

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22nd May 2022 - Year C

The key to successfully loving as Jesus loves

As this Sunday's Gospel reading points out, to love Jesus means to live by his commandments and teachings. In our hearts, we do want to do this. We want to honor Christ by imitating him. We want to love like Jesus loves. We know that God dwells in us when we do this.

However, it isn't easy. Every day, stuff happens that challenges our ability to keep his word and imitate his ways. Either we forget what Jesus would have done in a similar situation, or we don't know. When people afflict us with their faults and failings and unloving behaviors, we fumble around in uncertainty and guesswork and sinful reactions.

There is no list in scripture that spells out clearly how to follow Christ in each and every circumstance: "If such-and-such occurs, apply Godly Principle #127.'

This is why Jesus assured us that he'd give us his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to remind us of Jesus and his holy ways every time we face another challenging situation, from the moment we wake up in the morning till the moment we're sleeping again.

So then, our problem is not that we don't know how to keep the commandments of Christ. Our problem is that we forget to rely on the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to keep the commandments. Or we don't know how to be aware of his guidance. We have God's full assistance, but we react to life's challenges as if we must handle it by ourselves.

Here's a spiritual exercise that can help you remember to stay open-eared to the sound of Holy Spirit guiding you: Sanctify each hour. Set your watch or a timer app on your cell phone to beep an alarm at the top of each hour. Whenever it beeps, say a few words thanking the Holy Spirit for being with you and guiding you through the next sixty minutes. After doing this for few weeks, you'll become automatically and constantly aware of the presence of God and his ever-available help.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How often do you pray specifically to the Holy Spirit for guidance and insight and understanding? What would you like the Holy Spirit to explain to you right now? Ask for the help, and then wait, watch and listen for God to open your heart to the truth. © 2022 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com. Printed by permission.

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 PARISH ADMINISTRATION **St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane) Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass) Sunday: 9am and 5pm Parish Deacon: Deacon Adam Walk Email: <u>walka@bne.catholic.net.au</u> Pastoral Coordinator: Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI Parish Secretary: Niken Westerman Finance Officer: Kevin Bhasin Parish Youth: couthbrichene@bno.catholic.net 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) Safeguarding Officers: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Victoria St, Fairfield) • St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205) • St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166) • Sunday: 7am • St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321) CONFESSION OLPS Church: Vania Lobo (0435 935 925) St Mary's Church Fri: 7.30am-8am | Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm St Ita's Church

By appointment (contact parish office)

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading (Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8)

R: O God, let all the nation praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/** Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/** Let the peoples praise you. O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Second reading (Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23)

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for

it.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14: 23)

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel (John 14: 23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Communion Antiphon (Jn 14: 15-16)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings:

1st reading: Acts 1: 1-11

2nd reading: Heb 9: 24-28, 10: 19-23

Gospel: Luke: 24: 46-53

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 23rd:

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Tuesday 24th: Solemnity (Our Lady, Help of Christians)

Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve, nor punish us for our faults.

Wednesday 25th:

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Thursday 26th: **Memorial (St Philip Neri)** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Friday 27th: God is king of all the earth.

Saturday 28th: God is king of all the earth.

STEWARDS#IP May 22, 2022 6th Sunday of Easter

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome.

Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

(Accessed on May 13, 2022 from www.archstl.org/ about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly- biblereflections)

World Communications Day 2022

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 22 this year).



Pope Francis' message this year focuses on the importance of "Listening with the ear of the heart". The Australian Catholic Me-

dia Council has produced social media resources and homily notes for the celebration. Access resources at <u>www.catholic.org.au/wc</u>d

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (29 May - June 5, 2022)

"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (cf Matthew 2:2)

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in Brisbane will be hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane:

Date: Friday 3 June at 11am

Venue: St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, City. All Christians are welcome.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home



The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue home family visitation is to aid families in responding to the requests made by the Blessed Mary during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her requests is threefold: return to God; make reparation for sins; pray the Rosary for Peace.

