

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th October 2025



The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.

My brothers and sisters, in this weekend's Gospel, Jesus shows us the prayer that reaches the Heart of God and warns against the temptation to turn prayer into a platform for our pride. He shows that what touches God is not beautiful words or religious appearances, but the honesty of the heart. Prayer is the place where our mask falls, where God sees who we truly are. And that is why some are transformed by the power of prayer, while others remain empty, even after saying many words.

The Pharisee in the Gospel is a symbol of a prayer poisoned by pride. He enters the temple not to find God, but to exalt himself. His prayer is a list of achievements: he talks about his fasting, his tithing, his good works, and even compares himself to others to feel superior. He is not before a Father, but before a mirror. This kind of prayer displeases God because it is self-centred and empty of love. He talks a lot, but doesn't listen; he seeks admiration, not conversion.

The tax collector in the Gospel is the symbol of simple and true prayer. He demonstrates the prayer God loves most: that of the humble. He acknowledges his sin, his smallness, his need for mercy. He doesn't justify himself or offer explanations; he simply says, "Lord, have mercy on me." He doesn't present his accomplishments, but his wounds. He trusts not in what he has done, but in what God can do in him. And Jesus declares: it is he who returns home forgiven. Humility opens the door to mercy; those who empty themselves are filled by God.

Finally, Jesus himself is the perfect model of prayer. He never prayed to exalt himself, but to surrender himself. In every prayer, He speaks to God as a loving Father, listening before speaking, and always ending with, "Thy will be done." His prayer is one of trust, adoration, and obedient love. When He lifts His eyes, it is to give thanks; when He kneels, it is to offer Himself for us. In Him, we learn that prayer is not about proving ourselves good, but about allowing God to make us new.

God bless you all.

Fr Francisco

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge 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

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will
be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice
of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3, 17-19, 23

R/ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R/**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R/**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R/**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the
race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to
come now is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will
give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to
all those who have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there
was not a single witness to support me. Every one
of them deserted me – may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and
gave me power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on
me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

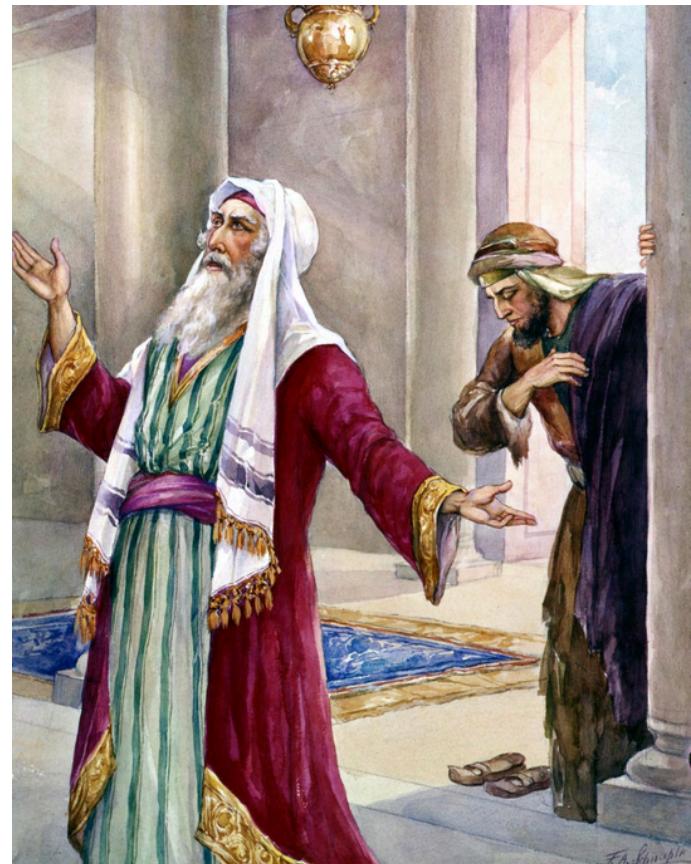
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

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Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and
despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this
prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind,
and particularly that I am not like this tax collector
here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The
tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."'
This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with
God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



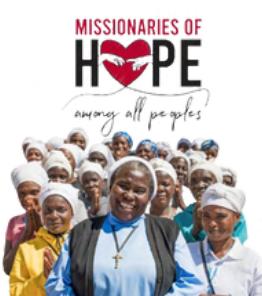
Next Sunday Readings:

2 Macc 12: 42-45
Ps 62(63): 2-6, 8-9,
Phil 3: 20-21, Lk 7: 11-17



Upcoming Events & News

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160 km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.



This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia



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Parish Amalgamation Mass All are Welcome!



We joyfully invite you all to our Parish Amalgamation Mass on Saturday, 1st November, as we come together in unity and celebration.



We encourage everyone to wear cultural attire to reflect the beautiful diversity of our community and bring a plate to share for a light fellowship gathering after Mass.

Let us celebrate this new chapter together in faith, friendship, and food!

We would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped us to wash cars and those who brought their cars in to be washed last Sunday. All proceeds raised will go towards the St Mary's Church Restoration Fund. We look forward to your continued contribution and support for many more years to come. Thank you and God Bless.



St Mary's Prayer Group

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



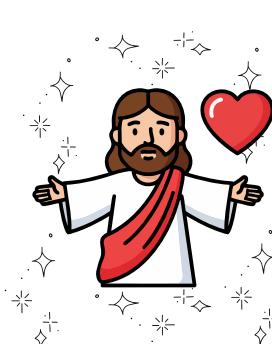
Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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.



Cathedral Pilgrimage

On October 18th, members of our community took part in a special pilgrimage to the Cathedral. It was a peaceful and prayerful day, offering time for reflection, connection, and worship. Thank you to all who joined and helped make it a meaningful experience.



Our hearts are heavy as we share the news of the passing of our mother, Cornelia "Nora" King on 18 October 2025.



Funeral mass will be on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, 72 Victoria St, Fairfield, QLD. Please note she has requested all attending to wear bright and vibrant colours.



Interment will follow at Mount Gravatt Cemetery and Crematorium, 620 Mains Rd, Nathan, QLD, followed by refreshments at the cemetery's reception room.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for her and our family during this difficult time.

Community News

A few notes:

Mass Times



South Brisbane & West End

AMALGAMATION MASS

We warmly welcome you to join us as we celebrate our Amalgamation Mass. Afterwards we will celebrate with a shared meal. All are welcome!

St Ita's Church

SAT | NOV 1ST | 5 PM

247 Gladstone Rd,
Dutton Park QLD 4102

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

CONFESIONS

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

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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

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