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For many of us this time of year can be incredibly busy. With so much to get done, we can often forget to prepare ourselves and our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas, and if we aren't doing that for ourselves, it's likely we're not doing it for the children in our lives. However, this time of year is an amazing opportunity to build upon the excitement children already have for this season and help them see that Jesus is not just a focus for Christmas, but a real person who we can turn to all year round. To help families prepare throughout Advent and then explore the Christmas message, our team have developed some resources, including a **free advent calendar and Christmas story booklet with puppets** to make. Just head to our online store to download the free resources. Christmas Mini Books, Story Puppets and Advent Calendar Watch the video here: https://youtu.be/5Ea3L2DQc_A and download the free resources here: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

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Give Real Change this Christmas - Fuel for Change: Dhaka Gift Cards available now

Charity, [Fuel for Change: Dhaka](http://fuel4change.org) was started by parishioner, Claire Hanratty and her husband, Mark Jones, with a goal of eliminating firewood in Dhaka's slums. Mark completed his PhD in 2020 focussing on energy justice in the slums of Dhaka in Bangladesh. There are approximately 5,000 slums in Dhaka with more than 4million people living in them. It is estimated that 60% of these people cook with firewood with the associated negative impacts on health, education, employment. In just 3 months more than 550 stoves have been delivered but there is a huge amount more to do. To find out more and donate, please visit <https://fuel4change.org>

If you are looking for a Christmas gift idea, gift cards are available, please visit <https://fuel4change.org/gift-card/>. All donations and gift card purchases are tax-deductible.



reFUEL This Week! Men Alive on **Tuesday nights at 6.30pm**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609>



ACRATH CALENDARS 2022 One of the ways that ACRATH raises funds for its work is through the sale of the ACRATH calendar. The calendar also serves the purpose of education regarding the problem of human trafficking and what can be done about it. To that end, an order form is attached to this edition of the newsletter.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—by Parish

Dutton Park West End Parish

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

St Ita's 5.00pm Parish Mass (4.30pm Carols)
St Ita's 8.00pm Mass Indonesian

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield 7.00am Mass
St Francis 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)
St Ita's 10.30am Mass Indonesian

Boxing Day Sunday 26th December

OLPS 7.00am Mass
St Francis 9.00am Mass
St Ita's 10.30am (Indonesian)




St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

St Mary's 6.30pm Mass (6.00pm Carols)

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

St Mary's 9.00am Mass

Boxing Day Sunday 26th December

St Mary's 9.00am Mass
St Mary's 5.00pm Mass




Please Note: We currently have not been advised regarding church capacities and restrictions that will apply for Christmas Masses. Once Qld Health and the Archdiocese update us in that regard we will let you know as soon as possible. If allocated seating is required we will ensure that our parishioners are informed first to enable you to make bookings if necessary.



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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**First Sunday of Advent
 28 Nov 2021 - Year C**

This week we celebrate the beginning of Advent. This is a liturgical season of four Sundays that begin the Church's year of worship and prepares for Christmas. In a spirit of hope and expectation it first focuses on the second coming of Christ at the end of time, then concentrates on preparation for Christmas. The liturgical colour for the season is violet. Below is the story of the Advent Wreath.

ADVENT- comes from the Latin word **ADVENTUS** - meaning **ARRIVAL/COMING** refers to the coming of Christ. Greek word PAROUSIA . The Advent season begins the Church's liturgical year. (Church's calendar) and is a season of preparation for our hearts and minds in commemorating the Lord's birth on Christmas. The use of the Advent Wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. Before Christ came, wreaths had long been in use as symbols of fertility, victory and the like. The first Christians kept the habit of adornment with the wreath but with more significance than ever.

The Advent wreath itself is made of various symbols rich in meaning:

EVERGREEN – signifies continuous life, immortality, fidelity, God is unchanging

CIRCLE - Symbolizes the eternity of God (has no beginning and has no end) God's unending love the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

BAY/LAUREL- Signifies the passion of Christ, not just mourning as before but victory over persecution and suffering.

POMEGRANATE - symbol of the church because of the fruits almost countless seeds and for the hope we place in the resurrection

CEDAR- signifies strength and healing. It is usually associated with prayer, healing and protection against decease. The cedar tree is a symbol of generosity and providence (smell of incense)

PINE CONES - symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through his resurrection

CANDLES - Jesus is the light of the world.