To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue from May to October please contact the Parish Office.

SIGNS OF OUR TIME

You are invited to join us online for the official launch by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Signs of Our Times initiative.



When: Tuesday 31 May 2022 | Time: 6pm - 7pm

Pope Francis wants the Church to be on the streets where people are facing their daily struggles. Signs of Our Times encourages Catholics to do just that . It promotes accompaniment of people on the peripheries of society as an essential element of Catholic social action. It also fosters social action which is firmly grounded in scripture, the Church's social tradition and prayer. Jesus Christ is firmly at the centre of the action promoted by Signs of Our Times.

Learn how Signs of Our Times can support your efforts to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God. Also find out about exciting initiatives in which you can get involved. Join us by registering at: <u>Bit.ly/SOOTlaunch</u>

Signs of Our Times is a joint initiative of the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Office for Justice Ecology & Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY 2022 Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of seminarians in formation at

Holy Spirit Seminary. With your support, these young men are being formed and educated to be leaders for our faith and Church.

As in previous years, we have prepared Holy Spirit Seminary prayer calendars and posters - you will see the fifteen young men in formation there (calendars & poster at the Church's reception area). Please pray for our seminarians.

www.catholicfoundsation.org.au/seminary

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation

Reconciliation Week Event!

An Evening With: Dr Noritta Morseu-Diop Welcome to Country: Gaya Kerry Charlton

Noritta has specialised in understanding the experiences of incarcerated Indigenous people, a topic she examined in depth through her PhD thesis & book: *Healing in Justice: Giving a Voice to the Silent and Forgotten People.*

Her ancestry extends from Aboriginal Australia to the Kulkalgal Nation and to the Dauareb Clan of the Meriam Nation. She has lived in Brisbane for nearly 40 years and worked as a grassroots social worker for 30 years in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Queensland in the areas of grief, loss, trauma, mental health, criminal justice, social, cultural, emotional and environmental health and wellbeing and community development.

Noritta is now developing a 'A Cultural Wellness & Yarning Place' at:

QCU Building 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane Friday 4 th June 6 – 8pm [arrive from 5:30] RSVP Phone 0401 733 359

email: office@antarqld.org.au

This is a FREE event and the first on ANTaR Qld's calendar for 2022.

PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022

BAPTISMS

2nd Saturday - 9.30am: St Mary's Church (Family preparation sessions on the 4th Tuesday -Bookings essential.)

ADORATION Sunday 4-5pm: St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday 5pm: St Ita's Church 1st Sunday 7am: OLPS Fairfield
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

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

FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church (School term only - check dates on website)

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly 1st and 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

SUPPORT FOR DUTTON PARK PARISH & ST MARY'S SOUTH BRISBANE PARISH

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 download one of the form below, complete and email back to the parish office directly.

Dutton Park Parish download: Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form

St Mary's Parish download: St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form

Other ways of giving direct internet transfer:

Dutton Park Parish: BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 022 825 Ref: Last Name and Collections

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 009 890 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections

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



A Morning's Prayer Retreat

A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality timewith God, with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Date: Saturday 4th June 2022 (9am –12pm)

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Cost:\$20

Register: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - FORTITUDE VALEY

Volunteer pastoral care assistants are required to support people living with a mental health issue for 3 hours of a Friday morning each week, 9am -12pm with Mass celebrated at 11.30am.

During the morning those who attend for spiritual and pastoral care enjoy conversation, some board games, prayer and morning tea. You would be volunteering in an existing group of trained pastoral carers. Some experience of supporting people in their faith who have a mental health condition would be particularly suited to this very valuable role.

Please contact; Seamus Baldwin on 3324 3229 or Seamus.Baldwin@bne.centacare.net.au

MARY MACKILLOP **AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMAGE 2022**

An Australian Pilgrimage lead by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

The journey commencing in Melbourne on 18 Octo-ber, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022.

For information or to make an application, please contact email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or telephone 02 8912 4818



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