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We would like to wish all Parishioners and their households a very happy and holy Christmas. From all of us in the Parish Office
 Peace and Blessings
Fr Lam, Fr Bollar, Bernadette & Kate



EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:
 St Mary's - South Brisbane;
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**Christmas Time (Year C)
 25th December 2018**

Dear Parishioners,
 Christmas is finally here everyone. It's my favourite season of the year... a season of great joy. Christmas is about how God shows up in our world and in our lives. God sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world and expressed His great love for us. Christmas can be a time of healing and renewed strength.
 Unfortunately some people can get carried away with the busyness of the season and trying to have a more elaborate Christmas every year. Sometimes if we focus too much on what we're giving to people and what we're getting, we can lose the central theme of what Christmas is all about.
 We need to remember that Christmas is not so cheery for many. Once, a homeless man told me that the Christmas season is the saddest time for him. While everyone is enjoying the 'Christmas get-together' with their families and friends, he doesn't even get to see his family. It can be a lonely period for some people. Some people don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. So receiving gifts and cards may be only a wish and not a reality for some.
 I want to encourage you to not feel pressured to go beyond what you can do comfortably and make sure that you keep the theme of Christmas, the birth of Christ, your central focus. I also want to encourage you to be very, very thankful for everything that God has done for you.
 Sometimes I believe that the more we have, the less thankful we are. We all have to be careful that we don't get a greedy attitude. So let's all remember the less fortunate people during this season, and be very thankful for everything that God does for us.
 I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! My prayer is that you will truly experience the joy of Jesus in your heart and home this holiday season.
 As we approach a new year, I want to sincerely thank all of you for your love and support in 2018. It's been a wonderful year of God's blessings. We've seen many people come to faith in Jesus Christ—which I have witnessed through our Awaken Ministry. As our Parish Priest, I've enjoyed and deeply appreciate the great privilege of teaching you God's Word, praying with you and seeing so many of you growing in your faith. I'm looking forward, with great expectation and excitement, to all God has planned for us in 2019!
 Since our Awaken Community has grown in number, many people have requested to have a youth group. So on Friday 25th January 2019, we will launch 'Rising Youth Ministry.' I ask for your support and prayer for this new ministry. Help us to bring our young people to Jesus.
 On a sad note, our Sacramental Coordinator, **Kate Date** is stepping into a new season with her family and will no longer be able to work in our Parish office. Kate has been with us for over 3yrs, and it has been truly a pleasure to work with her and delightful to have her as part of our team. Thank you Kate for all the work you have done for our parish you have been such a blessing to all of us and our parishioners. **Merry Christmas!** Fr Lam

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)

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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

Christmas Eve Mass

Entrance Antiphon Ps 2: 7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

First reading Isaiah 9:1-7

A Son is given to us.

Psalms Psalm 95:1-3,11-13

Response: Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

Second reading Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

Communion Antiphon John 1: 14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; 2nd reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Wednesday 26th: St Stephen (Feast)

R/ Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

Thursday 27th: St John (Feast)

R/ Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Friday 28th: The Holy Innocents (Feast)

R/ Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.

Saturday 29th: 5th day in the Octave of Nativity

R/ Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

Christmas Day Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First reading Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

Psalms Psalm 97:1-6

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

Second reading Hebrews 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations and adore the Lord,
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

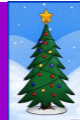
Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 97: 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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Parish Office Christmas Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from lunchtime Friday, 21 December 2018 and will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019



Please note

Fr Lam is on annual leave from Wednesday 26th December until Monday 14th January 2019.

Rising Youth Ministry

Launch Party!

Friday 25th January 2019, 6-9pm.
St Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce., West End.

Come and celebrate the launch of Rising Youth Ministry with fun, food & games, as we dance the night away.

Free entry (donations welcomes)

Email: rising@awaken.org.au
More information contact Lana 0412421247
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Renovations have started on the St Francis Hall Kitchen and will be completed by the start of the school year in 2019. If you would like to donate towards this renovation please contact the parish office.

The Plenary Council 2020 Your Voice Matters Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is also important that we are all part of the journey leading to the Plenary Council in 2020 which is why **Your Voice Matters!** *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* It's not too late to respond to the question and a box will be available at St Mary's for you to submit your response or additional responses up to 31 December 2018.

The responses will be collated and you are invited to take the opportunity to join other parishioners to review the responses and spend some time reflecting on a topic, thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. **The dialogue encounters will be held on Sun, 3 February after the 9 am & 5 pm Masses in St Mary's Church & on Thurs 7 February in St Mary's House commencing at 7.00 pm.**

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Thank you for your significant contribution to the Christmas Hamper project this year: The parishioners of Dutton Park and St Mary's parishes, The school communities of St Laurence's College, South Brisbane and St Ita's Primary School, Dutton Park and The office of Ray White, West End.

Your generosity is appreciated and all will be distributed— Hampers for 56 families, 144 people in total. Of these 73 children/young people. We had approximately 18-20 people helping pack hampers and 14 people (7 drivers) delivered goods on Saturday morning. The generosity and donations of food and gifts was again great this year and the quality of produce was terrific. It's wonderful to be able to give items that many of these people are unable to afford and hopefully brighten their spirit of Christmas. Thank you again for all the help in organising, arranging, drop offs and delivery. **It is certainly a Village effort by our Community. John O'Gorman and Millie Coorey**

Welcome to all of our visitors if you would like to become part of our community or volunteer please speak with one of our ministry leaders after mass or contact the office.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

Parish Activities in 2018



Parish Morning Teas

1st Sunday of each Month
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield

7am mass & morning tea

St Francis of Assisi West End

9am Mass & morning tea

St Mary's South Brisbane each Sunday and special Morning Teas celebrated on special Feast Days throughout 2019



ST FRANCIS' TABLE - ministry to the elderly

Resumes on Monday 28th January 2019

10am-1pm at

St Francis' Hall, West End.

All welcome!

Anointing of the sick

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield

1st Sunday of each Month

7am mass

St Francis of Assisi - West End

1st Friday of each Month

10am mass

and afterwards morning tea.

St Ita's Dutton Park - Family Mass

4th Saturday of each month 5pm
(during school terms only)

Please join us for mass and stay for a sausage sizzle.



Awaken Together In Christ

Every Tuesday at 7pm

St Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce West End.

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

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.

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Everyone welcome! Website: awaken.org.au

Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes.

Awaken resumes on Tuesday 15th January 2019

St Mary's Adoration

Come and join Young Adults from around Brisbane on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm at St Mary's for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** Adoration is



St Mary's Church is open

Monday to Friday, from 12 pm to 2 pm for personal prayer and quiet reflection. All welcome.

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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