4 CANDLES - four weeks of Advent

3 PURPLE-prayer, penance and sacrifice

1 ROSE/PINK- rejoicing

RED BERRIES- POINSETTIA- colour red points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins

HOLLY & YEW or berry like fruits - signifies passion

The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

FIRST CANDLE- symbolize **HOPE**. It is sometimes called the "**PROPHECY CANDLE**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represent the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Each week we will explain each candle

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: By appointment contact parish office

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Readings at Mass

Lighting of the First Advent Candle—Hope

Let us pray: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with Us -- we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

First reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14 Rv.1** **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R/**

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation **Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 21:25-28,34-36** **Your redemption is near at hand.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon **Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Baruch 5:1-9;
2nd reading: Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; **Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar Psalm Responses

Monday 29th:

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

Tuesday 30th: **St Andrew (Feast)**

R/ Their message goes out through all the earth.

Wednesday 1st:

R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thursday 2nd:

R/ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Friday 3rd: **St Francis Xavier (Memorial)**

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Saturday 4th:

R/ Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.

Blessed - Advent Reflection Every Tuesday

Our Advent Reflection started this week and much fun was had learning about and making Australian Advent Wreaths. **Join us in our 4 weekly Advent reflection and 1 week Christmas Reflection starting Every Tuesday 6pm at St Ita's School Board Room, Dutton Park.** Bring a plate to share for dinner.



St Francis of Assisi

Morning Tea Sunday 5th December after 9am mass in the hall—come along celebrate the year and Christmas. More details to come.

Car PARKING Brisbane City Council has contacted the parish to advise that they have agreed to reinstate one parking space and the work to reinstate this car space will be carried out in the coming weeks. Thank You to everyone who contacted the Council on this issue.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed during the following times:

Wed 8th—Friday 10th Dec (reopens on Monday 13th 9am)

Thurs 23rd Dec 2pm—14th Jan (reopens on Mon 17th Jan 9am)

Christmas Nativity Play



ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856. Practise will run for 2 Sundays, after 9am Mass (12 & 19 Dec)

St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly



Come along to St Francis Table Ministry to the Elderly Christmas Party— **6 December 10am-1pm**

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
This ministry will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays and will resume on 7th February 2022

To read the full story of St Francis Table click here: https://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/St-Francis-Table_summary-newsletter.pdf

What a blessing the children and families from Our Lady of the Assumption Primary School Enoggera were to the St Francis Table Ministry—donating an enormous amount of goods for the Christmas Hampers this year. Sr Salvacion was able to share with the children about mission and how it starts at their age doing little bits to help and reach out to these families in need.

A huge THANK YOU to all the children and staff involved.



Join Us for the Soft Launch of the Signs of the Times The Signs of the Times project offers a theological framework for embracing Francis' culture of encounter. The Signs of the Times project will share the fruit of 2 years of prayerful reflection on the experience of embracing a culture of encounter. The project's new website offers a theological framework with five pastoral themes to guide parishes and schools in their engagement with justice, ecology and peace issues. The project is a collaboration between the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology & Peace. You are welcome to join us for the on-line soft launch which will take place on Tuesday 30 November at 5:30 PM Bishop Vincent Long, Chair of the ACBC Commission for Social Justice, Mission & Service will launch this resource and Aunty Ravina Waldren, Coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Brisbane will offer a response. You can register to attend this Zoom event at: <https://bit.ly/SOTILaunch>
Peter Arndt Catholic Justice & Peace Commission Archdiocese of Brisbane

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at The Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish (Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton). A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week. <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/399009/youth-ministry-coordinator-hendra-hamilton-parish> Application close: 15 December 2021

Position Vacant – Administration Assistant

Applications are open for the above full-time 37.5-hour position. The Archbishop's Office is currently an Administration Assistant. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/398833/administration-assistant>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Parish Activities in 2021

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

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committed parishioners who financially support our parish every week. As you can imagine the cost of running and the upkeep of a parish this size takes a considerable amount and we ask that you prayerfully consider committing to assist our planned giving program. The easiest most hassle free way for you to do this is via our 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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St Mary's Parish South Brisbane BSB: 064-786
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)

We also have **Tap n Go** see church coordinator at mass.