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 Fresh from her encounter with the angel Gabriel, "Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country" to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was herself bursting with pregnancy in her old age. This meeting of two Spirit-filled pregnant women, seeking to understand what God is doing in their lives, is remarkable in the way it captures their very human interaction along with their prophetic voices.
Read Reflection We often hear the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas", and we wonder how to do that. Perhaps Jesus himself gave us the best insight on this. To keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. As Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." At Christmas we have faith that hope, and new life, are breathed into our lives so we may start afresh.

CEO – Christian Religious Instruction Alliance, Queensland (CRIAQ) Part time role. The alliance, made up of 15 denominations across Qld, is looking for a person with a calling to support the ministry of RI in State Schools. RI is the church in Qld's most extensive cooperative ministry. It reaches out to approximately 150,000 children predominantly weekly via over 3000 volunteer instructors. The role is to lead engagement with our key stakeholders – the churches, organisations that provide RI across the state, the Education Department, political parties, foundations/donors/funders- and oversee the deployment of central staff and regionally based staff. The CEO will preferably have executive experience, will be a committed Christian leader For further information, please contact the Chair, Rev. David Baker, on chair@christiari.org.au Ph. 0418 88 06 01 Applications close 24th January 2022

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Position Vacant – Expressions of interest are welcome for reception & admin duties with Prisoners Services - Centacare Pastoral Ministries (South Brisbane location). Those with a strong resolve, confident phone manner, customer service background and excellent computer and database skills are encouraged to reach out. Contribute to a happy & professional team helping vulnerable people to have a better life. For those interested in applying, please get in touch with Seamus Baldwin (HRCoordinator) - baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au

We are pleased to inform you that QCT will be presenting their first Skills For Pastoral Care course (Learning the Language of Healing – Formerly LAB1) in March/April next year. A flyer and brochure with more information are attached. Learning the Language of Healing: An interactive course which will develop your general skills in pastoral care, help you understand how people relate to faith communities in times of stress, and encourage you to be a better listener, particularly in being less defensive in dealing with negativity. Dates: March 25-27th; April 1st – 3rd, "Old Bishopsbourne" St. Francis College, 233 Milton Rd, Milton. <https://act.org.au/images/events/Skills-for-Pastoral-Care-Brochure-2.pdf>



EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:
 St Mary's - South Brisbane;
 St Ita's - Dutton Park;
 St Francis of Assisi - West End &
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Fairfield.
Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 19 December 2021 - Year C**



This **Fourth CANDLE**- symbolize **LOVE** Or **"BETHLEHEM CANDLE"** as a reminder that God's Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.
 Dear Parishioners

We are on the last Sunday of Advent waiting for the coming of the Lord who is the prince of peace. The Gospel of today tells us about the visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. This visit took place a short time after the Incarnation of the Word of God in Mary. Moreover, it was the Angel Gabriel who, in a way, invited Mary to go visit her cousin, who was already six months pregnant at the time. He told her that her kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren, for nothing is impossible to God. So Mary set off in haste to visit her cousin and Luke gives no motive for Mary going in haste to visit Elizabeth. Mary had just conceived, through the action of the Holy Spirit, a son: the very Son of God, Jesus. When she arrived at the home of her cousin Elizabeth, Mary was already in preparation for the coming of the Son of God into the world. She was aware of the task given to her by God and she now prepares for her mission, that of the Mother of God, that mission which consists in bringing into the world a child who is God in person. For her, this preparation will be a support and consolation and fulfilment of the call.
 Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap
 Parish Priest

