Parish:

**St Ita's Church** repair costs for damage due to white ants  
**St Ita's Presbytery** Repainting, repair and general maintenance of this beautiful house which is on the Local Heritage Register due to its special connection with the Dutton Park Catholic Community since 1919. It is also important as it is the birth place of Brisbane Catholic Education.

Donations to these projects can be made by deposit to Dutton Park Fundraising Account: BSB: 064-786; ACC: 100024754 Ref: Your Surname and the purpose (eg presbytery or church repairs) [https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/citation/st-ita-s-school-and-presbytery\\_2265.pdf](https://heritage.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/citation/st-ita-s-school-and-presbytery_2265.pdf)

**St Mary's Parish:** Our Restoration project continues with the replacement of the cement in the front area, resurfacing of the car park and upgrade of the driveways  
Donations to this project can be made by deposit to St Mary's 'Restoration Fund' Account: BSB: 064-786; ACC: 100021220 Ref: Your Surname

For any of the above donations Please email the office with notification and your contact details so that a receipt may be issued to you.

**Please note these are not tax deductible accounts.**