



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
Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars



The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11th December 2022 - Year A

The joy that comes from being rescued by Christ

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction; Jesus paid the price through his terrible sacrifice on the cross. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed. Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us, and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.

As the second reading points out, we must be patient while we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.

Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel reading: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

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Welcome to New Parishioners

Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

MASS TIMES

- St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 - Sunday: 9am and 5pm
- St Francis of Assisi** (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)
- Sunday: 9am
- St Ita's** (Pope St, Dutton Park)
- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
 - Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
(Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

- St Mary's Church**
Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm
- St Ita's Church**
By appointment (contact parish office)

More information:

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- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145(146):6-10

R: Lord, come and save us

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Second reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.'

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you unhappy about? Can you find joy in the trial? -- because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?

THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 12th:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Tuesday 13th: **Memorial (St Lucy)**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Wednesday 14th: **Memorial (St John of the Cross)**

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour

Thursday 15th:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Friday 16th:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Saturday 17th:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY

If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856.

Practise will run for 2 Sundays, 11 & 18 December - after 9am Mass.

LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?

St Mary's Church has a variety of handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets plus much more available. You will be able to browse and purchase these items after daily and Sunday Masses. The funds raised through the sale will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

2 MINUTES CATECHISM

How do you prepare yourself during Advent?

First, it is a good idea to pray more, possibly including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Franciscan Crown, and the Christmas Novena (see below), all of which call to mind the mysteries associated with the Lord coming into the world.

It is also important to read Sacred Scripture, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, chapters 2 and 3 of the Second Part on the Creed, expresses the Church's Faith in the Incarnation and Nativity of the Lord.

Finally, to truly prepare, it is important to go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able.

How do you observe Advent?

Advent is considered the Little Lent, as it begins by recalling that Christ will come at the end of the world as Judge, a reminder of the holiness with which we should be prepared to greet the Lord. Thus, although not strictly a penitential season, the faithful should turn their hearts toward Jesus in prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice.

In the last part of Advent, we look forward with anticipation and joy to His First Coming, in Bethlehem. One way to do this is to meditate on the O Antiphons used in the Mass, each of which represents a messianic title of Christ from the Old Testament.

What are the Advent symbols?

There are many symbols for Advent: the Advent calendar, Advent wreath with candles, the Jesse Tree, and the Crèche - with the Baby Jesus absent until Christmas Eve. Each of these can be the basis of a family tradition, especially to teach children how to prepare for Jesus' Birth.

Why is purple used in Advent?

The liturgical year has different colors for the different seasons. Redemptionis Sacramentum (No. 121) says, "The purpose of using different colors is to express the specific character of the various mysteries. The use of the diverse colors is both pedagogical and symbolic of the various liturgical feasts and seasons."

Violet or purple, a symbol of suffering and penitence, is therefore the liturgical color used in Advent and in Lent.

Taken from www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry for the Elderly Christmas Party Monday, 12 December 9 am - 1 pm at St Francis' Hall



Please join us for our Christmas Party celebration. All welcome!

Note: This ministry will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays from 19 December and will resume on 6 February 2023.



A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

Sunday, 18 December 2022 - 5pm
Free admission

Once again St Stephen's Cathedral is holding the annual festival of readings and carols. The Cathedral carpark will be available.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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In January 2023, St Mary's will join with other Churches within the Archdiocese in sharing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Each Church exposes the Blessed Sacrament on a set day of the week for a continuous 24 hour period. St Mary's period will commence following the 8.00am Mass on Saturdays until before 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

You are encouraged to become a Dedicated Adorer - having a regular hour(s) on roster, or as a Casual Adorer - helping to fill vacancies. Both are vital for the continuation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

If you wish to be included in the roster, please complete the registration sheet at St Mary's.
Enquiries: Dianne mob: 0411869017.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Supporting families in the West End, Highgate Hill, Dutton Park, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas.
You can help in 2 ways ...



1. Donate non-perishable food items such as:

(Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of our parish churches)

- Christmas cakes
- Tinned ham
- Long life milk
- Cereal
- Soft drinks
- Soups
- Tea & coffee
- Pastas
- Tinned Veggies
- Tinned meat & fish
- Coles gift card
- Target gift cards
- Woolworths 'groceries only' gift card
- Mince pies
- Long life custard
- Spaghetti
- Rice
- Cordials
- Biscuits
- Nuts
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned fruits
- Tinned turkey
- Noodles
- Stir-fry sauces
- Popper juices
- Chips & lollies
- Spreads
- baked beans

Please ensure all food is within use by dates.

2. Make a money donation

Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each church. Envelopes are available.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

St Ita's Church:

- 5.00pm Mass (4.45pm Carols)
- 8.00pm Mass (Indonesian)
(7.30pm - Carols)

St Mary's Church:

- 7.00pm Mass
(6.30pm - Nativity play & Carols)



Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield Church: 7.00am Mass

St Ita's Church: 10.30am Mass
(Indonesian)

St Francis of Assisi: 9.00am Mass
(8.30am Carols)

St Mary's Church: 9.00am Mass
5.00pm Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish Office will be closed from 22nd December 2022,
and will be re-opened on 9th January 2023.



When was the last time you reviewed your will?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's
(Booking is essential.)

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tuesday 6.30pm: St Mary's Church
- Sunday 4pm: St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday - 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday - 7am: OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Saturday - 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS

- 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
(School term only - check dates on website)

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly (On hold - resume on 8 November 2022)

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 10am - 1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

Your continued support for our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please download one of the form below, complete and email back to the parish office directly.

St Mary's Parish download:
[St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

Dutton Park Parish download:
[Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

Other ways of giving direct internet transfer:

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane
BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 009 890
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections

Dutton Park Parish:
BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 022 825
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go**
see Church Coordinator at Mass.

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550
For more information visit brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

