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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. Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 30th September 2018

This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday—

A Place to call home: A home for everyone in our land. This is a call to each of us, - we can make sure all are welcomed, we can all lend a hand, we can raise awareness, we can greet everyone with a smile, more than just an occasional act of charity, but as an essential encounter with a sister or brother in need that can reinforce our commitment to bringing about more far reaching change needed in our society. As a parish we can make a difference.

This week 2 of our dearly beloved St Mary's parishioners have died.

Last Monday, at 1pm, Mike Duggan passed away peacefully in the presence of his friends and helpers.

Thursday evening ,Terry Maguire passed away peacefully with his family surrounding him.

Terry and his wife Pat attend 9am mass Sunday and daily 7am mass at St Mary's. Terry worked for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and was responsible for building many of the Catholic Churches and Catholic Education buildings within the greater surrounds of Brisbane. He loved his music and was a member of the Brothers James Singers for many years. He was also an affiliate of the Marist Brothers. Details of both funerals on page 3 of the newsletter.

On Wednesday, 3rd October, at 7pm, the friars and the third Order Franciscans will celebrate the Transitus of St

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 (*Rosary before Mass at 9.30am*) (*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)

Confession

St Mary's Church: Fri 7.30am—8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm **St Ita's Church:** Sat 4-4.50pm



Francis at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 198 Bay Terrace, Wynnum. The Transitus is an ancient prayer service celebrated by Franciscans around the world on the night of 3rd October. It is a moment of remembrance of the life of St. Francis of Assisi as well as a celebration of his passing into eternal life. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Don't forget to join us for the Blessing of the animals on Sunday 7th October at St Ita's Jubilee Oval, Dutton Park. The blessing will begin around 10.30am, after the 9am Mass at St Francis. Please bring a picnic morning tea/lunch and your pets for this community gathering.

In regards to the Gospel for today, to understand this reading, we must know that the truth they contain comes in many different forms.

These distinctions are important to understand the Gospel for this Sunday. Jesus says, "If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off. ... And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off. ... And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out." Now if we take this literally, then we would be walking around with just one hand, one foot and one eye. Jesus is not encouraging us to maim ourselves – these body parts are important for our everyday living. Jesus is using something called hyperbole: deliberate exaggeration for the sake of effect. We use hyperbole all the time. Some of the hyperbole sayings are: "if you eat any more, you'll burst"; "I felt as if I'd been hit like a ton of bricks"; "You could have knocked me down with a feather." Such expressions are deliberate exaggerations in order to make a point. So if we take Jesus' words today literally, we continued on page 3

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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 to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 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

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

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church (school term only)

Last Month's Collection Totals August 2018

<u>South Brisbane</u>	
South Brisbane 1st Collection: 2nd Collection: Dutton Park	\$3,925.75
2nd Collection:	\$2,893.55
Dutton Park	
1st Collection:	\$4,279.60
1st Collection: 2nd Collection:	\$3,446.20

Join us next Sunday for our 1st Sunday of the month morning tea at :

7am Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield and

9am St Francis of Assisi West End



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 5th October 2018 6pm at St Mary's Mass, Novena and Confession.

St Mary's Adoration

Come and join Young Adults from around Brisbane on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at St Mary's for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is held as part of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Coffee Ministry for the Poor and Homeless. Adult Parishioners are most welcome to attend.



Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeved your commandments. But give glory to your Name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy. First readina

Numbers 11:25-29 If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets! Responsorial Psalm Ps.18:8,10,12-14.R.v.9

R/ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. James 5:1-6

Second reading The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated. cf. John 17-17

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48 John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if vour hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf.Ps 118:49-50 Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Gen 2:18-24 **2nd reading**: Heb 2:9-11 **Gospel**: Mk 10:2-16

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 1st: St Therese of the Child Jesus (Memorial) R/Lord, bend your ear and hear my prayer. Tuesday 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial) R/ He has put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. Wednesday 3rd:

R/Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Thursday 4th: St Francis of Assisi (Feast) R/You are my inheritance, O Lord. Friday 5th: R/ Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

