

South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter

Solemnity of Christ The King
23rd November 2025



'Today you will be with me in paradise'

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King today, I'm taken back to the beginning when the people of Israel were demanding a King from God and the prophet Samuel.

If we go back further, before the prophet Samuel, God promises Abraham that kings would emerge from his lineage (Gen 17:6) and that same promise was repeated to Jacob (Gen 35:11).

When we read Samuel 8, both the Lord and Samuel seem displeased that the people asked for a king. So, if God had already declared that kings would emerge, why the displeasure when the people of Israel asked? Well, the displeasure seems to stem from their motivation.

The people of Israel wanted a king because they wanted the security of every other nation around them. They had seen what a king meant for the surrounding nations, and rather than relying on God's providence and plan, they were captured by the semblance of security, comfort and power they had seen over the fence.

We see how Saul fared as a King, and even though David was appointed and anointed as God's chosen, we see how small decisions led him away from the Lord until he eventually ended up corrupting his office.

Perhaps it's not power that corrupts but our lack of fidelity to the Lord that erodes the character of God's chosen. Maybe if Israel would have waited for God's appointed king to emerge naturally a different story would have been written. Perhaps if David remained true to the Lord all his days we'd see a different leadership within our world.

All of it points to the fact that today is a reminder of the fidelity Jesus had to the Father. We saw his leadership. It was humbly submitting to the will of the Father, doing the Father's work (proclaiming the Kingdom of God) and ultimately, freely giving his life in obedience to the Father.

The kind of King Jesus portrayed was the one humanity needed from the beginning. It's that fidelity, submission and dedication that we honour today. We pray that at least half of what Jesus displayed in his leadership and following of God the Father, would live within all of us. Jesus Christ, King of the universe, have mercy on us.

Fr William

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

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Welcome to new Parishioners

We welcome any new Parishioners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-5

R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R/**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R/**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Next Sunday Readings:

Is 2:1-5,
Ps 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44



Upcoming Events & News

We were delighted to welcome St Ita's Primary School last Monday, 17th November, as they visited St Francis Table to share their beautiful music with our community.



Join us on Monday, 1st Dec 9am at St Francis Table

We're excited to welcome St Ita's Music Group to St Francis Table again for a joyful music performance, food, and friendship. Come celebrate the spirit of community and gratitude with live performances, light refreshments, and warm conversation. All are welcome — bring your family, friends, and neighbours for this special celebration of faith, music, and togetherness!



Advent Reconciliation!

Join our Advent reflection groups!

Tuesday, 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec

St Francis Hall,
47 Dornoch Tce
West end

6pm Start!

Prepare your heart for Christmas through prayer and community.

Please remember books are available for sale after Mass.

Register with the parish:
07 3324 3736



St Francis Table
Christmas Celebration!

Come and celebrate a wonderful Christmas with us!



9am-1pm
St Francis Hall



Celebrate Our Volunteers !

Join us at St Francis Hall Saturday

13th December at 6pm



ALL WELCOME! Volunteers please

RSVP : 07 3324 3736

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as we honour our amazing volunteers with an evening of gratitude, music, and community joy

Children's Nativity Play
- St Mary's

All children are warmly invited to join this year's Nativity Play



Rehearsals :
after the 9am Mass
14th and 21st of December
Nativity celebration:
24th December 6pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Prepare your heart for Christmas and join us on Monday, 22nd December 6pm at St Mary's Church for a peaceful evening of reflection and forgiveness

Farewell Celebration for Sr. Salvacion

Join us in honoring Sr. Salvacion for her dedication, compassion, and faithful service to our community. Let's come together to celebrate her inspiring journey and the many lives she has touched with her kindness

Saturday, 17th January 2026

St. Francis Hall

More details coming soon!

All are warmly invited to share in this special occasion of gratitude and joy.

St Mary's Prayer Group

You are invited to our gatherings in faith and prayer on:



Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.



Community News

A few notes:



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONFERENCE

'Serving Christ in the Poor' in the suburbs of South Brisbane, West End, Highgate Hill, Dutton Park & Fairfield

Please Help People Facing Poverty This Christmas by:

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

Christmas cake	• Popper juices
• Christmas pudding	• Sweet biscuits
• Fruit mince pies	• Savoury biscuits
• Tinned ham (450 gms)	• Lollies
• Tinned salmon	• Chips
• Tinned Tuna	• Mixed nuts
• Long-life custard (1 litre)	• Tea bags
• Long-life milk (1 litre)	• Coffee jar – small or large
• Milo/Hot chocolate	• Sandwich spreads – jams, nutella, honey, vegemite
• Pasta & Jar of sauce	• Baked beans
• Microwave rice	• Tinned fruit
• Tomato sauce/BBQ Sauce	• Tinned veggies
• Cereal	• Bonbons
• Cordial (1 litre)	

The deepening cost-of-living crisis is driving more and more people into poverty and disadvantage. Your donation this Christmas will help provide practical, immediate assistance and lasting support so no family will have to make the impossible decision between going hungry or keeping the lights on. At last count, 676,400 Queenslanders, including 193,800 children, are living in poverty.

MAKE A DONATION

Card, Cash or Internet transfer to A/c 100026566 BSB 064-786

Envelopes are provided for card or cash donations.

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Mass Times

ST MARY'S

20 Merivale St, South Brisbane

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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

47 Dornoch Tce, West End

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S

247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

72 Victoria St Fairfield

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS

St Mary's

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

- Sat: 10am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm

Have you considered Planned Giving?

Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of the parish of Dutton Park & South Brisbane.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3736 if you are interested.



St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding