



Embracing the communities of:
St Mary's South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi West End,
St Ita's Dutton Park and
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield



The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

The HOLY FAMILY 29th December 2024—Year C

My Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to see our own families as sacred and integral to God's plan. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us that holiness begins at home, no matter how ordinary or challenging life may seem. St. John Paul II called the family the "domestic church," a place where faith is nurtured and lived out daily.

In our own families, we face joys and struggles, just as the Holy Family did. Their example teaches us that faith must guide our decisions, even in uncertainty, and that love is shown through sacrifice and service. Pope Francis reminds us, "Family life is a series of small, daily acts of love and sacrifice." This is a call to embrace the imperfections of our families and work towards unity through forgiveness and understanding.

Like the Holy Family, we are called to grow together in love and reflect the communion of the Trinity. As St. Mother Teresa beautifully said, "Go home and love your family." Let us strive to make our homes places where God's presence is felt, through faithful Obedience to God in prayer, having unconditional love, kindness, Commitment to unity and mutual respect.

Let us entrust our families to the Holy Family, praying for their intercession to guide us in love and faith, so that we may reflect God's light in the world through our relationships at home.



Fr Ravi

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.

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First reading: Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before he the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephat of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
To God, the living God. **R/**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R/**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed. **R/**

Second reading: St John 3:1-2,21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
And that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed,
We shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive
Because we keep his commandments
And live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
And that we love one another
As he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
By the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home

after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they back Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

There days later, they found in in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.

They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us?.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: 1s 60:1-6 **2nd reading:** Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 30th: 6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

Tuesday 31st: 7th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

Wednesday 1st: MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

May God bless us in his mercy.

Thursday 2nd: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Friday 3rd: Friday before the Epiphany

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Saturday 4th: Saturday before the Epiphany

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

MASS TIMES

St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

(72 Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)

- Sunday: 9am

St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 5pm

CONFESSION

St Mary's:

Fri: 7:30-8am|Sat: 8.30am-9am|Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

St Francis Christmas Celebrations

St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of nature and animals, created the first nativity scene in 1223. Each community throughout the Parish put together their own Nativity scene. We're thankful to all volunteers and workers in the background capturing this historic moment in our faith. Here are some photos from St Francis community.



Support St Francis' Table through Containers for change

If you wish to support St Francis' Table Ministry through the **Containers For Change**, please use

Catholic Theology in Context

Archdiocesan Ministries is offering a 10-week course beginning in February. The course covers questions like If God is infinite, is it even possible to know God? What reasons do we have for belief in the existence of God beyond a religious framework? And many other questions. This might be a good way to begin the new year learning more about our faith and meeting other like-minded people. For more information, scan the QR Code.



ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The St Mary's Prayer Group will not be meeting on Tuesday 24th & 31st December and 7th of January. **Prayer Group resumes on Tuesday 14th January**

NEWSLETTER

In the New Year we will roll out our new Newsletter design. We wanted to update our look across our media so this will be part of a new re-vamping of things to come in the New Year. We look forward to sharing this

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

A reminder that the Parish Office will be closed from 21st of Dec to 5th Jan.

St Mary's Christmas Celebrations

This Christmas, St. Mary's hosted a joyful celebration for families and friends, featuring a heartwarming children's nativity performance that captured the spirit of Christmas. Young members reenacted the birth of Jesus, filling the church with wonder. Father William led a meaningful Christmas Mass, sharing a sermon on hope, love, and togetherness. The evening concluded with a delightful surprise: Santa Claus made a grand entrance, bringing smiles and treats for all. The event highlighted community spirit and the true meaning of the season—faith, family, and joy. A heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who made it all possible. St. Mary's wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Synod24 Action Plans

Friends, the much anticipated **Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod24 Action Plans: Implementing the Plenary Council Decrees** document has made it's way to our Parish. All 50 actions plans are listed in the document with the hope that they be implemented, if across the diocese, where possible. Not all action plans will have relevance for each Parish, and not all actions have equal weight, but in response to the Plenary Council, this indeed is the step that the diocese is taking to implement and focus our energies in the right direction. If you would like to access the Synod24 Action Plan, log onto the website at www.aobsynod2024.com and learn about the steps into the future for our diocese. These plans need to find their feet on the ground, so if there' anything particular you'd like to see happening in our Parish, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Fr William

This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity,*
I was at the point where I'd given up."

At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:
contact@ecm.org.au

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When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

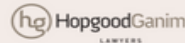
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

- Saturdays - 10.00am
(Booking is essential - contact Parish Office)

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tuesday 6.30pm: St Mary's Church
- Sunday 4pm: St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday - 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday - 7am: OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly (Back on the of January 2025)

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

or direct internet transfer:

- **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: 100 023 601
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** at the back of the Church

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550.
For more information visit brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding



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