Christmas Mass Instructions

Restrictions are as follows: (to date)
2 of our churches will be allocated booking via Eventbrite - allocated seating (capped at 200)
 This applies to:
St Ita's Church <http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com>
Christmas Eve Friday 24th
 St Ita's Christmas Vigil Mass 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30 carols)
St Mary's Church
<http://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com/>
Christmas Eve Friday 24th
 St Mary's Christmas Vigil Mass 6.30pm Parish Mass (6.00 carols)
Christmas Day Saturday 25th
 St Mary's Christmas Day Mass 9.00am
2 of our churches will be running at 1 person per 2 square metres - ie, you do not have to pre-register, simply turn up early and scan the Check in Code at the front of the church on arrival and show the tick to the Marshals. Doors will close when capacity is reached.
 This applies to:
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (no pre booking)
 Christmas Day 7am
St Francis of Assisi Church: (no pre booking)
 Christmas Day 9am (Carols 8.30am)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—by Parish

Dutton Park West End Parish

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
<http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com>
St Ita's 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30pm Carols)
St Ita's 8.00pm Mass Indonesian
Christmas Day Saturday 25th December
OLPS Fairfield 7.00am Mass
St Francis 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)
St Ita's 10.30am Mass Indonesian
Boxing Day Sunday 26th December
 (normal mass restrictions apply—no need to pre-book)
OLPS 7.00am Mass
St Francis 9.00am Mass
St Ita's 10.30am (Indonesian)


St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

<http://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com/>
Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
St Mary's 6.30pm Mass (6.00pm Carols)
Christmas Day Saturday 25th December
St Mary's 9.00am Mass

Boxing Day Sunday 26th December
 (normal mass restrictions apply—no need to pre-book)
St Mary's 9.00am Mass
St Mary's 5.00pm Mass

Please Note:
 St Ita's and St Mary's Christmas masses are via Eventbrite booking capped at 200. MUST PRE REGISTER
 Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Francis of Assisi Church are operating under 1 person per 2 sm—no need to pre-register. Arrive early and scan Check in Qld App before entry. Doors will close one capacity reached.

MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm
 Youth Mass: 4th Sunday 5pm
 (Anointing 1st Friday of each month)
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Sunday: 9am
St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

CONFESSION
St Mary's Church:
 Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: By appointment contact parish office

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FB: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/>
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 OLPS Church: Paul Hogan 0418 742 760
 St Francis of Assisi Church: Liam Cunnane 0477 306 166
 St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205

Readings at Mass

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle—LOVE

Let us pray: O God of Love, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may so dwell in him that his perfect love fills our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate your love and are made ready to show that love to the whole world - both today - and forevermore. Amen.

First reading Micah 5:1-4

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 Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19 R.v.4 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 cherubim 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 Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-44 Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

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 Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Isaiah 52:7-10; 2nd reading: Heb 1:1-6; Gospel: John 1:1-18

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 20th:
R/ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.
Tuesday 21st:
R/ Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.
Wednesday 22nd:
R/ My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.
Thursday 23rd:
R/ Lift up your heads high and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Can You Help—flowers & helpers needed!

There are several areas of need at our churches:

- ◆ **Flowers**—do you have flowering bushes, shrubs trees, orchids, colourful foliage you are willing to donate each week, once a month or occasionally?
- ◆ **Power Point operators**—St Francis
- ◆ **General areas of need** for all of our churches Please speak with our Church Coordinators after mass.

St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly

This ministry will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays and will resume on 7th February 2022

Parish Office Closure



The Parish office will be closed from
2pm Thursday 23rd Dec and will reopen 9am
Monday 17th January 2022

GET THE NEWSLETTER EMAILED WEEKLY—

Email Distribution List

We currently email our newsletter to a couple of hundred parishioners each week. If you are not receiving an email newsletter from the parish office weekly or know of another parishioner who does not please email southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au or call 38442744 to request being added to our Email Distribution List

This is also the first list of people who receive updates re changes to masses etc.

