

# Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



**Your brother here was dead  
and now has come to life.**

On this, Laetare Sunday, we rejoice that our time of purification and observance has made it to this point. We're encouraged by the opening words of our entrance antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

The people of Israel in our first reading begin to understand God's care and concern for them as they enjoyed the Passover in the land God had promised. God remained faithful to the promise that was made, but the people went back and forth between doubt, fear, anxiety and disillusionment. I think the journey of the people of Israel models the journey of faith that we all take.

Throughout scripture, we're encouraged to trust in the Lord and remain faithful to God's commands, because the Lord can see the end, but we're often lost in the details or the blade of grass that lies before us. Often, we miss the bigger picture, but God has something in store for us. Some of us might be riding the wave of its excitement even as I write this. What does God have in store for you?

What purpose, what promise, what mission has the Lord placed upon our lives? What steps are we taking to be faithful to that mission or call? It's in the realisation of this mission/call/purpose that we begin to find joy. We also find energy in pursuing this call. We might work our nine-to-five and be drained by the end of it, but living a life of purpose and mission energises the soul and animates the heart. We're given new life and vigour.

We rejoice because we've been counted worthy enough to participate in the work of salvation in the world. What a privilege!

Friends, we're still moving towards our amalgamation. Please take the time to suggest a name for our Parish. Alongside our name, our branding will change, so keep up to date with all the movements through our Newsletter and Flocknote.

## Parish Administration

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## Parish Staff

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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.



*Fr William*

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## First Reading

Joshua 5: 9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 2-7

### R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold for my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R/**  
O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R/**  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R/**  
I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R/**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15: 18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## Next Sunday Readings:

Is 43: 16-21, Ps 125, Phil 3: 8-14  
Jn 8: 1-11



# Upcoming Events

## Lenten Reflection Group 2025

**Lenten Reflections:**  
**Tuesdays 6pm**  
**St Francis Meeting Room**



## Tour de Brisbane Changed Road Traffic



There will be significant disruptions to bus services in Brisbane on **Sunday 13 April 2025**. On the event day, map apps such as Google, Waze, and Apple Maps will automatically calculate a detour around the road closures. Should you wish to discuss your individual requirements, for individual requirements, please contact :  
P: 07 3124 6099  
E: tourdebrisbane@nxsports.org

## Sacramental Program-Confirmation

**Calling all children in Grade 3 and above to join our Confirmation program!**

To enroll please download form using the below QR Code and



Once you have completed the form, please visit <https://duttonpark.flocknote.com/signup/199477>

to complete registration or email documents to [stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au)



## St Mary's PASSION PLAY Good Friday 2:30 pm

We invite all children to take part in this year's Passion Play. Please see Sr Salvacion/Dianne after Mass or contact the Parish Office 07 3324 3736

### REHEARSAL DATES:

**6th & 13th of April**  
\*after 9am Sunday Mass\* St Mary's Church

Scan the QR Code to obtain the Media Consent Form



## Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church

**Every Friday during Lent at 7pm**



# Just a couple of notes:

## ST MARY'S CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY 30TH MARCH**  
**FROM 8AM-12PM**  
**PRICING: \$25 PER CAR OR**  
**\$35 PER 4WD AND PEOPLE**  
**MOVERS**



Enquiries: Contact Ruby 0412 193 462  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**Help us restore and maintain St Mary's Church!**

**We need both volunteers to wash cars & cars in need of a clean!**

## Assessing Parish Sustainability

Over the past couple of years, the Archdiocese released a standard to assist parishes in becoming sustainable for the future. The standard assesses a variety of aspects that ultimately result in what the diocese would consider a 'sustainable Parish'.

Things like finances at the end of the year, Mass attendance and use of Human Resources were all considered. As it stands, a Church community that has less than 80 people per weekend Mass is considered 'unsustainable' and when finances are below 200k at the end of the year the Parish is considered to be in an 'unsustainable' financial position.

We might pass with flying colours in some areas but lack in others. All of this say, that we're in an 'unsustainable' position when it comes to Human Resources. We have one priest and four Churches so we have to reimagine how things happen for us. These are but some of the realities that we must face but I'm hopeful we can move forward. I've included a QR code to the presentation of the Archdiocese. If you want to know more about the standards of sustainability the presentation has been included. -Fr William

If you would like to know more, scan the QR Code below.



## Parish Amalgamation:

"Last week, we published information about the amalgamation. Got questions? Check out our FAQ's and scan the QR code for more info!"



**We invite all parishioners to share their creative suggestions for names for our new parish, as we come together to build a vibrant and welcoming community**

## Community News

A few notes:

## Mass Times

**Easter Triduum Mass Timetable****Second Rite: Tue, 15<sup>th</sup> April**

- St Mary's Church 6pm

**Holy Thursday: 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- St Mary's Church 7pm

**Good Friday: 18<sup>th</sup> April****Stations of the Cross**

- OLPS, Fairfield: 7am
- St Mary's Church: 10am
- St Mary's Church: 2:30pm (Children's Passion Play)

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

- St Mary's Church: 3pm

**Holy Saturday: 19<sup>th</sup> April**

- St Mary's Church: 7pm

**Easter Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> April**

- OLPS, Fairfield: 7am
- St Francis of Assisi Church: 9am
- St Mary's Church: 9am

**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

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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.

**Parish Name Suggestion:**