



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th February 2023 - Year A

The Law of Love

The Jewish religious authorities of Jesus' day were often literalists in their interpretation of the Law of God. Jesus, however, gave a deeper meaning to the Law. He placed his focus on the goal of the Law: Love.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that we fail to fulfill the Law when our so-called obedience isn't motivated by love.

Jesus completely fulfilled the true meaning of the Law. In doing so, he took upon himself our disobedience and died for us in the most generous gift of love.

As his followers, we also are to be generous with love. Obeying all the commandments -- truly obeying them -- requires loving God with our whole heart, all the time, and loving others as ourselves.

Jesus explains how to transform literal interpretations of God's laws into the Law of Love. In each example, he shows that we are to choose the most loving approach to every problem, no matter how difficult.

His first topic is anger: Sinful anger is judgmental and we are judged by this sin. Jesus provides the remedy: Go and do whatever is necessary to be reconciled. This, he points out, is even more important than worshipping God. How genuine can our worship be if anger has replaced love in our hearts, since God is love?

Another example is lust, which is a counterfeit of love because it treats others as objects. And divorce from a valid marriage is a failure to love as Christ loves, who taught that love makes sacrifices and endures hardships. Remarriage, he says, furthers the sin because it's unloving to the spouse of the original union.

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 22 February 2023

- St Mary's Church : 7.00 am
- St Ita's Church: 8.45 am (School Mass)
- St Francis of Assisi Church: 6.30 pm

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:

- Websites:** - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
 - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au
- FB:** - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/
 - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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- Pastoral Coordinator:** Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI
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 - St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
 - St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R/**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R/**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law. **R/**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R/**

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

Were you ever treated unlovingly because of another person's legalism? How did that experience hide the true nature of Jesus? What habits or addictions do you have that are unloving toward yourself? How do they affect others?

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 13th:

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Tuesday 14th: Memorial (Sts Cyril and Methodius)

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Wednesday 15th:

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

Thursday 16th:

From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Friday 17th:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Saturday 18th:

I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 February 2023

1st reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus extends this teaching to every area of life. Breaking an oath is unloving. Lying and never intending to keep the commitment is unloving. In fact, the entire Sermon on the Mount, of which this Gospel reading is a part, explains how to love.

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ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

Our first St Francis Social event was a big success, everyone enjoyed a great night with their family and friends. Thank you to everyone who has helped organising this event. Special thank to the Kopinski family. Due to the positive feedback, we considering hosting another one. Watch this space.



ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MASS

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated:

Where: The Cathedral of St Stephen
When: Thursday, 23rd February 2023
Time: commencing at 12.30pm

The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES

PENANCE 2023 COMMITMENT MASS



Saturday, 11 February - 5pm
St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

The children and their parents/guardian who have enrolled to this sacramental program must attend this Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTION From Ashes to Hope

Please join our Lenten reflection every Tuesday during Lent.

The Lenten Reflection will start on;
Tuesday, 21 February - 6pm
St Francis' Meeting Room
(behind St Francis of Assisi Church, West End)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Francis of Assisi Church

- Flower Ministry
- Power Point Operator

St Mary's Church

- Children Liturgy Facilitator (urgent)
(This liturgy is starting this weekend)

If you are interested to be involved in these ministries or for more information, please contact the Parish Office stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3844 2744.

ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It was a wonderful morning tea enjoyed by St Francis' parishioners last Sunday, and a lovely birthday celebration for one of our beloved long time parishioner David Dekker. David enjoyed and thanked everyone for the birthday wishes.



Fr. Joshy Parappully
Ph: (07) 3844 2744

FRANSISCAN & MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2023
12TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023



A spiritual journey of the St. Mary's, parish accompanied by Fr. Joshy Parappully (Parish Priest)

9-Day Europe Tour
Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima Burgos / Nevers / Lourdes Paris

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Itinerary: Franciscan and Marian Pilgrimage

Group Director: Father Joshy Parappully, St. Mary's Parish, West End, Queensland

Destinations: Portugal, Spain and France

Tour Dates: 12 September 2023 – 21 September 2023

Inclusions:

- All air fares and taxes flying Emirates Airlines economy class departing from Brisbane
- All airport transfers and assistance at airport
- All tour transfers and visas for Australian passport holders
- All accommodation in 3-star and 4-star hotels on a Twin Share basis
- Meals provided on a Half-Board basis (Breakfast and Dinner included)
- Services of English-speaking Tour Director
- Services of professional guides as indicated in the itinerary

Group Size	Price Per Adult (Double Occupancy Room)
25-29	A\$6990
30-34	A\$6890
35-39	A\$6790
40-44	A\$6690
45-49	A\$6500

Single Supplement is an additional \$1150 to the prices listed above.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays after 8am Mass until Sundays 8.30am

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 (School term only)

- 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am -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

