

## 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.

### PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

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

### ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

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

1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church (School Term Only)

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 3rd Monday: 10am - 1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

### YOUTH MASS

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

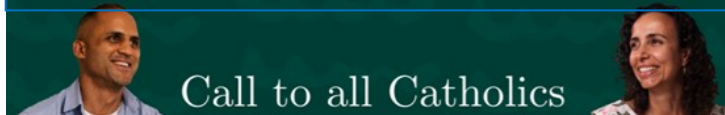
#### NEW PARISHIONERS

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.



## Call to all Catholics

Remember to keep praying for an opening of hearts, invite and accompany those who are seeking, welcome new faces and hand out fliers

For the past two years, at the invitation of the Archbishop, a group of Spiritual Directors in the Brisbane area have worked together to create a network of people who aim to assist those seeking spiritual accompaniment. This has led to the creation of a webpage on the Archdiocesan website that provides individuals with information about spiritual direction and the contact details of available Brisbane Spiritual Directors.



## BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Are you seeking some spiritual guidance and companionship?*

It is on offer for everyone through the Archdiocesan Spiritual Directors Network.

This can be accessed easily via the website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

There you will see a list of directors. The choice is yours.

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## Sacrament of Penance

**Information Night this coming Wednesday 24 February  
 6pm St Ita's Church Dutton Park**

Enrolments are closing this week. Please download the Enrolment Form from the Website and send through to the parish office urgently

<http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/>

Pope Francis mentions the beauty of confession in his Ash Wednesday Homily, ".....we need to return to Jesus.... our journey then is about letting Him take us by the hand. Our response to God's invitation, involves heartfelt reconciliation, "with the deeds and practices that express it."

For a lot of us as parents, we may believe our children do not need the Sacrament of Penance because of our mindsets from how we may have been taught as children. But as we seek to teach our children to follow the right path and develop a relationship with God that will see them through all the ups and downs of life, to be able to hear Him and seek their purpose in this life, the sacrament of penance and the habit of daily connecting with God is such an important step. When we daily seek connection with God, little things can hold us back from hearing His voice, wrong attitudes, thoughts, a small argument we had with our mum or dad, these can block us from hearing God. In coming to our Father and simply saying sorry, receiving his forgiveness is like opening the floodgates wide to sit in the beauty of His presence and to connect with our God. This is the start of the commencement of a lasting relationship with Him.

We encourage you to come along to the information night with your child and discover more about this amazing sacrament.

*Be still and know that I am God Psalm 46:10*

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## 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*



## First Sunday of Lent 21 February 2021 - Year B

Dear Parishioners

With Ash Wednesday we began the season of lent; forty days of fasting and prayer. On this first Sunday let us reflect more about the significance of those forty days in the scripture. This number is connected to Jesus who spent 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness. In the Old Testament 40 days was often seen as a significant period of testing and preparation for entering into a covenant relationship with God. In the days of Noah, God judged the earth and destroyed its inhabitants in a great flood because of their idolatry and total rejection of God. Noah and his family were spared because they obeyed God and took refuge in the ark for 40 days. When the flood subsided God made a covenant with Noah and promised that he would not destroy the human race again. Jesus came to fulfil that promise.

When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, he brought them into the wilderness of Sinai. Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and remained there in prayer and fasting for 40 days (Exodus 24:18). At the conclusion of this 40-day encounter God made a covenant with Moses and the people. After the prophet Elijah had confronted the sin of idolatry (the worship of false gods) in the land of Israel and destroyed the 400 priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), he fled into the wilderness and journeyed for 40 days to the mountain of God at Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). There God spoke with Elijah and commissioned him to pass on the work of restoring the worship of the one true God in the land. After Jesus was anointed by the Spirit in the waters of the Jordan River, he journeyed to the wilderness of Judea for 40 days to prepare himself for the mission which the Father sent him to accomplish - to offer up his life as the per-

fect atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross he won for us a new and everlasting covenant which fulfilled and surpassed all the previous covenants which God had made with his people.

Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap Parish Priest

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS ARE CHANGING.

If you pay collections or any form of donations directly into our bank accounts via internet transfer **YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR PAYMENT TO REFLECT THE NEW NUMBERS URGENTLY.** If the numbers are not updated by March your payment may not process to our accounts.

BSB: for all accounts 064-786

#### St Mary's

##### Main Church Acc:

Acc No: 100 009 890

Acc Name: St Mary's Catholic Church

##### Restoration Account :

Acc No: 100 021 220

Acc Name: St Mary's Restoration

#### Dutton Park Parish:

##### Main Church Acc:

Acc No: 100 022 825

Acc Name: Dutton Park Catholic Parish

*If you require any other account numbers, eg fundraising, etc etc please contact our parish office*

### 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

### ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**FB:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/>

**Dutton Park website:** [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)

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**Parish Secretary:** Bernadette Maguire

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#### Safeguarding Officers:

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OLPS Church: Elvis Chua 045 0 029 410.

