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On Monday 16 July, the State Labor Government announced it will adopt the Queensland Law Reform Commission's recommended **abortion decriminalisation bill**, which would **legalise even late-term abortion and sex-selection abortion**. The Attorney-General said the bill would be referred to the Health Committee on 21 August, then be voted on in Parliament in the week commencing 16 October, just **13 weeks from now**. Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill **would allow abortion to birth, effectively for any reason**. Tragically, the **personhood of the unborn child is not recognised at all** in this legislation.

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The main points of **Labor's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018** are:

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- Abortion on demand up to 22 weeks for any reason, including sex-selection abortion.**
- Abortion past 22 weeks gestation until birth, even for social reasons**, if two doctors approve, although the second doctor doesn't even have to see the woman, or look at her file – and there is no penalty if the abortion is performed without a second doctor's approval.
- Prohibition on any communication against abortion within 150 metres** of clinics, which would even criminalise the action of a mother trying to persuade her daughter not to proceed with an abortion, or the action of a boyfriend offering support to his partner to encourage her to continue with the pregnancy.
- Doctors with conscientious objections must refer** a woman seeking an abortion to another doctor who will be able to facilitate her request, thus making the referring doctor complicit in the outcome.
- Abortions would be performed in public hospitals** (and therefore would be free).
- There are **no safeguards for women** seeking an abortion, such as informed consent conditions, cooling-off periods and mandatory independent counselling.
- Removing most provisions about abortion from the Criminal Code, so there are no penalties for obtaining or providing an abortion in Queensland** (other than on an unqualified person performing the procedure).

Please make an appointment to see your state Member of Parliament as a matter of urgency. Please tell him or her that you don't want these extreme abortion laws. Please encourage your family, friends and community to do the same. A great educational resource is **attached** for you to give to your MP at your meeting. This includes the findings of the recent YouGovGalaxy opinion poll which shows that Queenslanders simply don't want more permissive abortion laws. If you cannot see your MP, please write him or her a letter.

See www.cherishlife.org.au/lifecampaign for helpful hints.

One fight, many lives - together we can hold this ground for life. Let's continue to be a loud voice for the voiceless at this most dire time.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
 29th July 2018

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the new look of our newsletter! We decided to combine both Dutton Park and South Brisbane newsletters to streamline our office processes saving both time and printing costs.

Good news - the parish had their safeguarding audit this week. Both Parishes passed with "flying colours" and our thanks go to all who completed and returned their paperwork. There are, however, a few minor areas that we need to improve on in the future. Thank you to Bernadette for all her hard work over the past few months.

Our 5 Aussie novices were invested with the Capuchin habit last Sunday along with 11 others from North America. It's a memorable moment in their vocational journey!

Please keep them all in your prayers as they spend their next 12 months at the Capuchin Novitiate in Santa Ynez, California.

Pax et bonum
 Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap



L to R: Fr Robert Stewart (Novice Master), Br Jarred Elbaghd, Br Aldrae Cruz, Br Duy Tran, Br Heherson Alarde and Br Brendan Bourizk.



MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Anointing: 1st Friday); Sunday: 9am
St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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Confession
St Mary's Church: Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Devotion

1st Friday of each month | 6pm (Mass & Adoration)

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Third Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church

Last Month's Collection Totals June 2018

South Brisbane

1st Collection: \$3,257.55

2nd Collection: \$3,098.80

Dutton Park

1st Collection: \$4,152.25

2nd Collection: \$3,786.15

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 30th:

R/ You have forgotten God who gave you birth.

Tuesday 31st: St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)

R/ For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Wednesday 1st: St Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)

R/ God is my refuge on the day of my distress.

Thursday 2nd:

R/ Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Friday 3rd: St Dominic (Memorial)

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Saturday 4th: St John Vianney (Memorial)

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house;

he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11,15-18

R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading

Eph 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 **2nd reading:** Eph 4:17, 20-24 **Gospel:** Jn 6:24-35

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Pilgrim Virgin Statue May-Oct

Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home and commit to praying the Rosary everyday while it is there. To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue from May to October please contact the Parish Office.



St Francis Table Bus Trip

A lovely morning was had last Monday visiting Mt Cootha and the city sights...



8 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap

Date- 21st October-29th October 2018



Places- Jordan, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Garden of Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, Capernaum, Nazareth, Calvary, Dead Sea, Church of St Peter, Stella Maris Monastery, Cave of Elijah and many more places.

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Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Commitment Mass this weekend

St Ita's Candidates | St Ita's Church
Saturday 28th July | 5pm

St Mary's and St Francis Candidates | St Francis Church
Sunday 29th July | 9am

If you would like to register for this year's program please contact the Parish Office.



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Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in an atmosphere of friendliness and trust. It leads up to Easter where candidates are Baptised, Confirmed and make their First Eucharist or are received into the Church, depending on their situation.

The RCIA Program will commence with an information session on **Saturday 8th September at 2.30pm** in the **St Ita's Church**, Pope Street, Dutton Park. You are welcome to come along and ask questions - there is no pressure to commit. If you would like to participate in this year's program please see Father Lam (after mass) or the parish office for more information. Cost - free!



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Volunteers required - Organist for St Mary's

please contact the parish office

Novena to St Clare of Assisi

St Clare was one of St Francis' first followers and founded the Second Order of Franciscans, known today as the Poor Clares. In honour of St Clare, we invite you to pray an online novena, August 2-10 culminating on her feast day, August 11.

Sr. Vickie Griner, OSC, leads the prayers and each day you will receive in your email inbox the prayers for that day in both written and follow-along video formats.

Sign up for free at:

<https://www.stanthony.org/novena-to-st-clare-of-assis/>

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

To open St Mary's Church Monday to Friday, from 12 pm to 2 pm to the public for personal prayer and quiet reflection. It is a perfect opportunity for you also to spend your own quiet time with the Lord. If you can assist us by giving your time it would be greatly appreciated. There are 2 people on roster each day. For more information contact Dianne or Douglas.

St Mary's Parish Feast Day Mass & Celebration The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, 12 August 9am

Please stay behind after mass, bring a plate of food to share and join together in celebrating our Feast Day. Please contact Ruby if you wish to help on the day.

Altar Server Training

Sunday 5th August

St Francis of Assisi Church

10.30am | after the parish morning tea

Mass Times for the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 12 August

St Mary's 9.00am
(Parish Feast Day)

Wednesday 15 August

St Mary's 7.00am
St Francis' 10.00am
St Ita's 5pm