



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.

Third Sunday of Advent 15th December 2024 - Year C

Dear friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "rejoice". We are called to rejoice as we draw closer to celebrating the birth of Christ. In the midst of life's busyness and challenges, the Church invites us to pause and rejoice, for the Lord is near!

1. Rejoice Always: The joy we celebrate is not fleeting or dependent on circumstances. It is rooted in the unchanging love of God. As St. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Even in difficult times, we can find joy in God's presence and promises.

2. Prepare with Hope: The Advent season reminds us that joy grows in hearts ready to welcome Christ. Like John the Baptist, we are called to prepare the way for the Lord by living with faith and love. This joy becomes contagious when we share it through acts of kindness and generosity.

3. Trust in God's Peace: As we look forward to Christmas, we are invited to let go of anxiety and trust in the peace that surpasses all understanding. Bring your worries to God in prayer, and let His love fill your heart with hope and gladness.

Let us be a joyful people, spreading the light of Christ wherever we go. May this day inspire you to rejoice and live in the hope of Emmanuel—God with us.

Fr Ravi Koyya

Welcome to New Parishioners

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

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First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm:

***Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel***

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
He become my saviour
With Joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation **R/**

*Give thanks to the Lord,
Give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. R/*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
For he has done glorious deeds,
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R/**

Second reading: Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon:

Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Micah 5: 1-4 **2nd reading:** Heb 10:5-10
Gospel: Lk 1: 39-44

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 16th: Monday 3rd week of Advent
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Tuesday 17th: Tuesday 3rd Week of Advent
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Wednesday 18th: Wednesday 3rd week of Advent
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Thursday 19th: Thursday 3rd week of Advent
Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!

Friday 20th: Friday 3rd week of Advent
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Saturday 21th: Saturday 3rd week of Advent
Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.

MASS TIMES

St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)
• Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
• Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
(72 Victoria St, Fairfield)
• Sunday: 7am

St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)
• Sunday: 9am

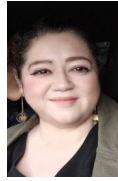
St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
• Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
• Sunday: 9am and 5pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's:
Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

Welcome to the Team!

We are so excited to have Reyna Bran join us as our new Secretary. Your faith, compassion, and talents are a perfect fit for our community. We look forward to getting to know you better and working together to strengthen our mission.



NATIVITY REHERSAL

Rehearsal for families who would like to be part of our Nativity Play will meet **on 15th & 22nd December after the 9am Mass at St Mary's**. We encourage all children to participate and play a role as one of the beloved characters in the Nativity scene. If your child would like to participate, please email the Parish office by the 12th December.



ST MARY'S TRAFFIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends, with the increase of traffic around South Brisbane, St Mary's, it's important for the safety of all people that we work together as a community to look after each other. Drivers will need to enter via Merivale St aware of foot traffic in and around the parking area. Please drive slowly and attentively. Parents, be extra vigilant about children running around the Church, especially near the toilet area, making sure that you take them to the toilet and not letting them go by themselves when necessary.

If you are capable of walking, we invite you to park in neighbouring streets and available car parks to allow room for elderly and latecomers. We have set aside a designated area for parking of Emmanuel City Mission staff and volunteers (behind to the grotto). Please do not park in that area.

We thank you for your prayers, support and cooperation.

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The St Mary's Prayer Group will not be meeting on Tuesday 24 & 31 December and 7th of January.

Prayer Group resumes on Tuesday, 14 January 2024 at 6:30pm.



NEWSLETTER DESIGN

In the New Year we will roll out our new Newsletter design. We wanted to update our look across our media so this will be part of a new re-vamping of things to come in the New Year. We look forward to sharing this with you.

ADVENT GROUPS

Come along to our last Advent Reflection groups where we explore the readings of the day with the resource provided by the diocese. Advent Reflection groups is a great time prepare for Christmas in prayer and scripture reflection. See you there

8:30am Tuesday 17th Dec
6:00pm Thursday 19th Dec

ST FRANCIS TABLE

This year's St. Francis' Table Christmas Party brought together people of all ages for a joyful celebration of faith, friendship, and community. Guests enjoyed carol singing, indoor games, and warm conversation, fostering a spirit of companionship. Morning tea and lunch were provided free of charge. Thank you to all who joined us for this special occasion, and we look forward to more shared moments in the year ahead!



A special thanks to all volunteers who worked behind the scenes and all who have donated cooked food, especially The Batson family for the ham and Fe who donated prawns.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

A reminder that the Parish Office will be closed from 21st of Dec to 5th Jan.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

17th December: Advent Group

19th December : Advent Group

20th December: Last office day

21st December: Carols and Adoration

23rd December: Second Rite of Reconciliation

Christmas Carols before the two Masses at St Francis: 6pm Christmas Eve and 8:30am Christmas Day

DUTTON PARK AND SOUTH BRISBANE PARISH

Christmas Mass Times

24 DEC

4:30PM ST ITA'S DUTTON PARK
6:30PM ST FRANCIS WEST END

7:30PM ST MARY'S SOUTH BRIS

25 DEC

MIDNIGHT ST MARY'S SOUTH BRIS

7AM OLPS FAIRFIELD

9AM ST FRANCIS WEST END

9AM ST MARY'S SOUTH BRIS



Carols & Adoration

7pm-8:30pm,
21st of December,
St Mary's South Brisbane

A mini advent prayer experience, as we sing your favourite Christmas hymns in worship to the baby Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.
Arrive at 6:30 for a 7pm start, no food provided, YA kickons at IGA

Please Register using this Google form for printing out of booklets and if you would like to help us with music/singing/reading

Contact Claire at 0490 202 194 for any questions



When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

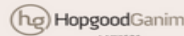
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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

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. 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

