

# Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2025



I give you a commandment:  
love one another.

I was leading a class on Baptism the other day trying to describe to the children light and darkness. Children are fascinating because although they hadn't completely wrapped their head around metaphors, analogy and parable, they were still able to speak profoundly of what it meant to be like light and the things that communicated darkness. At Baptism you're given the light from the Paschal Candle and the prayer is "Receive the light of Christ...this child of yours has been enlightened by Christ...May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts." We entrust this light to parents to be kept burning brightly.

John's Gospel plays with this motif of light and darkness, and this weekend begins with 'When Judas had gone.' Although a short line, it's meaning puts in motion the activity of darkness. Judas, in the shadows, moves to betray the light who is Christ. If we recall back to the beginning of John's Gospel it says, "The Word was the true light that enlightens all people."

Jesus, who came into the world to enlighten all people, and who we honour Jesus in our rituals and Sacraments engage the light, but ultimately, we're called to promote the light. They say that 'darkness is the absence of light', and within the Christian context, I think it's a call for people who have been enlightened by Christ to truly model his example as often as possible. Much like the other saying, 'bad things happen when good people do nothing.'

A lot of bad things are happening in the world as we speak. I lament my limitations seeing the pain that is out there and not being able to respond to all of it. Amidst all the darkness of this world, maybe we might be able to provide a bit of light to those around us. Perhaps we can contribute to the removing the darkness in our homes and social circles.

In fact, it's a mission we were given at our Baptism. Since we were given the light of Christ, and then Confirmed it's presence at Confirmation, we now take the torch out into the world. We can keep it burning brightly by sharing it. How will we pass this light onto someone new this week?

*Fr William*

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.

## Parish Administration

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## Parish Staff

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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

# Readings at Mass

## First Reading

Acts 14: 21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145): 8-13a

**R/ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures **R/**

All your creatures shall than you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R/**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **R/**

## Second Reading

Apocalypse 21: 1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## Gospel Acclamation

John 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 13: 31-33, 34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
'My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



## Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29,

Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8,

Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23,

Jn 14: 23-29



# Upcoming Events & News




**Easter of Hope: A Romero Fundraiser**

**No one should face crisis alone.**  
**Right now, more asylum seekers than ever are coming to the Romero Centre, many fleeing war, violence, and disasters like Cyclone Alfred. With no access to government aid, your support means survival, stability, and hope.**  
**Help them rebuild:**  
<https://romero-centre.supporterhub.net.au/donations/easter-giving-2025>

**Thank You, St. Francis Table Volunteers!**

Your incredible support made our Mother's Day celebration a true success.  
 We're so grateful for your time, care, and dedication.  
 You are the heart of St. Francis Table.





**Pilgrim Virgin Statue - May Invitation**



During the month of May-October the month dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to welcome the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into your home.  
 While the statue is with your family, we encourage you to:  
**Pray the Rosary daily**

Set up a small prayer space for reflection and devotion  
 Grow closer as a family in faith

This is a beautiful opportunity to honour Our Blessed Mother and invite her presence into your home.  
 To arrange a visit, please contact the Parish Office:  
 07 3324 3736  
[stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au)  
[southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au)  
 Let us journey together in prayer this May.




**Sorry Day Prayer Service**

26th May 2025  
 10:30 am  
 Musgrave Park  
 (Near the Croquet Club)



Bring a plate to share for fellowship

Join us as we gather in prayer asking God for healing, reconciliation and truth. All are welcome




**Parish Amalgamation Update: Thank You for Your Feedback**

We appreciate everyone who shared thoughts on our Parish name and Mass times.  
 To find out more, please scan the QR CODE.




**Youth Group**

**St Ita's Primary School**

**23 MAY, 2025**



**Come join us!**

## A few notes:



**The Sisters of Charity of Australia  
2025 Centenary Exhibition**

The Queensland Sisters of Charity are celebrating 100 Years of Service with an exhibition.

**Date** | Sunday 25th May – Sunday 6th July 2025  
**Venue** | Level 2, St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane,  
 411 Main Street, Kangaroo Point  
**Time** | 10:00am – 2:00pm

For further information or to make a booking,  
 please contact Paula Russell at  
[Paula.Russell@svha.org.au](mailto:Paula.Russell@svha.org.au)

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## 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

**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.

**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)