



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December 2024 - Year C

We're swaddled in the joy and anticipation of a newborn child as we journey with Mary who 'went as quickly as she could' to meet with her cousin in the Hill country of Judah. You can feel the excitement leaping from the pages as we listen to our Gospel this weekend. These words have such powerful expressions within our own lives as I'm sure many of you have experienced something similar.

I remember crying tears of joy and relief at the successful birth of my niece, who is now eight years old. So many things need to **go right** at a birth (and even before that) that it is nothing short of a miraculous occasion. Yet, as we know, being part of this broken world, not every birth goes the way it ought. Many families are scarred by an inability to bear children. Miscarriages, unfortunately, are also common events within our families. Some, find different mediums by which they can give birth, and others adopt. Finally, the great tragedy of our generation is the abortion of millions of children a year across the world - certainly not the way a birth ought to happen. This further emphasises the brokenness of this world.

Hyperbole is often employed in the narratives surrounding abortions with the common example being rape. But this narrative tries to undermine the great evil of abortion itself by conflating the situation with the most extreme of cases that barely make up many of the current abortions. Don't hear me saying that these sexual abuse cases don't exist, I know they do, and it's heartbreaking! But often in the face of such hyperbole it distracts us from what truly matters. I don't present this to sour the mood. I don't enjoy talking about abortion or writing about it for that matter, but if not us, then who? Our young brothers and sisters die daily; it's catastrophic!

Pray for our young babies. Pray for our young men and women. Pray for our society. In this season of Christmas as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and hear of the baby in the womb leaping for joy, may we hold onto the beauty, sacredness and dignity of life, in all its stages, and be defenders of the child in the womb. Holy Innocents, Pray for us!

Fr William

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: Micah 5:1-4

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord

The Lord says this:
 you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 the least of the clans of Judah,
 out of you will be born for me
 the one who is to rule over Israel;
 his origin goes back to the distant past,
 to the days of old.
 The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
 till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
 Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
 to the sons of Israel.
 He will stand and feed his flock
 with the power of the Lord,
 with the majesty of the name of his God.
 They will live secure, for from then on he will extend
 his power to the ends of the land.
 He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm:

**Lord, make us turn to you;
 Let us see your face and we shall be saved**

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 Shine forth from your cherubin throne.
 O Lord rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 Look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
 The man you have given your strength.
 And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/**

Second reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:
 You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
 prepared a body for me.
 You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for
 sin; then I said,
 just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, *and you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the handmaid of the Lord:
 let what you have said be done to me.
 Alleluia!



Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Communion Antiphon:

The Virgin is with child, and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 **2nd reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 23rd Monday 4th week of Advent

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Tuesday 24th: Tuesday 4th Week of Advent

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Wednesday 25th: The NATIVITY of the LORD

All the ends the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Thursday 26th: St Stephen, the first Martyr

Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Friday 27th: St John, apostle, evangelist

Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Saturday 28th: The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.

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:

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

NATIVITY REHERSAL

Today is our final rehearsal for families who would like to be part of our Nativity Play will meet **on 22th 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.

Fr. William

ST VINNIES HAMPERS

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful volunteers who helped pack the hampers. Your dedication, hard work, and generosity have made a tremendous impact, and we couldn't have done it without you!

A special thank you to our generous sponsors: All Hallows, St. Ita's, and Greenslopes Hospital. Your continued support has been instrumental in making this effort a success, and we truly appreciate your partnership.

Together, we are bringing hope and joy to our community. Thank you for being a vital part of this incredible initiative!



St. Francis Table Delivers Christmas Hampers to Local Communities

This Christmas, St. Francis Table is proud to have delivered 185 hampers to families in need across Greenslopes, Coorparoo, Buranda, Woolloongabba, South Brisbane, Dutton Park, and West End. These hampers, filled with food and gifts, brought joy and warmth to many in our local communities during the holiday season.

A sincere thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to pack the hampers with care and compassion. Your hard work made this effort a success.

We are also deeply grateful to our generous sponsors and Parishioners who made it all possible, especially Ambrose Treacy College, All Hallows' School, and St Ita's School. Your support has made a significant difference in the lives of those in need, ensuring that they could enjoy a special Christmas.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

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

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

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

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

NEWSLETTER

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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** 4:30 PM ST ITAS DUTTON PARK
- 6:30 PM ST FRANCIS WEST END
- 6:30 PM CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY
- 25 DEC** MIDNIGHT ST MARY'S SOUTH BRIS
- 7 AM OLPS FAIRFIELD
- 9 AM ST FRANCIS WEST END
- 9 AM 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 kick-ons 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?

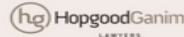
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PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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

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

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 (Back on the of January 2025)

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

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



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