St Francis of Assisi Church: Liam Cunnane 0477 306 166

St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205

## Readings at Mass

### Entrance Antiphon **cf. Ps 90: 15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### First reading **Genesis 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 24:4-9. R. cf. v.10**

**R/ Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

### Second reading **1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel **Mark 1:12-15**

**He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

### Communion Antiphon

**Mt 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Sunday's readings: 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18;  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Rom 8:31-34: Gospel Mk 9:2-10

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### This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

#### Monday 22nd: **The Chair of St Peter (Feast)**

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### Tuesday 23rd:

**R/ From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.**

#### Wednesday 24th:

**R/ A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.**

#### Thursday 25th:

**R/ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

#### Friday 26th:

**R/ If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?**

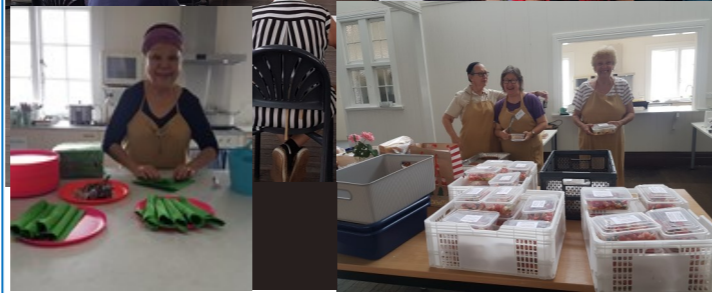
#### Saturday 27th:

**R/ Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

## St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly

St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly was put to an immediate halt as COVID struck us last year. With tremendous planning and praying, we were delighted to resume this Ministry this week under strict COVID guidelines. The hall was filled with laughter, joy and happiness as we gathered in the warmth of each other's company. We prayed together, sung hymns and enjoyed some light refreshments. Many thanks to Sr Salvacion and her amazing team of volunteers who made this possible, you are all truly amazing!

(Adele, parishioner and volunteer)



## Lenten Reflection

### Pope at Ash Wednesday Mass: 'Lent is a journey of return to God'

Pope Francis celebrates Mass on Ash Wednesday in St. Peter's Basilica, and urges Christians to experience Lent as a return journey toward the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

By Devin Watkins

As the Church begins the holy season of Lent, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for Ash Wednesday, with the blessing and imposition of ashes. In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on Lent as a journey of return to God and as an opportunity to deepen our love of our brothers and sisters. God, said the Pope, is appealing to our hearts and our entire being, inviting us to Him. "It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking," he said, "to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends." From slavery to freedom He urged Christians to evaluate the direction our lives are headed and how steadfastly we walk along our path toward God. "The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom," he said. As we progress, we will feel tempted to return to our old habits and illusions. But, noted the Pope, we can rediscover our way by looking to the Word of God, no matter how many times we stumble. To the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Pope Francis said the first step of Lent involves returning to the Father, by accepting God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. "It is the Father's forgiveness that always set us back on our feet," he said. Next, he said, we need to return to Jesus. Like the leper who returned to thank Him, we too "need Jesus' healing. We need to present our wounds to Him and say: 'Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You are the physician. You can set me free. Heal my heart.'" Then, said the Pope, we are invited to return to the Holy Spirit. The ashes sprinkled on our heads, he pointed out, remind us that we are dust. "Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life." In heartfelt reconciliation

To read the full article or listen to the homily visit <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-ash-wednesday-mass-lent-return-god.html>

## Volunteers

**Training on Saturday 6th March** after the vigil mass at St Ita's Church for everyone who would like to volunteer in the areas of **flower arrangement, Altar arrangement and Sacristy arrangement.**

**St Francis : Musicians required**—are you gifted at play the guitar, piano or any instrument? You are welcome to join our music team. Also assistants that can train and help create the power points and operate the system for a mass roster.

**Care taker for St Francis Hall and grounds**—suit retired person who lives close. Light duties, bins, cobwebs, occasional call outs.

**St Ita's—URGENTLY REQUIRED** a team to assist the Marshall and checking in process, ushers etc if you are able to help with the registration and seating help at the Vigil Mass please contact the parish office urgently.

**Readers and singers** (Music Ministry) for St Ita's Vigil  
**Children's Liturgy Helpers** St Ita's Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm and St Mary's 9am Sunday Mass—

**St Mary's:** volunteers required to assist with the opening of the church Mon—Fri 12-2pm for quiet prayer.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

## Stations of the Cross



Every Friday night during Lent from 7.00pm  
at **St Mary's Church.**

**Starting tonight 19th February**

## Parish Lenten Reflection



Our Parish Lenten Reflection  
**Comfort Tuesday 23 February**  
and each Tuesday evening at  
6.30pm—7.30pm until March 23

Comfort is a Lenten Program put together by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong 'I pray that as you enter into this Lenten season you will experience, through these reflections, the continued grace of the Paschal Mystery through which God has revealed to all of us the great love that God has for each one of us. Our purpose, through our own knowledge and love of Jesus, is to make him known by being his body in the world in which we live. This is not an easy thing to do, but as we reflect upon the grace given to us by God, all things are possible.' Most Rev Brian G Mascord To attend please contact the parish office to register, thank you.: [southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Parish and School Family Mass

### Family Mass is Back 27th February St Ita's Vigil Mass 5pm



If you and your family would like to join in our family mass please register at Eventbrite <http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com> This is a mass where the family and children from our parish and St Ita's School share in the music, readings and activities.

New families welcome. If you would like to be a part of this special monthly mass please contact Liam O'Rourke [lorourke@watpac.com.au](mailto:lorourke@watpac.com.au) to be included in the roster. Please note that due to covid restrictions there will be no sausage sizzle in 2021



**Project Compassion Be More—This Lent, join millions of Australians who want to end poverty and injustice in**

our world. "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" St Oscar Romero Each week our envelopes share a story from a different part of the world where your assistance is helping. Our Week 1 envelopes start this Sunday on the 1st Sunday of Lent and they share a story from Bangladesh pick up your envelopes now to support. Envelopes and Boxes are ready for you to collect at the back of the church.



### Position Vacant – Chaplaincy Secretary

Applications are open for the above position at the Latin American Catholic Community. The position is a part-time 18 hours per week position. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.