

South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter



Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

Well, Advent has begun friends and who better to hear from in this season than the one who teaches us about waiting for the Lord - none other than John the Baptist.

We go back in time to begin with Isaiah's words, 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'.

Already we pick up on a sense of waiting. The voice in the wilderness calls for preparation. The voice could have easily called for celebration or late arrivals, but it calls for people to get organised and to get ready. It is also important that this voice comes from the wilderness because the wilderness or the desert was considered a place of purification. So, this voice is a voice of sanctification calling us to get ready. This period of Advent then is not idle patience, as I mentioned last week, but of prepared anticipation, a ready hope.

Then, of course, we come to John the Baptist's story which follows his parents and their time of waiting. Elizabeth, we know was barren and unable to have child, but the miracle of John's birth marked the progression of a waiting period, they were getting closer to the arrival of the King.

John as a child anticipated the God-Man's arrival with a leap in the womb at the sound of the Mother's voice, but then John continued in his proclamation of repentance, as seen in our Gospel today.

So, what would it be like if we waited for the Lord like John the Baptist? Well, we would wait from a place of purity, expectant in hope with our hand to the plough at work for the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah's words hint at a spiritual preparedness that we're encouraged to adopt. Elizabeth's expectant hope of a son in her barren age models the hope we're all motivated to embody, and John the Baptist's fidelity to the work for repentance and conversion of souls is an inspiration for all the faithful.

This is how we are to approach this season of Advent. As we call upon the intercession of Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist, may this season of Advent prepare our hearts to receive the Lord come Christmas.

Fr William

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

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners 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

2nd Sunday of Advent
7th December 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R/**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R/**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R/**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 15: 4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures
was meant to teach us something about hope from
the examples scripture gives of how people who did
not give up were helped by God.

And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up,
help you all to be tolerant with each other, following
the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and
voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated
you. The reason Christ became the servant of
circumcised Jews was not only so that God could
faithfully carry out the promises made to the
patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3: 4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3: 1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached
in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he
said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was
locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea
and the whole Jordan district made their way to him,
and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan
they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number
of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he
said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly
from the retribution that is coming? But if you are
repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not
presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our
father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid
to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to
produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on
the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the
one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I
am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with
the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his
hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his
wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire
that will never go out.'

Next Sunday Readings:

Ph 4: 4-5, Is 35: 1-6, 10

Ps 145(146): 6-10

Jm 5: 7-10, Mt 11: 2-11



Upcoming Events & News



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Please Help People Facing Poverty This Christmas by:
DONATING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS:
Dry, tinned food Collection boxes are placed near
the entrance in each of our churches

MAKE A DONATION

Card, Cash or Internet transfer to
A/c 100026566 BSB 064-786

Envelopes are provided for card or cash donations.

MAKE A DONATION of Kmart/Target/Big W
Vouchers.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CONFERENCE
'Serving Christ in the
Poor' in the suburbs of
South Brisbane, West
End, Highgate Hill,
Dutton Park &
Fairfield

Christmas Carols at St Francis table



St Ita's Prep and Year 1
students delighted
everyone at
St Francis Table with their
joyful Christmas carols on 1
Nov



Advent Groups!

Join our Advent reflection groups!



Tuesday 9th & 16th Dec

St Francis Meeting Room,
47 Dornoch Tce
West end



Prepare your heart for Christmas through prayer and community.
Please remember books are available for sale after Mass.
Register with the parish:
07 3324 3736

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Prepare your heart for Christmas and join us on Monday,
22nd December 6pm at St Mary's Church
for a peaceful evening of reflection and forgiveness

Children's Nativity Play - St Mary's

All children are warmly invited to join this year's
Nativity Play



Rehearsals :
after the 9am Mass
14th and 21st of
December
Nativity celebration:
24th December 6pm



CAROLS & ADORATION

Sharp 7pm start
Tuesday 23rd December
St Mary's Church, South Brisbane
Register via QR Code or
Text Claire 0490 202 194

Good Shepherd Advent Retreat

This year prepare yourself for Christmas in a special way
with our morning retreat. Join us from 9am onwards at St.
Francis Hall for refreshments before prayerfully entering
the mystery of Advent. Families are welcome!



9am-11:30am Saturday, 20th Dec.
Starting at St. Francis Hall, Followed by Lunch.
RSVP by 12th Dec.
phone: (07) 3324 3736
email: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

Farewell Celebration for Sr. Salvacion

Join us in honoring Sr. Salvacion for her dedication, compassion,
and faithful service to our community.
Let's come together to celebrate her inspiring journey and the
many lives she has touched with her kindness

St. Francis Hall
Saturday, 17th January 2026
6pm

Join us at St Francis Hall Saturday
13th December at 6pm



*We love our
Volunteers*

as we honour our amazing volunteers with an evening of gratitude,
music, and community joy
ALL WELCOME!



Volunteers please RSVP : 07 3324 3736
southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

St Mary's Prayer Group

You are invited to our gatherings
in faith and prayer on:



Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection
with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit
together as a community.



Community News

A few notes:

Mass Times



Christmas Mass Times

**DEC
24**

4:30 PM ST ITA'S DUTTON PARK
6:30 PM CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY
ST MARY'S SOUTH BRISBANE

**DEC
25**

7:00 AM OLPS FAIRFIELD
9:00 AM ST FRANCIS WEST END
9:00 AM } ST MARY'S SOUTH BRISBANE
5:00 PM }

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: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS**St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

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

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Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of the parish of Dutton Park & South Brisbane.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3736 if you are interested.



**Safeguarding is
everyone's
responsibility.**

Respect & Protect.


**ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE**

Zero tolerance.
No excuse for abuse

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their 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