

# Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2026



I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

In recent years, we've been fortunate enough to see firsthand, a radical sign of forgiveness in Australia. In February 2020, a drug-affected and drunk driver sped onto a footpath in Oaklands, Western Sydney, and struck a group of children walking to get some ice cream. The crash instantly killed three of the Abdallah family.

Father Danny and mother Leila Abdallah, were, as any parent would be, heart-broken by this news. Yet, in a mesmerising act of faith, Danny and Leila forgave the driver, Samuel Davidson.

This display of mercy in the face of great tragedy inspired many in Australia and their story spread quickly as examples not only to Christians but the average person of different ways to respond to such terror.

Our Gospel this weekend provides us with the parable of the wicked servant. Perhaps we might not see it, but there's a bit of the wicked servant within all of us. Our sin, error, frailty and selfish ways, separate us from God who is holy. Despite that, God makes every effort to reach out in love and mercy. Even beyond our comprehension, the Lord lavishly protects and watches us.

For these blessings and the many others that we do not see, God does not keep score, but because of the love and mercy shown to us, there's expectations placed upon us. There's no need to fear these expectations because as we hear it so often, God does not give us something we cannot handle, but there's a responsibility upon us to extend the same charity that God extends to us, to one another.

We are to be channels of grace and not people who take advantage of the generosity of God.

God forbid such a tragedy happen to one of us, as it fell upon the Abdallah's, but if it did, that the Lord might find us ready and waiting. May we surrender in all humility and brokenness, the pieces that have been damaged, and in our weakness, rely on the grace of God which is sufficient for all things, even something like forgiveness. May we offer in prayer this week, those parts of our hearts that need to find forgiveness for our neighbour, and may we begin the process of letting go, healing and moving forward in life.

*Fr William*

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

## Parish Administration

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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*

## Readings at Mass

## First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27: 33-28: 9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4, 9-12

**R/ The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R/**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor  
repay us according to our faults. **R/**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so  
strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

## Second Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



## Next Sunday Readings:

Isa 55: 6-9

Psalm 144(145): 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1: 20-24, 27

Mt 20: 1-16



# Upcoming Events & News

Thank you to everyone who gathered at St Francis Table on September 7th to celebrate our parish fathers and grandfathers!



**WINNER**

**Congratulations to our Raffle winners :**

**1<sup>st</sup> price: Michelle D'Mello**

**2<sup>nd</sup> price: Maggie Sardie**

**3<sup>rd</sup> price: Dawn Sourjah**



St Francis Table with the help of St Mary's, St Francis & St Ita's Co-ordinators helped raised over \$900.00 for the Youth Ignite conference!



**Safeguarding Sunday**  
13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026  
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# COME & SEE

Discovering God's plan for your life is a journey best shared with others. **Every two months**, SPC Sisters are organizing a **two-day FREE event** designed exclusively for **young women discerning their vocation**.

**Sat. 24/10/2026 - Sun. 25/10/2026**

28 Fedrick St., Boronia Heights 4124

RSVP by **11/10/2026** via [spc.au.info@gmail.com](mailto:spc.au.info@gmail.com)

## Parish Day Trip Adventure!



**When:** Friday, October 3rd, leaving at 8am  
**Meet up:** Southbank Train Station  
**Where:** Stradbroke Island  
**Bring:** Transport card, packed lunch or money, and comfortable walking shoes.



With prayer and gratitude, we announce the final weekly scheduled Mass at St. Ita's on September 12th. Please join us for refreshments after Mass.

## Community News

### A few notes:



**Tuesday  
15<sup>th</sup> September  
9am-10am**



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

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### Mass Times

#### ST MARY'S

**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9:30am & 5pm

#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 8am

#### ST ITA'S

**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm (Quarterly)
- Sun: 9:30am (Indonesian)

#### CONFESSIONS

##### St Mary's

Monday 7:30 am

Saturday 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES

##### BAPTISMS

- Sat: 9:30am

\*\*Booking is essential\*\*

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3734

##### PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

##### 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.

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