

Parish Activities in 2020

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 10.00am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis of Assisi, West End
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.

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION Resumes 18 January 2021

Monday to Friday: 12-2pm at St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Prayer Group: Tuesday 7pm at St Mary's Church
website: awaken.org.au

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

3rd Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm

ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

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.

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Update your details

If your details have changed let the parish office know so that we can update our database as we move into a fresh new start for 2021



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



4th Sunday of Advent 20 December 2020 - Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The coming of the Messiah is the culmination of the Old Testament covenants. The readings throughout Advent have shown us that the Incarnation is the event upon which all of God's promises converge. The first reading and the psalm focus in particular on God's covenant with David, in which God promises to "establish [David's] dynasty for ever and set up [his] throne through all ages" (Ps 88(89):3-4). Jesus is, of course, of David's dynasty. Daily we pray at Morning Prayer (Lauds) the Benedictus: "He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant."

In the Gospel, Jesus' lineage is narrow wed dramatically to that of the Holy Family. We hear of Joseph, Jesus' adoptive father, who is "of the House of David" and of the virgin Mary. Most especially we hear recounted the event that facilitated the Incarnation, when the angel Gabriel explained God's plan to a young virgin. At the Annunciation, Our Lady consented to cooperate in God's plan in a spirit of total trust: "Be it done unto me according to thy word." A virgin will bear a son and "his name will be called Emmanuel" (Is 7:14).

In this last newsletter before Christmas, I will leave the last word to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: "on that Holy Night, in taking flesh God wanted to make a gift of himself to men and women, he gave himself for us; God made his Only

Son a gift for us, he took on our humanity to give his divinity to us" (General Audience, 9 January 2013). A blessed Christmastide to one and all!

Yours in Christ,
Dcn. Adam

Exciting News

Christmas Masses can now operate at full capacity under the following conditions:

- Attendees are ticketed via pre-registration
- Maximum seated capacity (varies with each pew & church -No standing)
- Contact details MUST be registered with Marshal

Please extend an invitation to your family, friends and neighbours to join us during this very special and Holy time of the Liturgical year. It's been very challenging for many, Let's use this festive season to gather and seek peace and comfort. We welcome all believers, non-believers and those who seek to return to our faith. We still have available seats at all our churches for your presence!

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—by Parish

NOTE—Online Registration Bookings will be open Monday 7 Dec 12 noon

Dutton Park West End Parish



Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

St Ita's 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30pm Carols)
St Ita's 6.00pm Children's/Family Mass
St Ita's 7.30pm Mass Indonesian
St Ita's 11.30pm Mass Indonesian

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield 7.00am Mass
St Ita's 10.30am Mass Indonesian
St Francis 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)

Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

St Ita's 5.00pm Vigil

Sunday 27th December

OLPS 7.00am
St Francis 9.00am
St Ita's 10.30am (Indonesian)



St Mary's Parish South Brisbane



Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

St Mary's 7.00pm Mass (6.30pm Carols)

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

St Mary's 9.00am Mass
St Mary's 5.00pm Mass

Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

St Mary's 8.00am Mass

Sunday 27th December

St Mary's 9.00am
St Mary's 5.00pm



Please Note: As numbers are still restricted and we will not be able to fit all that would like to attend a Christmas Mass, Fr Joshy has invited you to attend one mass over the four day period.

All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

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: Sat: 4-4.50pm

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Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:
'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 88:2-5,27,29

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages. **R/**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R/**

Second reading Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

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

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

'You will conceive and bear a son'

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3
2nd reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12 17-19 Gospel Lk 2:22-40

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 21st:

R/ Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones;
sing a new song to him.

Tuesday 22nd:

R/ My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.

Wednesday 23rd:

R/ Lift your heads high and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Thursday 24th:

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Friday 25th:

The NATIVITY of the LORD (Solemnity)

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

Saturday 26th:

St Stephen, the first martyr (Feast)

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

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

ADVENT CANDLES

FOURTH CANDLE-we light the final candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. It symbolizes "PEACE" or "ANGELS" **CANDLE**" it reminds us of the /Angels message:
"Peace on earth, Good will toward Men."

REGISTRATION TO ATTEND PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES

Seats are still available at all Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th

St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass): **5pm** (carols 4.30)

Register to Eventbrite

[Http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com](http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com)

St Ita's Church (Family Mass): **6pm**

Register to Sarah Atchison

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St Mary's Church **7.00pm** (Carols 6.30pm)

<https://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com.au/>

Christmas Day Friday 25th

• **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: - 7am**

Register to Elvis Chua on 0450 029 410

or email elvis_chua@yahoo.com

• **St Francis of Assisi Church: 9am** (Carols 8.30am)

Register to Eventbrite

<http://stfrancisofofassiswestend.eventbrite.com/>

• **St Mary's Church - 9am and 5pm**

<https://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com.au/>

Important Notes

- We ask if you are unwell, please do not attend mass.
- Covid-19 protocols are in place.
- All children and infants must be registered

If you unable to attend after booking - Please advise related Registrar directly as soon as possible by phone or email, this will enable the Marshal to allocate your seat to another person.

(Note: the Parish Office is unattended on weekends)

Pastoral Update

A massive effort by Sr Salvacion and her team at St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly as they prepared an incredible amount of hampers to be distributed to the elderly this week. A huge thank you to those who have donated towards these bountiful gifts and the volunteers who work tirelessly in the heat, packing and distributing—with huge beaming smiles on their faces all the time. You are all such a blessing to this parish and the ministry of service.



Parish Office 24th Dec—19th January



The Parish Office will be closed from
2pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020 and
reopen 9am on Tuesday 19th January .
We wish you all the best this Christmas Season

Volunteers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer who works to ensure the churches function each and every week. You are the heart of our parishes and we would like to honour you for all you do.

The St Ita's Music Team has grown this year and it is great to hear such positive feedback from the visitors. All of our music teams welcome new members, enquire today.

If you would like to be a part of our volunteer team, speak with our church coordinators after mass.

Archdiocesan Communications Office

PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT – THE 'CARE FIRST' APPROACH WORKS BEST As you may be aware, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation will come before parliament in mid-2021. This is a complex life ethics issue and requires action from those who support palliative care and accompanying the sick and vulnerable as the more compassionate way of caring for the terminally ill. There are still options for those who are opposed to euthanasia/assisted suicide and adding your voice to the following petition is one of them. Although this is a secular based petition, please note it is perfectly in harmony with the Catholic position on VAD, in that:

- we support better funding of palliative care instead of legislating VAD
- Faced with a new parliament hosting many first time members, it's wise to follow due legislative process and allow a proper parliamentary committee scrutiny of the new draft legislation

To show your concern about the legislation of VAD, please stand with thousands of other Queenslanders and visit the e-petition page at: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>