

# Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

We make the sign of cross ourselves regularly, many of us have a crucifix hanging from a chain around our necks right now, and if you look around St Mary's you can count the crosses and crucifixes. For us it is an iconic symbol of our faith. But why this symbol of faith?

The answer is woven through Sacred Scripture. It starts with Genesis, namely the Fall. Adam and Eve's ejection from the Garden signalled our alienation from God and much of the rest of the Old Testament recounts the consequences. Humanity finds itself estranged from God and predisposed to sin. God continued to reach out to His people, but His people couldn't keep their side of the bargain. The first reading from Numbers gives us just one example. Having been led out of captivity in Egypt, the people lose faith in God and speak against Him and against Moses. They eventually admit their sinfulness to Moses, Moses acts as mediator on their behalf, and God finds a way for them to live. Sounds familiar doesn't it.

For this is what the Cross is; the saving act of Christ the Mediator, an act of "infinite charity" that bridged "the abyss of malice which sin opens wide" as St Josemaría Escrivá described it (Christ is Passing by, para 95). The Cross is a very real reminder of the actual event, where an actual Man who was also God, gave it all for our sake. Totally radical love that opens the way to eternal life.

The Gospel tells us what we need to do. If we believe in Him, we will not be lost. We will live. Hail Holy Cross!

*Deacon Adam*

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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

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.

# Readings at Mass

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## First Reading

Numbers 21: 4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):1-2, 34-38

**R/ Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R/**

When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. **R/**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. **R/**

Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave them their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. **R/**

## 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.  
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.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matt 11: 29ab

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the  
world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life  
in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he  
gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in  
him may not be lost but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world not to  
condemn the world, but so that through him the  
world might be saved.'



## Next Sunday Readings:

Am 8: 4-7, Ps 112(113): 1-2, 4-68  
Lk 16: 1-13





# Upcoming Events & News

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA Program is now OPEN and it will commence in September. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming catholic, scan the QR Code below



**20TH SEPT, 2025  
2:30PM**

**St Mary's Church**

please scan  
QR Code



Complete the enquiry form and email back to the Parish [stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Season of Creation

Join for a Mass 12:30 pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at St Stephen's Cathedral to unite in a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year the theme for the season is "Peace with Creation".



## Rosie's Designated Parking At St Mary's

Please be advised that Rosies vans are now parking at St Mary's. We kindly ask parishioners not to use the designated bays marked for Rosies.

## Sacrament of Penance

Congratulations to our children who will be fully initiated by the close of this weekend. We pray that Communion might be a time for renewal and rejuvenation of the soul every time they partake of this precious gift.



## St Francis Table - Father's Day Celebration

Thank you to Sister Salvacion and her team for a lovely Father's Day celebration at St Francis Table



## Congratulations Bishop Shayne

Congratulations to our new Archbishop. We celebrated his installation on Thursday. May God bless his ministry.





# Community News

## A few notes:



**ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**  
**SYNOD24**  
*I am making all things new.*

**Towards Implementation**  
In Agencies and Organisations






Explore how you can begin the journey of implementing the SYNOD24 Action Plans in your own context.

- This workshop series will include:
- Synodality and co-responsibility explained
- The journey of SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New
- Which SYNOD24 Action Plans to focus on for your context
- Tools for implementation

**Workshop dates available:**

3 September, 9:30am - Brisbane City  
17 September, 9:30am - Brisbane City

Scan to register for your preferred date



Or visit [tinyurl.com/SYN24ImpAO](https://tinyurl.com/SYN24ImpAO)

## 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

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### Have you considered Planned Giving?



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](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)