

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.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD — CHRISTMAS 25 December 2020 - Year B

Dear Parishioners

Announcing the true Joy to the world Christmas has come to our lives. Let us embrace this season of Christmas with lots of hope and expatiation as Joseph and Mary welcomed the first Christmas in their lives. When the good news of incarnation first came to Mary and Joseph they did not understand fully the mysteries of redemption and plan of God in their lives. But with complete trust in God's providence they said yes to the plan God and welcomed Jesus in their lives.

We are also going through tough times during this season of Christmas 2020. We are still waiting for the proper vaccine for this new virus Covid -19. We are in the process of waiting for the reconciliation and healing for some of our broken relationships and from illness of body and mind. We are also waiting to hear the goodness about our family, children and grand children, those who are going through difficult moments in their lives. But amidst of all these confusions and waiting, Jesus is coming to our lives to strengthen and to guide us through those moments of darkness. So let us be open to the revelations of Christ and welcome Jesus into our hearts with true faith and love.

We Wish you all a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2021.

Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap
Parish Priest



The Parish Office will be closed from 2pm Wednesday 23 December 2020 and reopen 9am on Tuesday 19th January . We pray that peace and joy fills your homes this Christmas Season

A huge effort by the **St Francis Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society** as they collected donations that totalled in 60 overflowing hampers being delivered last Saturday. There are an enormous number of parishioners and locals involved in this volunteer group that give tirelessly of their efforts all through the year. As challenging as 2020 has been it is great to see the hampers going to these families in our community who are in need. Happy snaps from delivery day Thank you to Millie Coorey, Anne Pink, Brian & Mirella Kearney, Charlotte Coorey, Tim, Nicholas and Benjamin Paul , Maree and David Shearer, John O'Gorman, Jadwiga Sabwelzka, Sameeta and Kamal Hewa, Sangeeta and Josh Hunter.



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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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

Awaken: Dianne Ezy 0411 869 017

Readings at Mass

Christmas Eve Mass

Entrance Antiphon Ps 2: 7
The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

First reading Isaiah 9:1-7
A Son is given to us.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95:1-3,11-13
Response: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R/**
Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/**
Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
Let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
Let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R/**
With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R/**

Second reading Titus 2:11-14
God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:10-11
Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:1-14
Today a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

Communion Antiphon John 1: 14
The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Readings at Mass

Christmas Day Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 9:5
A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First reading Isaiah 52:7-10
All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97:1-6
Response: All the ends of the earth have
seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord
For he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation **R/**
The Lord has made known his salvation;
Has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
For the house of Israel. **R/**
All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
Ring out your joy. **R/**
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
With the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Acclaim the King, the Lord. **R/**

Second reading Hebrews 1:1-6
In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the Lord,
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18
In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 97: 3
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
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REGISTRATION TO ATTEND PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES

Seats are still available at some 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
atchison.sarah@gmail.com

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://stfrancisofassisiwestend.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

The St Francis Table Volunteers were given a beautiful morning tea this week by Sr Salvacion as she thanked them for all they have done to assist the vulnerable and elderly during 2020. As they have reached out and given of their time they have also received an enormous amount pastorally as Sr ministered to each and every one of them as they served the parish. The growth and comradeship of this team are a true example of what service to our community can bring.



Daily Readings and Responses

The last newsletter for 2020 will be Sunday 27th For your daily readings and responses please visit Catholic Online at <https://www.catholic.org/> or download the Bible App




Volunteers

If you would like to be a part of our volunteer teams, or if you see a need in the parish and would like to offer your service to help out, please speak with our church coordinators after mass. St Francis grounds around the Church and Hall requires a care taker just a couple of hours per week, suit local retired person. All of our teams welcome new members, enquire today. Any queries call through when the office reopens 19 Jan.

PARISH PLAN GIVING—We Need Your Support

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our parishes to continue their valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. You can now give via the following methods:

1. Parish Giving App 
2. Direct Debit or Credit Card giving
3. Internet Transfer directly to our Bank Accounts.

Bank Account details for Dutton Park West End Parish are:

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 006 226 001
Acc Name: Dutton Park Catholic Parish
Reference: Last Name - collections

Bank Account details for St Mary's Account are:

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 007 230 100
Acc Name: St Mary's Catholic Church
Reference: Last Name - collections

4. Online: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>.

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PETITION TO STATE PARLIAMENT – THE 'CARE FIRST' APPROACH WORKS BEST To show your concern about the legislation of VAD, please stand with thousands of other Queenslanders and visit the e-petition page <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3449>

Australian Christian Lobby have commenced a petition calling for Christian prayer to continue to be allowed in all government meetings. Please sign and forward on! This is the link to her petition - <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3446>

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Our Parish Staff will be on leave from
2pm Wednesday
23 December 2020 and
will return 9am Tuesday
19th January 2021.
We hope you have a Christmas
filled with joy and peace.