

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

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.

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St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly

Come along on Monday 19th APRIL
 All Covid Government Regulations will be in place.
 Any queries please speak with
 Sr Salvacion Bunao, Pastoral Coordinator

training in Pastoral Ministries, part of the training would be attendance at the RCIA Formation Day Sunday 18 April. 1-4pm.

Ideal qualities for these roles would include a desire to be of service, a willingness to work as a team, undertake a full induction and training program, take directions, and have good organisational skills to carry out the program in place. If you are interested in applying to volunteer in either of these teams please contact the Parish Office directly. Note all volunteers are required to be registered within the parish and complete all the safeguarding steps.

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.

Volunteers Needed | Music Team St Francis

St Francis Music Team are seeking volunteers to be part of their Sunday morning worship. If you play an instrument, sing or would like to help out with the power point please contact our Music Directors Franz and Sia after mass or the parish office.



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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 11 April 2021 - Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."

This is the message that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a humble daughter of Poland, and it was Pope John Paul II, a humble son of Poland, that repeated Jesus' message during the homily he preached at Sr. Faustina's canonization. These children of Poland will forever be connected, not just because of their nationality but because each is now a saint, and because the Polish Pope made the 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday.

It has always struck me that two Poles were the ones that were chosen to draw our attention to this message of Jesus. On the one hand, one could easily understand why Poles such as these – both of whom lived in the turbulent 20th century – would be pessimistic about the prospect of mercy, let alone its reality. Poland was, after all, treated abominably by Nazi and Soviet occupiers in turn. One of the tactics these occupiers employed was to pitch Pole against Pole; to divide, rather than to unite ... not exactly the most fertile environment for peace among Poles let alone all humanity.

On the other hand, the manifest holiness of St. Faustina and Pope St. John Paul II should be proof enough for us to believe that anything is possible through Jesus Christ. It is as though their lives testified to the fact that divine mercy is the gate through which humanity must travel to realise any

kind of peace. The second reading poses a question, and answers it: "Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God..." (1 Jn 5:5).

A blessed Eastertide you!

Yours in Christ,
 Dcn. Adam



2021 Confirmation Program
 St Francis | St Mary's | St Ita's
 Year 3 students or older
Thursday 10th June
Enrolments Now Open



Information Session Thursday 29 April at 6.00pm at St Ita's Church. Enrolment forms are available on both websites under the Sacrament Tab. These forms must be returned by Friday 23rd April.

www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
<https://duttonparkcatholic.org.au/>

The Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane (2015) is structured as follows:

- Confirmation (the year they turn 8 yrs old – yr 3)
- First Communion (the year they turn 9 yrs old – yr 4)
- Penance with Individual Reconciliation (the year they turn 10 yrs old – yr 5)

For further information please contact the Parish Office

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: Sat: 4-4.50pm

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Volunteers Needed | 2 New Teams

RCIA Support Team and Sacramental Program Support

Sr Salvacion, as Pastoral Coordinator, heads up both our **RCIA** (adult initiation) and our **Parish Sacramental Program** (Confirmation | First Eucharist | Penance) under the direction of Fr Joshy Parappully as Parish Priest.

As Pastoral Coordinator she is developing 2 new parish lay based groups to support her in this role and provide an on-going program that will provide smooth continuity from one year to the next.

Parish Sacramental Program

Sr Salvacion and the Missionaries of Charity Sisters together are the main teachers and facilitators of our program that combines the groups from all of our churches and schools within our parish boundaries. They are requiring a volunteer team to support them in the general running of each Sacramental Program—there are 3 sacramental programs each year. The successful applicants will be required to attend all functions including Information Evenings, Retreat days (normally a Saturday) and the celebration itself. They will be required to work as a team to assist in administrations, registrations, catering and any other requirements at the direction of the Pastoral Coordinator.

RCIA

Sr Salvacion and Deacon Adam Walk facilitate the RCIA program and require a parish based team to assist in the administration of the group as well as a desire to undertake

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good
his love is ever-lasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

R/

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

R/

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

R/

Second reading John 5: 1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, '**Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'**

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Acts 3:13-15; 17-19 **2nd reading:** 1 Jn 2:1-5; **Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Easter Time

Monday 12th:

R/ Happy are all who put their trust in the lord.

Tuesday 13th:

R/ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Wednesday 14th:

R/ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Thursday 15th:

R/ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Friday 16th:

R/ One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Saturday 17th:

R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Reflection

Since 2000, the second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Here are some extracts from a sermon given by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000:

'It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called to practise mercy towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!'

TWO MINUTE CATECHISM

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). Taken from www.usccb.org

Upcoming Faber Retreats



Contemplative Walk to Awaken Awe Saturday, 17 April 2021 Gold Creek Reserve, Brookfield QLD Meet 7am, Gold Creek Reservoir Car Park, 660 Gold Creek Road, Brookfield A Contemplative

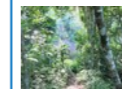
Walk to Awaken Awe. This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time walking in silence within Nature. Setting out in silence on a contemplative walk gives us the opportunity to be open and attentive to the sights, sounds, touch and fragrances of the woodlands around us. Distractions recede and the present moment is wonderful – enabling us to reflect and just simply 'be' <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/contemplative-walk-gold-creek-reserve-brookfield-qld/> **Two Hours of Quiet - 24 April 2021 Last Saturday of each Month 7.15am to 9.30am**



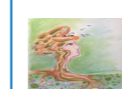
We invite you to join us for two hours of quiet contemplation. This time of gentle prayer allows us to re-energise to face the challenges and stresses of daily life. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions throughout the year. Please arrive 7.15am in time for a cup of tea or coffee before we start at 7.30am.

<https://jisa.org.au/retreat/two-hours-of-quiet-2-4/>

Contemplative Walk - Enoggera Reservoir - 15 May



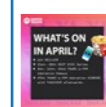
Enoggera Reservoir, The Gap, QLD Saturday, 15 May, 7am-12pm This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time walking in silence within Nature. The walk is a contemplative experience allowing time to stop take in the beauty of Creation and to become aware of God speaking to you through Nature. Quiet moments can bring a special connection with our inner selves and with the mystery we call God <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/contemplative-walk-enoggera-reservoir-the-gap-qld/>



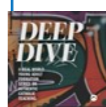
Contemplative Arts Mini Retreat - 12 June 2021 at Faber and online Saturday, 12 June, 9am-12pm

Parable of the Mustard Seed, Mark 4:26-34. Illustrate and write your own parable inspired by Jesus. Ignatian contemplative creative prayer is available to all of us through scripture meditation, imagination, creative modalities and spiritual conversations. <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/contemplative-arts-mini-retreat-faber-qld-and-online/>

Youth Project April Events for Young Catholics



Ignite YA have a number of events throughout the month for young adults: weekly adoration, reclaim and a new young adult formation series coming up this month! **To connect in with Ignite YA's head to their Facebook group** https://www.facebook.com/groups/yasocial?mc_cid=6f9a458039&mc_eid=e1ece7ff81



Deep Dive is Ignite Youth's 4-week real-world young adult formation series **starting Wednesday 21st April**. We'll be diving into topics challenging us in our daily pursuit of holiness and going on the journey together to inspire, encourage and know that we are not alone https://www.facebook.com/igyouth?mc_cid=6f9a458039&mc_eid=e1ece7ff81



Women's Discernment Group | Vocations Brisbane

Are you looking for a space to connect with other young women who are discerning their future? "Journey" is a space where young women can join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation.

When: Sunday 18th April Time: 7:30am Where: Toohey Picnic Area, Toohey Rd, Nathan.

https://app.tickets.org.au/vocbne/JourneyD?mc_cid=6f9a458039&mc_eid=e1ece7ff81