



Embracing the communities of:
St Mary's South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi West End,
St Ita's Dutton Park and
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 12th May 2024 - Year B

Hello Friends,

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Parish survey! It is now closed. In the end we came to a total of 156 responses of which 94 were online, and 62 were written. I'd like to spend a bit of time speaking to the data. Although we had 156 people reply, 324 people participated in the survey. These numbers came from parents who filled in the survey indicating the number of members in the family. According to our 2023 Mass Count data, the average amount of people across the two Parishes was just under 500 in the month of May. We're currently going through another Mass count in the month of May, we'll wait to see what those counts produce.

In terms of what people would like to see happening in the Parish, an overwhelming amount of people wanted to see more socialising, community focused events. There's a strong thread of Youth Group and Young Adult ministries that Parishioners would like to see. Others are interested in formation opportunities like Adult Faith Formation and bible studies. These are all amazing responses, and we don't need much to get these underway. Expect to see these come about within the next few months. My favourite response was Zumba! Count me in!

Regarding the question of Amalgamation, most people are on board, many are concerned about what it might mean for their Mass centre and their Mass time. Others reserve their opinion until further clarity is provided. The Linking of communities is a tough reality because it also includes tough questions around how our resources are being used and the projection of coming years. We are certainly not getting as many priests as we did in the past but we're almost servicing the same number of Masses we had 20 years ago. This is our reality. We wrestle with this question and the many others that will emerge with a Linking of communities at a communal level but please pray for wisdom and guidance.

We had 85 people put their hand up to volunteer. Some of these people are new and others are regular volunteers. Parishes rely heavily on the good will of volunteers so I would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank those who already do so much for our communities. I know the value of volunteers having been out in our remotest of places being sacristan/altar server/reader/musician and priest all in the one Mass. To our volunteers, Thank you! I would also like to take this opportunity to call others forth from the community. We don't need much, even if it's opening the gate on Saturday evening at St Ita's or a reading on Sunday. Your assistance is appreciated.

The last question was about feedback. This question had our most varied responses. That being said, many were thankful for the new priests in the Parish. People would like to see things happening for the homeless of our area and again we had a push for Youth Group/Young Adult activities.

All in all this survey has given our Pastoral Team good things to assess and hopefully implement. It'll be a resource we engage with regularly to try and respond to the desires of our community. Let me reiterate our dedication to hearing and listening to your thoughts and concerns.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate at any time to contact either;
Fr Ravi on kumarr@bne.catholic.net.au or myself on aupitojulianow@bne.catholic.net.au

God Bless,
Fr Will

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.

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First reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R/**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R/**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R/**

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. To some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a

unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 13th:

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Tuesday 14th: Feast (St Matthias)

The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.

Wednesday 15th:

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Thursday 16th:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Friday 17th:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

Saturday 18th:

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Pentecost

1st reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-

Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:12-15

ST FRANCIS' TABLE MINISTRY NEWS

Mother's Day Celebration

Let every Mother feel Special

Join us to celebrate all the Mum's in our Community

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

When: Monday 13th May 2024

Time: 9am - 1pm

Place: St Francis Hall

47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS, CARDS AND CAKES STALL - THIS SUNDAY

St Francis' Table Ministry will hold a Mother's Day gifts, cards and cakes stall at the back of St Francis of Assisi Church this Sunday.

Cash and Eft post accepted.

Your support to this Ministry is greatly appreciated.

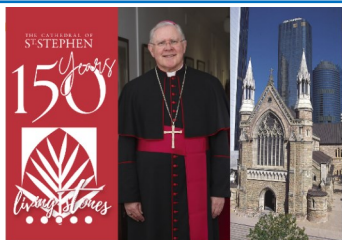
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Today we honour all mothers as we celebrate this special day.

We thank God for the special women He has placed in our lives, our mothers, aunts, grandmothers, neighbours, teachers, mentors.

All women in our community who helped shape us to be the people God has called us to be.

May God's love fills them so completely that their children, families, friends, their work place, their neighbours, their community come to know the nature and beauty of our God.



150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen & The Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Friday, 17 May

12.30pm Mass for the Sesquicentenary
6.00pm Ecumenical Celebration of the Sesquicentenary (Refreshments will follow)

Saturday, 18 May

11.30am Mass for the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of the Archbishop
6.00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass

Sunday, 19 May

10.30am Pentecost Mass

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS VIGIL 31 MAY - 6.00PM

May is the month of Mary, Mother of Jesus, Crucified and Risen! How apt it is for us in our needy society that May is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month – for learning, prayer and action. Up to 29th April, 26 women in Australia including 6 women in Queensland have died this year.

Come to a Candle Vigil, Regina Caeli Parish, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill. 6.00pm. 31st May.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend any of these events.

Ministry Training:

We will have training for our ministries in the Parish. If you are part of these ministries within the Parish or would like to get involved please come to our training for the appointed time and date. We will offer training over the next few months to give people an opportunity to make it to at least one.

- **Sacristan and Altar Server:**
Saturday, 1 June - 10am
St Francis of Assisi Church

- **Readers:**
Saturday, 1 of June - 10am
St Francis' Hall

- **Communion to the Sick:**
Saturday, 15 June - 10am
St Francis of Assisi Church

- **Music Ministry:**
Saturday, 15 June - 10am
St Francis' Hall

Picnic at the Park

Join us for a picnic in the park after Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Sunday, 9 June - 10:30am at Orleigh Park, West End

Bible Study

Join us for bible study where we will begin with the book of Genesis.

Wednesday, 5 June - 6pm at St Francis' Hall
Wednesday, 19 June - 6pm at St Francis' Hall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Flower Ministry at St Ita's Church
- Flower Ministry at St Francis of Assisi Church
- PowerPoint Operator at St Francis of Assisi

Please contact the Parish Office on 3324 3734 or stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

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SCAN TO VISIT WEBSITE



This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity,*
I was at the point where I'd given up."

At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:

contact@ecm.org.au

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IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024

Registration is now open !

If you are interested in attending the 2024 Ignite Conference as part of our Parishes' youth group, please let Fr Will or Fr Ravi know.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

- Saturdays - 10.00am
(Booking is essential - contact Parish Office)

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)

- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary'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

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

or 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: 100 023 601
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** at the back of the Church

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

