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**Important**  
**New Archdiocese of Brisbane Volunteer Requirements**  
**Please note, the requirements have changed and the degree of working with children and vulnerable adults is not the only criterion.** For example, those in a position of trust, such as Readers and Communion Ministers, and other ministries (Altar Server Coordinator, Altar Servers (over 18 years), Children's Liturgy Coordinator & Leader, Choir/Music Coordinator, Council Members, Groundsman/Gardener, Organists/Musicians with keys, RCIA Leader, Sacramental Preparation/Program Coordinators, Sacristan, Piety Store Convenor, and all those doing Pastoral Care Ministry) must now obtain a Blue Card and Police Check. Cleaner with keys and Counters need to have Police Check. For our parish – all 4 churches:

- All Volunteers need to be registered
- Blue Card and Police Check for certain roles
- Induction must be undertaken in ministry role and approval by Parish Priest before commencement on roster (some roles are by appointment by the Parish Priest only)
- Already hold a Blue Card, or Police Check - you will need to provide us with copies and have Blue Card linked
- Safeguarding Training – mandatory for all volunteers

Forms are available from the office please contact 3844 2744 and we can email them to you.

**Out of the Wilderness and into Grace**  
**A Retreat for St Bakhita's Sudanese Community**  
**last Sunday at St Francis of Assisi Hall.**



# DUTTON PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

**EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:**  
 St Ita's, Dutton Park,  
 St Francis of Assisi, West End &  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield.

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## MASS TIMES

**St Ita's Church**  
 (Pope St., Dutton Park)  
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm  
 Sunday: 8.00am  
 10.30am (Indonesian)

**St Francis' Church**  
 (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)  
 Monday to Friday: 10am  
 Sunday: 9am.  
 (Anoint. of the sick: 1st Friday)

**Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)  
 Sunday: 7am  
 (Anoint. of the sick: 1st Sunday)

## BAPTISMS

**Saturday 9.30am monthly**  
**1st Saturday** St Francis'  
**2nd Saturday** St Mary's  
**3rd Saturday** St Ita's  
*Family preparation sessions at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm*

## CONFESSION TIMES

**Saturday** St Ita's: 4-4.50pm  
 (or upon request 30 mins before or after mass)

**MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S**  
 (20 Merivale St., South Brisbane)  
 Monday to Friday: 7am  
 Saturday: 8am (Rosary after Mass)  
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm  
 Confession: Sat 8.30-9.30am;  
 Sun 4-4.45pm  
 Devotion: First Friday of each month at 6pm

## ST ITA'S SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

**The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Year B)**  
**24th June 2018**

Dear Parishioners,  
 Last Sunday, our Awaken community ran a one day retreat for the St Bakhita Sudanese Community at the request of Fr Stephen Kumyangi, Chaplain. The two communities (Sudanese and Awaken) came together to worship and praise our Lord, in what was a powerful and successful retreat. Approximately 130 people attended the retreat.

We all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and His love for us, as one person expressed, "I was absolutely touched by the love of God which has utterly changed the way I see myself and others." We were all touched and renewed by the retreat in a powerful way. So many people received graces and healings. We are so blessed to have Awaken in our Parish. Here are some of the testimonies from our participants:

*"I felt the Lord telling me to leave my worries behind and he will take care of everything. I felt the spirit in me. I feel like singing & praising Him today forever."*

*"The Lord touched me through Steffanie's words. I'm so blessed and grateful for this community Awaken. It's a blessing to everyone."*

*"I'm a changed man today: I came back to God."*

*"I feel better and refreshed."*

*"For the first time I broke down and cried, surrendering all my problems to God and I felt his love and presence. Thank and praise the Lord."*

*"Steffanie is very gifted. I have never seen anyone like her. God is in her."*

*"I didn't think that today my mind and thoughts can be changed."*

*"I thank God for today. I felt God's presence and grace in this retreat. The whole time during this retreat one voice kept repeating in my mind: "let it go" and forgive all those who hurt you. Thank you God for this day."*

*"I feel fresh and restored in today's retreat. I've stressed, sometimes I feel like a 'nobody'. I have had one of the toughest weeks of my life. My job was-still on the line because of some misunderstanding. I feel no stress anymore because I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, he has poured himself on me and I am so thankful to continue my journey with God and Jesus."*

*"I feel that all of my problems are washed away. God is awesome!!"*

*"God healed my constant stomach pain; for many years I have a burning fire in my stomach."*

Our Awaken community gathers every Tuesday at St Francis Hall, West End, at 7pm. Please join us this Tuesday for Mass, and experience for yourself the tangible presence of God.

Pax et Bonum Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap (Photos from the retreat back page)

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**Entrance Antiphon** Jn 1, 6-7; Lk 1, 17

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

**First reading** **Isaiah 49:1-6**

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

**Responsorial Psalm** **Psalm 138:1-3, 13-15**

Response: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

**Second reading** **Acts 13:22-26**

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Luke 1:76**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Luke 1:57-66,80**

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

**Communion Antiphon** **Cf. Lk 1: 78**

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

**Next Sunday's readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; **Gospel:** Mk 5:21-43

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**This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)**  
**12th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday 25th:**

R/ Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

**Tuesday 26th:**

R/ God upholds his city for ever.

**Wednesday 27th:**

R/ Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.

