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St Vincent de Paul St Francis Conference

Huge Effort involved in the 2021 Hamper Drive by Vinnies co-ordinating member Millie Coorey and Presidents John and Anne—total of 84 Hampers, massive effort!!

Thanks goes to St Ita's (Olivia), St Laurence's Junior School (Kate) St Laurence's Senior school (Kerri-Anne) co-ordinate the school Mini Vinnies – they are our major contributors. Thanks to the many members in our Community, Dutton Park Parish, St Mary's Parish, and many individuals for providing contributions and monetary donations. Many volunteers came together to gather, products, check, sort, pack, review, updating contacting the recipients and ensuring dietary requirements and personal requests are catered for, checking and delivering. Collectively we do make a difference. Sometimes people are overwhelmed with the consistent support, it is genuinely heart-warming to be able to assist. Saturday 18th December our conference reached approximately 198 people with 81 hampers prepared. 45 groups being Families. Successfully 78 Hampers were delivered. Some extras to be delivered and a couple spare for those in need, total to 84. Truly a humbling experience and one so gratefully received in the community.



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"In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together) : a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod Themes and sharing your story. Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code :

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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.

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Dutton Park
 CATHOLIC PARISH

Christmas Time The Nativity of the Lord 25 Dec 2021 - Year C

Dear Parishioners

It is my joy to wish you all a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2022. At this Christmas season I pray that the celebration of this Nativity of Christ brings lots of Peace and healing to your lives and families. Christmas is God's special and personal gift to humankind. Today God's message is proclaimed to the entire world and the church recaptures it in three stages. First, there is the anxious expectancy expressed by Prophet Isaiah that those who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The king will come and bring peace and justice to the world. The people have been given new hope and joy. Second is the actual coming of Jesus in time, expressed in the simplest narratives of a journey, the helplessness of Mary and Joseph, the birth of a child, and the angels singing, and the lowly shepherds being chosen as the first recipients of the good news. The third is the theological reflection that the child expected has come and in him, the Grace of God is revealed, and salvation has been made possible for all. It comes to us through the saving work of Christ. Yet we wait in hope that the Lord will come again. God chooses to become part of the human because he loves us, and he wants to share himself with us. He does not want merely to exist alongside us but wants to be a part of everything that we are. On this day God became one of us, to love each one of us intimately, passionately, and without any limit. This is the meaning of Christmas for us where God becomes one with the universe.

Special note

We the Capuchin Friars and the parish community whole heartedly thank Bernadette Maguire for her dedicated service to the community for the past years in your role as parish secretary and the co-ordinator parish Staff. Your vitality and professionalism at work is much appreciated by everyone in the parish. You will be terribly missed. Wish you all the blessings for your future endeavours and may God guide you with His Holy Spirit whatever steps you take in life.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year 2022.
 Fr. Joshy

I would like to advise the parish community that I have resigned my position as Parish Secretary of St Mary's Parish and the Dutton Park Parish and will be finishing up in the new year.

My role started in September 2014 and over the last 7 years I have grown especially fond of these 2 parishes and enjoyed being a part of their growth. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel towards the friendships and support I have received throughout this time. It has been a privilege and honour to work for the parishes.

Warmest Regards, Peace and Blessings
 Bernadette.

<p style="text-align: center;">MASS TIMES</p> <p>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)</p> <p>St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End) Sunday: 9am</p> <p>St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park) Saturday (Vigil): 5pm</p> <p>Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Victoria St., Fairfield) Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFESSION</p> <p>St Mary's Church: Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm</p> <p>St Ita's Church: By appointment contact parish office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Qld 4102</p> <p>Phone: (07)3838 8400 Email: pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Office: 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End, Qld 4101 Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Qld 4101 Emails: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am - 2pm Telephone: (07) 3844 2744</p> <p>South Brisbane website: www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au FB: https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ Dutton Park website: www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au FB: https://fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish</p> <p>Parish Priest: Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Parish Deacon: Deacon Adam Walk walka@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Parish Pastoral Co-Ordinator: Sr Salvacion Bunao SFI Parish Secretary: Bernadette Maguire Parish Youth : southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Safeguarding Officers: St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke 0411 033 321 OLPS Church: TBA St Francis of Assisi Church: Liam Cunnane 0477 306 166 St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205</p>
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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

Christmas Eve Friday 24th
St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass): 5pm (carols 4.30) FULLY BOOKED
St Mary's Church 6.30pm (Carols 6.00pm) FULLY BOOKED

Christmas Day Friday 25th

- Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: - 7am
- St Francis of Assisi Church: 9am (Carols 8.30am)
- St Mary's Church - 9am
<https://southbrisbanestmarys.eventbrite.com.au/>

Important Notes
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Francis of Assisi Christmas Masses are operating at 1 person per 2 square metres – ie, you do not have to pre-register, simply turn up early and scan the Check in Qld at the front of the church on arrival and show the tick to the Marshals. Doors will close when capacity is reached.

St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly

Thank you to EVERYONE near and far including all individuals, schools and community groups who donated all the food supplies, toys, toiletries, school supplies, vouchers, cash and Christmas goodies to St Francis Table Ministry. The Ministry was overwhelmed with donations with much to be sorted over the past few weeks. Our volunteers packed a total of 90 hampers under the supervision of Sr Salvacion. The hampers were delivered this week to the elderly, housebound and those in need in our community. They were received with such gratitude and tears of joy, all thanks to your generosity in sharing the Love of Christ. The feedback we are hearing is incredibly touching with the impact these hampers had on some families who had nothing to celebrate Christmas with and who are truly struggling. You as a community have made an incredible difference to these peoples lives—Thank You!



Parish Activities in 2022

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.

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am
1st Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass St Ita's Church
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 1st & 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.

PLANNED GIVING FOR 1ST & 2ND COLLECTIONS

Please consider giving to our planned giving program

Direct Debit Program. Click on the links below to download the separate forms for each parish. Our parishes are separate with individual accounts—please download the correct one for you, complete and email back to the parish office directly

Dutton Park Parish:

Download: <https://duttonparkcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/DUTTON-PARK-PARISH-collections-DD-FORM.pdf>
Email: stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au

St Mary's Parish:

Download: <https://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/South-Brisbane-Parish-DDR-1st-2nd-Collection.pdf> Email: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

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Acc No: 100 009 890 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
Dutton Park Parish: BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 100 022 825 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
(Please always use Reference of Your Last Name and the word Collections)

Tap n Go at each church—see **church coordinator at mass.**

Please keep in your prayers at this time those in our parish community who are ill or recovering from surgery. We pray that our God who heals fills them with His presence and peace and wraps them in His love.