Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



Blessed is He who comes in the name of The Lord

YEAR C(I) Palm Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week of the year. It is appropriate then that a central theme of today's readings is Jesus' humility. Our Lord and King emptied Himself, assuming the condition of a slave, that we might have eternal life (cf. Phil 2). And, is there a humbler way for a King to enter Jerusalem than on the back of donkey?!

The donkey of Palm Sunday has been the focus of more than a few celebrated Catholics, such as G. K. Chesterton who wrote the following wonderful short poem:

The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked And figs grew upon thorn, Some moment when the moon was blood Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry And ears like errant wings, The devil's walking parody On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth, Of ancient crooked will; Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb, I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour; One far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears, And palms before my feet.

Perhaps we should aspire to be like the donkey; to stay close to Jesus and to be a servant of Christ that bears Him into the circles in which we live and work. I wish you a prayerful Holy Week.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Adam

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishioners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.





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

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

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Readings at Mass

Luke 19: 28-40 Gospel

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."

So those who were sent

went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt,

its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'

And they said,

'The Lord has need of it.'

And they brought it to Jesus,

and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along,

they spread their garments on the road.

As he was drawing near,

at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples

began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to

'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered,

'I tell you, if these were silent,

the very stones would cry out.'

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned

All who see me deride me They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; Let him release him if this is his friend.' R/ Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and feet. I can count every one of my bones. R/

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R/

I will tell your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' R/

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2: 8-9

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. to the glory of God the Father.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 22: 14-23: 56



Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Col 3:1-4 Jn 20: 1-9



Upcoming Events

Easter Triduum Mass Timetable

Second Rite: Tue, 15th April

• St Mary's Church 6pm

Holy Thursday: 17th April
• St Mary's Church 7pm

Good Friday: 18th April Stations of the Cross

- OLPS, Fairfield: 7am
- · St Mary's Church: 10am
- St Mary's Church: 2:30pm (Children's Passion Play)

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

St Mary's Church: 3pm

Holy Saturday: 19th April

St Mary's Church: 7pm

Easter Sunday: 20th April

- OLPS, Fairfield: 7am
- St Francis of Assisi Church: 9am
- St Mary's Church: 9am

Sacramental Program Confirmation

To enrol please download form using the QR Code





and above to join our

Confirmation program!

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 15th of April St Mary's Church at 6pm



This is a wonderful opportunity for reflection, repentance, and renewal of our faith. Please come and experience the peace and grace of the sacrament.



Stations of the Cross Walk

Friday 18th April 2025 10am-12pm Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

152 Mount Cooth-tha Rd, Mount Coot-tha QLD 4066

Just a couple of notes:

Divine Mercy SUNDAY St Mary's Sunday, 27 April

 3.00pm The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of St Faustina;
 4.00pm Adoration, Confession;
 5.00pm Parish Mass including Blessing of Divine Mercy Images.

Note: Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday.

A plenary indulgence is granted on this day under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff).

Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (Diary 1602)



Assessing Parish Sustainability

Over the past couple of years, the Archdiocese released a standard to assist parishes in becoming sustainable for the future. The standard assesses a variety of aspects that ultimately result in what the diocese would consider a 'sustainable Parish'.



Things like finances at the end of the year, Mass attendance and use of Human Resources were all considered. As it stands, a Church community that has less than 80 people per weekend Mass is considered 'unsustainable' and when finances are below 200k at the end of the year the Parish is considered to be in an 'unsustainable' financial position.

We might pass with flying colours in some areas but lack in others. All of this say, that we're in an 'unsustainable' position when it comes to Human Resources. We have one priest and four Churches so we have to reimagine how things happen for us. These are but some of the realities that we must face but I'm hopeful we can move forward. I've included a QR code to the presentation of the Archdiocese. If you want to know more about the standards of sustainability the presentation has been included. -Fr

If you would like to know more, scan the OR Code below



Parish Amalgamation:

"Last week, we published information about the amalgamation. Got questions? Check out our FAQ's and scan the QR code for more info!"



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3pm Sun 27 St Stephen's Cathedral

Community News

A few notes:

All glory to Jesus Christ our Lord God and Saviour. My brothers and sisters, I write to you today with the desire to keep everyone 'in the loop.'

Many of you know that we're currently journeying through the Amalgamation process with the focus of becoming one community under one banner, one missionary vision and one administrative body. I met with the Steering Committee on Wednesday where we dealt the Parish name and Mass times on a weekend.

Let me begin with the Parish name. Firstly, I'd like to honour and thank those that took the time to submit their suggestions. I wasn't expecting many names, but I was surprised as the amount of submissions. As a Committee we boiled it down to four particular names.

St Mary of the Cross Parish Good Shepherd Parish St Clare's Parish Our Lady of the Saints I would now like to open it up to the broader community to assist us in choosing the right name. Again, keep in mind, the kind of missionary activity that would reflect the name of our community. The other topic we dealt with was Mass Times. At this stage we covered the weekend, and are in the process of finalising it. They are as follows;

> Saturday 5pm, St Ita's Sunday 8:30am, St Francis Sunday 9am, St Mary's Sunday 5pm, St Mary's

We have 5 Masses on a weekend and we needed to go down to 4. To have 4 Masses on Sunday itself is too much for one priest. Naturally, this meant that one Mass would be a Saturday Vigil. Our lowest attended Masses are Fairfield and Dutton Park, so it was going to be between these two Churches that would lose a weekend Mass. In the end, it came down to the Sacramental engagement with the school. There's still work to be done between 8:30am St Francis, and 9am St Mary's. I would like to have the option that one priest could cover the whole weekend if necessary. Before we finalise the time, I'd like to invite feedback and reactions to the Mass Times. Please send your responses to aupitoiulianow@bne.catholic.net.au We will make provisions to have weekday Masses at Fairfield. Suggestions are welcome.

At this stage I'd like to invite all Parishioners to keep our Parish on your prayer list. Things are moving forward for us and it's certainly going to be tough at different stages of the journey. For now, we press forward in hope, side by side, conscious of the God of the pilgrimage.

I thank you for your support.

Fr William

Mass Times

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: 10am

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





Election Statement 2025

With the Elections around the corner, the Bishops have released a statement to assist with making an informed Catholic decision.