**Thursday 28th: St Irenaeus (Memorial)**

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

**Friday 29th: Sts Peter & Paul (Solemnity)**

R/ The Lord set me free from all my fears.

**Saturday 30th: Mass of the Virgin Mary**

R/ Lord, forget not the life of your poor ones.

**What we learn from darkness**

Up during the night for some reason? Jeannie found herself loathing the darkness with a newborn's erratic need to sleep and eat which did not coincide with hers, read on for her story ....Then something unexpected, something graced happened. The night feedings gave way to prayer, for me to bask in the rare silence that night afforded me; when everyone else slumbered. I had a scared space for God. As I entered that solitude hazily at first, then hungrily. It was the only time each day I could cry out my frustrations to Jesus and then be still in His soft, gentle presence. After a while, the night became my day. I had forgotten the hidden beauty of darkness and how often holiness disguises itself from the naked eye. Night, darkness, reminds me that God longs for us to pursue Him as He pursues us—relentlessly, desperately, endlessly.

Love—authentic, deep, abiding love—cannot be easily found. It must be sought, protected and fought for. It must be worth giving up our preference for security and assurance. It must be worth us changing, conforming to the One who waits for us in the stillness and silence that night provides.

I may be clothed in darkness in this stage of life, but I anticipate the dawn. Life cycles through moments of concealment to revelation and back again. Whether we operate as early birds or night owls, God meets us and transforms us when all of our time-days and nights— becomes offerings of love for him.

Jeannie Ewing is a spiritual writer and inspirational speaker

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**Rev Kevin McGovern**, Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics and Lecturer in the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law at the Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, will present a seminar on Catholic Ethos and Ethics at the **O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St, Wilston, on Tuesday 10 July, 9am - 4pm.**

**Topics include:** Perinatal palliative care, accepting sickness, treatment refusal, pain control, dementia, euthanasia and basic skills development for responding in these situations. The seminar is primarily targeted for those working in pastoral care and clinical care in hospitals and in aged care institutions but is open to any person with an ethical interest in these areas. **Cost \$25 (pay on the day).** For more information and registration please contact Judy Norris, Director, Pastoral Ministries, Centacare ([judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) or phone 3324 3193. Registrations close Wednesday 4 July). Morning tea and lunch provided—please advise dietary requirements at registration.

**8 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap**

Date- 21<sup>st</sup> October- 31<sup>st</sup> 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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**Peter's Pence**

As outlined in recent correspondence, the Archbishop has decided to change the annual date for the parish collections for Peter's Pence to the first Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on 26 June.

**This year it will therefore be Sunday 1 July 2018.**

At all Masses next weekend the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2018**

The Winter Appeal this year looks at the impossible choices some people have to make when confronted with the risk of homelessness. Right now in Australia, more than 116,421 women, children and men are homeless. In our own conference we have families confronted with this terrible reality. Thanks to your continued generosity St Vincent de Paul has been able to help many families in distress. If you would like to contribute the Winter Appeal please donate through the SVDP website: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



On Wednesday 8 August, we will hear from five outstanding speakers at the 14th National eConference, [Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au), some of whom are also members of the Plenary Council's facilitation team or executive committee, and some international guests.

This event is timed to coincide with the preparation of the 2020 Plenary Council - the first such synod for the Australian Church in 80 years. This is an important time in our Church's history and your voice, as a member of the faithful, is important and valued.

**We would like to invite you to have your say on the future vision and direction of the Catholic Church in our country**

There are TWO ways you can participate:

1. Simply send in questions you would like the eConference panelists to address during the Panel Discussion, to [econference@bbi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:econference@bbi.catholic.edu.au)

2. Submit a short video clip (2 mins) to be included in the eConference program, voicing your thoughts on ONE of the following questions:

- **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
- **What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**
- **Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?**

These questions come from the [Plenary Council's website](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au), which outlines a process of listening, dialogue, consultation and discernment. You can also submit your thoughts online, directly to the Plenary Council. *We encourage you to explore this website and get involved.*

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**Parish Activities in 2018**



**Awaken Together In Christ**  
**Tuesday 26th June - 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.**

**We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. Everyone welcome!**



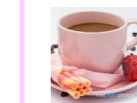
**Ignite Conference 18 EMPTY**

National Catholic Youth Conference Thursday 26th to Sunday 30th Sept 2018 Fr Lam invites all youth and young adults to join the parish in attending this years



**Confirmation Mass at St Francis of Assisi**  
**Sunday 1st July 9am**

This is a combined confirmation for all **St Mary's and St Francis of Assisi** Candidates. Join us for morning tea in the hall following the 9am Mass.



**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield**  
**SUNDAY 1st July**

Anointing the sick during 7am mass and afterwards morning tea.



**Anointing of the Sick Mass**

6th July 10am at St Francis' Church Followed by morning tea in the hall.



**First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

6th July 6pm at St Mary's Mass, Novena and Confession



**Altar Servers' Training**

Saturday 7th July St Francis Church 11am- 12noon  
Open to all Altar Servers existing and new who have missed the last trainings. Please register with the parish office



**New Daily Mass**  
St Francis Church 10am  
Rosary at 9.30am

**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.



**Dutton Park, West End & Fairfield Collections Last Weekend**

1st Collection: \$865.75 + \$173.27 (Direct Debit)= \$1039.02  
2nd Collection \$765.35 + \$240.96 (Direct Debit)= \$1006.31