



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

Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars



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.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 19th November 2023

Good News Reflection:

Well done, my good and faithful servant!

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!"

Ouch.

We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or "Someone else can do it better than I can" or "God can't be telling me to do that" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health" or "I'm retired now and I've been waiting a long time to finally focus on my own desires."

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world.

What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth.

Have you ever been challenged by the question: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil to happen?" The answer is: It's not God that allows it. It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords and embracing arms. Jesus truly wants to make our world more heavenly, but too many of us have seemingly good reasons to bury the gifts that could make a difference. Indeed, this is wicked laziness!

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Welcome to New Parishioners

Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 5pm

St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)

- Sunday: 9am

St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
(Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

St Mary's Church

Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

St Ita's Church

By appointment (contact parish office)

More information:

Websites: - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

FB: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/
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- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
- OLPS Church: Paul Hogan (0418 742 760)

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 127(128):1-5

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R/**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. **R/**

Second reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you,
brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come
like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying,
'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a
pregnant woman; and there will be no way for any-
body to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers,
for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are
all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not be-
long to the night or to darkness, so we should not go
on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide
awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 25:14-15,19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The king-
dom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who
summoned his servants and entrusted his property
to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two,

to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then
he set out.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants
came back and went through his accounts with them.
The man who had received the five talents came for-
ward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted
me with five talents; here are five more that I have
made.'"

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Reflection Prayer:

Good Father, I will do everything possible with the
help of Your grace to ensure that when You call me
home, I will hear from Your lips the beautiful words:
"Well done, My good and faithful servant...Come
share your Master's joy." Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 20th:

Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.

Tuesday 21st: Memorial (The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary)

The Lord upholds me.

Wednesday 22nd: Memorial (St Cecilia)

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Thursday 23rd:

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Friday 24th: Memorial (Sts Andrew Dung Lac and companions)

We praise your glorious name, O mighty God

Saturday 25th:

I will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Christ the King Sunday

1st reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is homebound and wishes
to receive Holy Communion at their home, please
contact the Parish Office (details at the back page).

MASS INTENTION

If you wish to have a mass intention for your depart-
ed loved ones, please use the envelope provided at
the foyer of the Churches.

Please print the names for whom the mass is intend-
ed clearly with the specific date of the mass, and
hand it in to the Priest/Church Coordinator.



NOVEMBER MASSES

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Parishioners are requested to place your mass intentions for the Souls in the basket provided in front of the Altar.



THE SIGN 2023 Advent Reflection

Please join us in our weekly Advent reflection starting on:

Tuesday 5 December - 6pm
At St Francis' meeting room



Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing.

Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'



Please join us:
Monday 27 November
4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music
Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola
Director of Music: Christopher Trikalis

2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00PM
FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WEST END CONFERENCE



Supporting families in the West End, Dutton Park, Highgate Hill, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas

You can help in 2 ways...

1. DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS: (Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of our churches)

- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Tea & Coffee
- Cordials
- Soft drinks
- Popper juices
- Christmas cakes
- Mince pies
- Tinned fruits
- Biscuits
- Nuts
- Chips & lollies
- Woolworths 'groceries only' gift cards
- Pastas
- Rice
- Noodles
- Pastas sauces
- Tinned veggies
- Baked bean, etc
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned turkey
- Stir-fry sauces
- Target gift cards
- Coles gift cards

(Please ensure all food is within use by dates)

2. MAKE A MONEY DONATION

Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each Church. Envelopes are available.

Free Advent and Christmas Resources for kids

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of resources to help children engage with the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, including:

- Advent candle holder and baby Jesus Christmas tree ornament craft activities
- Little Nativity pray and play pack
- Weekly Advent Minute video series
- Christmas carol lyrics and action videos
- Nativity story animated video
- A printable Advent Calendar with daily activity ideas.

All of these resources can be accessed for free at tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023



INVITATION TO WITNESSES OF FAITH TOUR THIS NOVEMBER

ACN will be touring around Australia & NZ with International Guests for our 2023 Witnesses of Faith Tour.

The guests include: His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church - Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem, and all the East Mr Xavier Stephen Bisits, ACN Head of Projects, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt Sr Majella Dogonyaro OP, Dominican Sister, Northern Nigeria.

The event will be held in Brisbane on Friday 24th of November, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Australian Catholic University, Banyo Campus.

Find out more and or register you interest at www.aidtochurch.org/2023-tour



VOLUNTEERS..... WE NEED YOU!



Co.As.It. is seeking volunteers who love to spend time and make a difference in the lives of older people. We are specifically seeking people from particular linguistic and cultural backgrounds visiting at home or in aged care centres. All that is required is one hour per fortnight and a smile. If this sounds like you, come and be part of our volunteer team.

Please call Sarina, Luisa or Loretta on 3624 6100 or email us at lorettai@coasit.asn.au.

Queensland Irish Choir

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

Enjoy an afternoon of Celtic Song and Music



Musical Director: David O'Keeffe
Accompanist: Tim Li

Featuring Celtic Musicians
Tom and Brendan

Tickets
\$20 Adults \$10 u15 years
Online <https://www.tivbooking.com/CIQCA>
At the Door (if not previously sold out)

When and Where
2.00 pm Sunday 26 November 2023
Doors Open 1.30 pm
Chernside-Kedron Community Church
(Cnr Gympie and Rode Roads)

Enquiries 0493 455 487

Advent Concert Series St Stephen's Cathedral December 2023



5pm Saturday 2nd
Advent Vespers
Cathedral Schola #

5pm Sunday 3rd
Dominic Perissinotto
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 10th
Christopher Trikilis
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 17th
(in the Chapel)
Susan Collins (violin) *

3pm Saturday 23rd
Christmas Carol Service #

Free Admission
* Ticketed Admission



When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's (Booking is essential.)

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)

- Saturday - 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS (School term only)

- 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita'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

Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

Your continued support for 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](#)

Other ways of giving 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: 100 022 825
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go**
see Church Coordinator at Mass.

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