Saturday 6th: Mass of Virgin Mary R/Lord, let your face shine on me.

continued from front page would make God into some kind of sadistic monster. Our God, however,

whom Jesus reveals is a God of love and mercy. So what is Jesus' point when he speaks about cutting off hands and feet and tearing out eyes? He is telling us that if we are serious about being his followers, our commitment to him must be total. We must be willing to sacrifice even things as dear to us as hands, feet and eyes. These body parts are important through which a person may carry out a sinful act. In this sense, the hand or the foot or eye may cause one to stumble, to fall into sin. Jesus urges us, his disciples, to take the most extreme and decisive measures to avoid sin and enter into life. "Life" here refers to everlasting life, that life promised to those who believe in him, that life which is the goal of our earthly existence. To lose this life is the greatest imaginable tragedy.

Pax et Bonum Lam Vu OFM Cap



Notice - Daily Mass at St Francis cancelled for Wednesday 3rd October

7am mass at St Mary's will still be available

2 minute Reflection For Couples — Forgiveness What it means

To forgive means that you let go of an offense and any feelings of resentment it may have caused. Forgiveness does not require that you minimize the wrong or pretend it never occurred.

BIBLE PRINCIPLE:

"Continue putting up with one another and forgiving one nother freely even if anyone has a cause for complaint against another" Colossians 3:13

"When you love someone, you look past that person's imperfections and instead see the person that he or she is trying to become." - Aaron

WHY IT MATTERS

If you hold on to resentment, you can harm yourself physically and emotionally-you can also damage your marriage. "One time my husband apologised for something that hurt me deeply. It was hard for me to forgive him. I eventually did, but I regret that I didn't do it sooner. It put an unnecessary strain on our relationship." - Julia To be contd next week

The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi



You are invited to join the friars and the third Order Franciscans in a beautiful celebration of the Transitus - the passing into eternal life of Our Holy Father St. Francis of Assisi. This

ancient Franciscan tradition includes readings from the testimonies of Francis and his companions, the gradual elimination of the light, the agape (sharing of the bread), and the veneration of his relic. Refreshments will follow in the ceremony. 7:00 pm, on Wednesday 3 October 2018 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 198 Bay Terrace, Wynnum.

St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day



A mass dedicated to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated on Sunday 7th October at St. Francis Church at 9am. A picnic and a game of touch football at St Ita's Jubilee Oval, Dutton Park

(enter via TJ Doyle Memorial Drive car park) will follow along with a 'Blessing of the Animals'. Please bring a picnic morning tea/lunch and your pets for this community gathering. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, cats and chickens need to be in crates or cages.

The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed. We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. Everyone welcome!



Volunteers Urgently needed St Francis Church

Flower Arrangers (training provided) Donations for Flower purchases **Musicians and Choir Members**

Please contact the parish office

2018 Brisbane Open House

St Mary's Church has been invited to participate in the 2018 Brisbane Open House and the Church will be open to the public on **Saturday**, **13 October** from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. This is a free public event which acknowledges Brisbane's architecture and our beloved St Mary's provides an early example of a church built in a style derived from Italian Romanesque and Renaissance architecture in inner-City Brisbane. As well as opening St Mary's to the Brisbane public, the Fundraising Team will be holding a **Cake Stall** and selling hand-made Christmas and special occasion cards at the event to raise much needed funds for our maintenance and renovation projects. If you can assist us by baking for the Cake Stall or helping on the day for some of the time, please contact Dianne or Ruby. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



St Mary's Church Cleaning—Saturday 6th Oct-10am Volunteers needed please. Come along and help us get St Mary's looking its best for the Brisbane Open House. Please contact Ruby on 0412 193 462



St Mary's Car Wash Sunday 28th October during both 9am and 5pm masses Fundraising for restoration of St Mary's Church Volunteers required to wash cars Please contact Andrea (0422 357 980) or Leon (0451 143 619)



Awaken Together In Christ Tuesday 2nd October - 7pm Mass & Rosary A ministry bringing hope and the

tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him.