**We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
John Eric Wiley and Leslie Robert Wiley
11.12.2016**

ATTN: VOLUNTEERS—COVID-19

An update has been released from the Archdiocese for the Vaccination Policy in regards to the parishes. This will continue to be updated as events unfold over the coming months. **'Volunteers who distribute Holy Communion at Mass should be fully vaccinated. Additionally, the wearing of a mask while distributing Holy Communion is strongly recommended for clergy and these volunteers.'**

If you volunteer in any of the below roles you must email through your digital vaccination certificate with the HIR Number redacted (covered for your privacy) directly to the Parish Office at southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

At the moment the roles affected are:

- Safeguarding Offices
- Admin work in parish office
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to sick (Private Residence etc)
- Outreach – (this includes all St Francis Table volunteers and anyone who assists our Pastoral Coordinator in outreach of any type.)
- Children's Liturgy Leaders and Helpers
- Youth Coordinator
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Altar Server Coordinators and now
- Eucharistic Ministers for the Mass

Give Real Change this Christmas - Fuel for Change: Dhaka Gift Cards available now

Charity, [Fuel for Change: Dhaka](https://fuel4change.org) was started by parishioner, Claire Hanratty and her husband, Mark Jones, with a goal of eliminating firewood in Dhaka's slums. Mark completed his PhD in 2020 focussing on energy justice in the slums of Dhaka in Bangladesh. There are approximately 5,000 slums in Dhaka with more than 4million people living in them. It is estimated that 60% of these people cook with firewood with the associated negative impacts on health, education, employment. In just 3 months more than 550 stoves have been delivered but there is a huge amount more to do. To find out more and donate, please visit <https://fuel4change.org>. If you are looking for a Christmas gift idea, gift cards are available, <https://fuel4change.org/gift-card/>. All donations and gift card purchases are tax-deductible.



Parish Leadership Retreat

Are you a Parish Priest or Associate Pastor? Do you sit on a Pastoral Council or Finance Council or lead a ministry in your parish? This retreat is for you. As leaders in the Church, the call to leadership comes from God and the grace and strength to lead comes from our ongoing, ever-deepening relationship with God. In February 2022, the Evangelisation Brisbane Parish Leadership Team will be hosting an inaugural leadership retreat for parish leaders, both clergy and laity, providing a place of encounter and an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit might be saying to you in 2022. Facilitated by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Formation, it will include Mass, input, personal prayer and an opportunity for sharing. This retreat is for anyone in your parish who has a leadership role, particularly those part of the Parish Leadership Network:

- Parish Priests/Chaplains
- Associate Pastors
- Pastoral Associates
- Members of Pastoral Councils and Finance Councils

Ministry team leaders (e.g. Youth Coordinator, Sacramental Coordinator)

Details: 9:00am to 4:00pm Saturday 12 February 2022
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)
\$50pp (includes morning tea and lunch) RSVP:
Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/leadershipretreat>
Registrations close Monday 7th February"

Parish Activities in 2021

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 10.00am | monthly
2nd Saturday St Mary's, South Brisbane
3rd Saturday St Ita's, Dutton Park

Family preparation sessions on the Fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.00am. Bookings essential.

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am
1st Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church
Sunday 9.00am St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
(School term only — check dates on website)

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

Monthly 1st & 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday of the month | St Mary's Church 5pm

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for becoming part of our community.

PLANNED GIVING FOR 1ST & 2ND COLLECTIONS

Please consider giving to our planned giving program

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committed parishioners who financially support our parish every week. As you can imagine the cost of running and the upkeep of a parish this size takes a considerable amount and we ask that you prayerfully consider committing to assist our planned giving program. The easiest most hassle free way for you to do this is via our Direct Debit Program. Click on the links below to download the separate forms for each parish. Our parishes are separate with individual accounts—please download the correct one for you, complete and email back to the parish office directly

Dutton Park Parish:

Download: <https://duttonparkcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/DUTTON-PARK-PARISH-collections-DD-FORM.pdf>
Email: stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au

St Mary's Parish:

Download: <https://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/South-Brisbane-Parish-DDR-1st-2nd-Collection.pdf> Email: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

Other ways of giving:

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: 100 022 825 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
(Please always use Reference of Your Last Name and the word Collections)

We also have **Tap n Go** see church coordinator at mass.