

South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter



Stay awake, you must be ready

My brothers and sisters,

As we enter the season of Advent, we also begin a new liturgical year, a new spiritual beginning offered by the Church. Advent is a sacred time of waiting, hope, and preparation. Just as the prophets longed for the coming of the Messiah and Mary prepared her heart to welcome the Saviour, so too are we invited to open our lives to Christ, who comes to us every day and will return in glory.

The violet colour in our churches, the lighting of the Advent wreath, and the Scriptures proclaimed each Sunday remind us that this time is more than a preparation for Christmas. It is a call to renew our hearts, rekindle our hope, and awaken our faith. Advent teaches us to slow down, to listen, and to allow God to prepare our souls for the gift of His Son.

I would like to suggest some simple ways to live Advent well as faithful Catholics. First, pray with intention, taking a few minutes of silence each day. Read the Gospel of the day, pray the Rosary, or meditate on an Advent reflection. Let these moments mould your heart for Christ. Second, seek to live in silence and simplicity. Advent invites us to distance ourselves from the noise. Reduce distractions, limit unnecessary activities, and create space for God to speak. Third, practice works of mercy. Reach out to someone in need. Visit someone lonely, donate food, offer a kind word. Every act of charity makes the light of Christ shine brighter. Fourth, participate in the Sacraments, attend Mass with renewed fervour, and seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is one of the most powerful ways to prepare the manger of our hearts. And finally, keep the home centered on Christ. Set up an Advent wreath, display a nativity scene, or pray as a family every night. Transform the home into a place of faith and expectation.

As we journey through these four weeks of longing and hope, may our parish community rediscover the joy of welcoming Christ. May this new liturgical year be filled with grace, peace, and the loving protection of Our Lady, who gently leads us to her Son.

God bless you all.

Fr Francisco

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges 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

1st Sunday of Advent
30th November 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they
will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 121 (122):1-2, 4-5, 6-9

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

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' **R/**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **R/**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up
now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when
we were converted. The night is almost over, it will
be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we
prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm
ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live
decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken
orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no
wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

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

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so
will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those
days before the Flood people were eating, drinking,
taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day
Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing
till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like
this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in
the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the
millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day
when your master is coming. You may be quite sure
of this, that if the householder had known at what
time of the night the burglar would come, he would
have stayed awake and would not have allowed
anyone to break through the wall of his house.
Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



Next Sunday Readings:

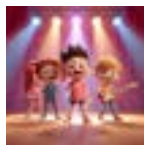
Is 11: 1-10,
Ps 71 (72): 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15: 4-9 Lk 3: 1-12



Upcoming Events & News

Join us on Monday, 1st Dec 9am
at St Francis Table

We're excited to welcome St Ita's Prep & Yr 1 to St Francis Table again for a joyful music performance, food, and friendship



Come celebrate the spirit of community and gratitude with live performances, light refreshments, and warm conversation. All are welcome — bring your family, friends, and neighbours for this special celebration of faith, music, and togetherness!

Children's Nativity Play
- St Mary's

All children are warmly invited to join this year's Nativity Play



Rehearsals :
after the 9am Mass
14th and 21st of December
Nativity celebration:
24th December 6pm

Advent Groups!



Join our Advent reflection groups!

Tuesday, 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec

St Francis Meeting Room,
47 Dornoch Tce
West end



Prepare your heart for Christmas through prayer and community.
Please remember books are available for sale after Mass.
Register with the parish:
07 3324 3736

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Prepare your heart for Christmas and join us on Monday, 22nd December 6pm at St Mary's Church for a peaceful evening of reflection and forgiveness

St Francis Table Christmas Celebration!

Come and celebrate a wonderful Christmas with us!



Monday 8th Dec
9am-1pm
St Francis Hall



Christmas

We're seeking a small group of volunteers to share Christmas cheer by singing carols at the Mater Hospital, bringing joy to elderly patients this festive season.
11th of December.

Brighten someone's day with music and kindness!

RSVP : 07 3324 3736

southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au



Good Shepherd Advent Retreat

This year prepare yourself for Christmas in a special way with our morning retreat. Join us from 9am onwards at St. Francis Hall for refreshments before prayerfully entering the mystery of Advent. Families are welcome!

9am-11:30am Saturday, 20th Dec.

Starting at St. Francis Hall, Followed by Lunch.

RSVP by 12 Dec.

phone: (07) 3324 3736

email: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au



Farewell Celebration for Sr. Salvacion

Join us in honoring Sr. Salvacion for her dedication, compassion, and faithful service to our community.

Let's come together to celebrate her inspiring journey and the many lives she has touched with her kindness

St. Francis Hall
Saturday, 17th January 2026
6pm

St Mary's Prayer Group

You are invited to our gatherings in faith and prayer on:



Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.



Join us at St Francis Hall Saturday
 13th December at 6pm



*We love our
Volunteers*

as we honour our amazing volunteers with an evening of gratitude,
music, and community joy
ALL WELCOME!



Volunteers please RSVP : 07 3324 3736
southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

Community News

A few notes:

**VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONFERENCE
 'Serving Christ in the Poor' in the suburbs of
 South Brisbane, West End, Highgate Hill,
 Dutton Park & Fairfield

Please Help People Facing Poverty This Christmas by:

DONATING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS:
 (Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of
 our churches)

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| Christmas cake | • Popper juices |
| • Christmas pudding | • Sweet biscuits |
| • Fruit mince pies | • Savoury biscuits |
| • Tinned ham (450 gms) | • Lollies |
| • Tinned salmon | • Chips |
| • Tinned Tuna | • Mixed nuts |
| • Long-life custard (1 litre) | • Tea bags |
| • Long-life milk (1 litre) | • Coffee jar – small or large |
| • Milo/Hot chocolate | • Sandwich spreads – jams, nutella,
honey, vegemite |
| • Pasta & Jar of sauce | • Baked beans |
| • Microwave rice | • Tinned fruit |
| • Tomato sauce/BBQ Sauce | • Tinned veggies |
| • Cereal | • Bonbons |
| • Cordial (1 litre) | |

The deepening cost-of-living crisis is driving more and more people into poverty and disadvantage. Your donation this Christmas will help provide practical, immediate assistance and lasting support so no family will have to make the impossible decision between going hungry or keeping the lights on. At last count, 676,400 Queenslanders, including 193,800 children, are living in poverty.

MAKE A DONATION

Card, Cash or Internet transfer to A/c 100026566 BSB 064-786

Envelopes are provided for card or cash donations.

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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

ANOINTING 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