

Parish Activities in 2020

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 10.00am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis of Assisi, West End
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 On hold 13 Dec to 17 Jan

Monday to Friday: 12-2pm at St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Prayer Group: Tuesday 7pm at St Mary's Church
website: awaken.org.au

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

3rd Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm

ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am
1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

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 of Assisi - West End &
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Fairfield.
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3rd Sunday of Advent 13 December 2020 - Year B

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" which means to "rejoice" because the entrance antiphon of Holy Mass takes up St Paul's words in the Letter to the Philippians where it says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice". And immediately after he explains the reason, because, "The Lord is at hand" (Phil 4: 4-5). This is the reason for joy. But what does "the Lord is at hand" mean? In what sense must we understand this "closeness" of God? This coming Christmas will remind us of this fundamental truth of our faith that soon we will see in front of the manger and savour Christian joy contemplating in the newborn Jesus the Face of God who made him close to us out of love.

The spiritual joy that marks the Christian faith is that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord, and our entry into a life of eternal communion with God. The other is the willingness to share that joy with others those who are struggling, spiritually, mentally and emotionally at this time of Pandemic. To have that true Joy of Christ in us, St. Pauls says in the second reading to the Thessalonians " Be happy at all times; pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus." In the first reading prophet Isaiah says, " As the earth makes fresh things grow, and garden makes seeds spring up, so the Lord who is coming at this season make both integrity and praise, spring up in the sight of nations." So let us to do our

bit, in our time, to realise the goals of Jesus in our world to be fulfilled in our families and communities.

Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap Parish Priest

PARISH PLAN GIVING—We Need Your Support
Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our parishes to continue their valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support our parishes during this time, you can now give via the following methods:

1. Parish Giving App
2. Direct Debit or Credit Card giving (contact parish office)
3. Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Accounts.
Bank Account details for Dutton Park West End Parish are:
BSB: 064-786
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Reference: Last Name - collections
Bank Account details for St Mary's Account are:
BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 007 230 100
Acc Name: St Mary's Catholic Church
Reference: Last Name - collections
4. Online: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—by Parish

NOTE—Online Registration Bookings will be open Monday 7 Dec 12 noon

Dutton Park West End Parish

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December

St Ita's 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30pm Carols)
St Ita's 6.00pm Children's/Family Mass
St Ita's 7.30pm Mass Indonesian
St Ita's 11.30am Mass Indonesian

Christmas Day
Friday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield 7.00am Mass
St Ita's 10.30am Mass Indonesian
St Francis 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)

Boxing Day
Saturday 26th December

St Ita's 5.00pm Vigil

Sunday 27th December

OLPS 7.00am
St Francis 9.00am
St Ita's 10.30am (Indonesian)

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24th December

St Mary's 7.00pm Mass (6.30pm Carols)

Christmas Day
Friday 25th December

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

Boxing Day
Saturday 26th December

St Mary's 8.00am Mass

Sunday 27th December

St Mary's 9.00am
St Mary's 5.00pm

Please Note: As numbers are still restricted and we will not be able to fit all that would like to attend a Christmas Mass, Fr Joshy has invited you to attend one mass over the four day period.
All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

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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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First reading Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50,53-54

R/ My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,

My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness;

henceforth all ages will call me blessed. R/

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,

on those who fear him. R/

He fills the starving with good things,

sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,

remembering his mercy. R/

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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 John 1:6-8,19-28

'There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me'

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am

not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; 2nd reading: Rom 16:25-27; Gospel Lk 1: 26-38

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 14th: St John of the Cross (Memorial)

R/ Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Tuesday 15th:

R/ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Wednesday 16th:

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

Thursday 17th:

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

Friday 18th:

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

Saturday 19th:

R/ Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!

ADVENT CANDLES

THIRD CANDLE- symbolizes **JOY** or "SHEPHERD'S CANDLE" rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The Third Sunday of Advent is "GAUDETE SUNDAY" it is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of advent.

St Mary's News

St Mary's Church will not be open for daily prayer and quiet reflection from 12 pm to 2 pm from Monday, 14 December to Friday, 15 January (inclusive).

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Looking for the ideal Christian gift this Christmas? Handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets are available for purchase after Daily and Sunday Masses at St Mary's. The funds raised through the sale of these items will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS

If you would like your children to be involved in singing Christmas Carols with the Choir prior to the Christmas Vigil Mass, please contact Dianne on 0411 869 017. Practice will run for 2 Sundays, after 9am Mass (13 and 20 December).

REGISTRATION TO ATTEND MASS

Update — Note Changes to Registrations

- **St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass): Saturday - 5pm**
Register to Eventbrite
[Http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com](http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com)
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: Sunday - 7am**
Register to Elvis Chua on 0450 029 410
or email elvis_chua@yahoo.com
- **St Francis of Assisi Church: Sunday - 9am**
Register to Eventbrite
<http://stfrancisofassisiwestend.eventbrite.com/>
- **St Mary's Church - All Registrations are via Eventbrite**
7am Monday - Friday daily mass
8am Saturday mass
9am Sunday mass
5pm Sunday mass
Register to Eventbrite
<https://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com.au/>

Important Notes

- We ask if you are unwell, please do not attend mass.
- Covid-19 protocols are in place.
- All children and infants must be registered
- **You need to re-register each week** to attend Mass.

If you unable to attend after booking - Please advise related Registrar (updated weekly on the Eventbrite site) directly as soon as possible by phone or email, this will enable the Marshal to allocate your seat to another person.

(Note: the Parish Office is unattended on weekends)

Pastoral Update

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Staff and Students from Our Lady of Assumption School Enoggera, especially to Paul Drewniak – Principal, Tricia Howard-APRE and Racy Espino -Pastoral Coordinator from their parish.

On seeing the article in The Catholic Leader of the good work that St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly was doing in the community the Year 5 Students who will be taking their Servant Leadership next School year, donated an abundance of food supplies, cash and also gift vouchers/ cards from a prayer group of St. John the Baptist Parish. Many of the Staff would like to volunteer to help in 2021.

Sr Salvacion and her volunteers were overwhelmed with gratitude that so many want to be a part of blessing in our community. This speaks of the true heart of our city. Please keep all involved in your prayers for strength and refreshing during this hot weather as the volunteers continue on serving with huge smiles and lots of laughter and joy.



St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly will be taking a break over the Christmas period. The last day of ministry for 2020 is Monday 16th December and will resume in 2021 on the 1st February.

Baptisms this Month

Our Parish warmly welcomes through Baptism:

All children and their families who celebrated Baptisms this month in our parish churches

*I have called you by name you are mine
Isaiah 43:1*

Parish Office 24th Dec—17th January



Our Pastoral & Administration Staff will be taking annual leave during this time. A weekly mini newsletter will be sent out to keep you up to date with all the readings etc. If you would like to join our Email Distributions List please advise the office asap.



Following the success of 'Songs of Easter Hope' series earlier this year, the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent. Come and explore hymns, prayers and motets rejoicing in the coming of Christ at Christmas, all led by the Cathedral Schola each Thursday in December (December 3, 10 and 17) commencing at 7:30pm.

Entry is by donation 'notes for notes' (with all money raised supporting the Cathedral Music program). Registration for the three evenings is via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html> Songs of Advent Joy will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. These will be accessible via <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

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