

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



I was dead, and now I am to live for ever and ever

If you've been following the Liturgy of the week, you will have noticed something entitled ***Victimae Paschali Laudes*** which translates into (with supporting sentences not written here) *Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer you thankful praises!* We know this as the Easter Sequence. The Sequence occurs before the Gospel Acclamation, but what's its meaning?

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast of the Liturgical Year where we celebrate the Paschal Victory of Christ over death. Jesus offered himself in a gruesome death but then rose victorious over death. Our response then is to praise and glorify him. The Sequence invites us into this time of praise.

In chant form, the Sequence unravels the events of the Easter morning cementing them into the psyche of the faithful. It speaks of reconciling us to the Father, and how Mary declared the empty tomb leading us gloriously into the song of Easter which is Alleluia.

The Sequence is said in the Octave, eight days after Easter Sunday. Alongside this time, we've also had the sad news of Pope Francis' death. The Church has called a time of mourning which spans for nine days. As we celebrate the Easter joy, we hold in prayer the soul of Pope Francis who shepherded our Church with great humility and tenderness.

We reflect on his pontificate in light of the Resurrection. He expressed great mercy calling for a year of mercy in 2015-2016 and also had a vision for our future that incorporated all states of life in the governing and upholding of our Church and he had great concern for the poor and marginalized.

In light of the Resurrection, Pope Francis' pontificate truly does shine. For even in our great poverty, Jesus chose to die for us and reconcile us in loving relationship with our heavenly homeland. Pope Francis' care for the poor both spiritually and physically reminds us of God's care in calling us to new life.

As we continue our Easter celebrations, may we also hold in prayer Pope Francis' soul, that with tenderness and mercy, our Heavenly Father may also look upon him favourably. May he rest in peace.

Fr William

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 Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners 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

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as they went past. People even came crowding in from the towns around about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27

R/ Give things to the Lord for his good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
O marvel in our eyes.
Made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant us success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord;
is he who comes.

We placed you from the House of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R/**

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, in all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day in the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned around to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings in things that are still to come.'

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13, Rev 5: 11-14

Jn 21: 1-19



Upcoming Events & News

Sacramental Program Important DATES

Calling all children in Grade 3 and above to join our Confirmation program! There is still time to enrol!



Confirmation forms due by 29th April please submit on time



Information Night 30th April at St Ita's Church

To enroll please download form using the QR Code and



To complete registration email documents to stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au

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Easter of Hope: A Romero Fundraiser

No one should face crisis alone.

Right now, more asylum seekers than ever are coming to the Romero Centre, many fleeing war, violence, and disasters like Cyclone Alfred. With no access to government aid, your support means survival, stability, and hope.

Help them rebuild:

<https://romero-centre.supporterhub.net.au/donations/easter-giving-2025>



The Romero Centre is a ministry of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane

On Good Friday, we gathered at St Mary's to celebrate the Children's Passion Play. The young participants beautifully portrayed the story of Christ's Passion, bringing the message of His love and sacrifice to life in a moving and heartfelt way.



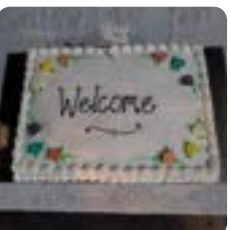
We solemnly celebrated the Lord's Supper at St Mary's, commemorating Christ's love and sacrifice.



We joyfully celebrated our Catechumens and RCIA candidates at St Mary's as they take meaningful steps on their journey toward full communion with the Church. Congratulations: Carlos Gratica, Natalie Gunstream & Ana Delgado



RCIA
CATECHUMENS



Community News

A few notes:



Pope Francis

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
Born - 17 December 1936
Born to Eternal Life - 21 April 2025

As we mourn the passing of Pope Francis—a shepherd who called us to walk with compassion, mercy, and truth—let us pray for the repose of his soul and for all who grieve this loss.

Through Amoris Laetitia and his call to accompaniment, he reminded us that the family, the heart of society, is both sacred and essential to unity.

A memorial Mass will be held in St Stephens Cathedral in the upcoming days. The details will be advertised as soon as it is confirmed.

Join Us for a Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall!

We're thrilled to announce that on May 3rd, Election Day, we'll be hosting a delicious Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall at St. Francis Hall!



Date:
May 3rd 8am-3pm
Location:
St. Francis Hall

Volunteers Needed!
Contact Parish Office : 3324 3736

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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

ANOIDTING 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