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The Plenary Council 2020

The Church in Australia has been preparing for the **Australian Church Plenary Council**. The Plenary Council is still in its first phase. This first phase is a "Listening" process whereby each Australian Catholic is asked to respond to the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" This question could be answered in a small group setting anywhere or could be answered individually by going onto the website for the Plenary Council and answering the question yourself.

The St Mary's responses are now being 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 first of the **dialogue encounters are on Sunday, 3 February after the 9 am and 5 pm Masses in St Mary's Church and on Thursday, 7 February in St Mary's House commencing at 7.00 pm.**

Dutton Park Parish please come along on the following dates to write your responses.

- **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield**
 3rd February after the 7am mass
- **St Francis Church**
 3rd February after the 9am mass in the hall
- **St Ita's Church**
 3rd February after the 8am mass and 23rd February after the family vigil mass

You create positive ripples into this world every time you offer a Kind word, loving action, empowering insight or smile because whoever receives it, passes it on to someone who then passes it on, who then passes it on, who then passes it on...and on... and on...
 - by unknown author

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED

was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with a disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.

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Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

The members of the "The Little King's Movement" commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

The Little King's Movement Annual Church Appeal will be held on 2nd and 3rd of February 2019 in our parish.



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.
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**Third Sunday In ordinary Time (Year C)
 27th January 2019**

Dear Parishioners,

Plenary Council, have your say!
 Now's your chance to have your say on what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed.

The Plenary Council will be held in 2020. The purpose of it to give the Catholic community in Australia time to listen, dialogue and discern with one another and, guided by the Holy Spirit, about the future, the role and relevance of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

Pope Francis has spoken of the need to engage in the world and respond in faith. He said: "The defining aspect of this change of epoch is that things are no longer in their place. Our previous ways of explaining the world and relationships, good and bad, no longer appears to work. The way in which we locate ourselves in history has changed. Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That which appeared normal to us - family, the Church, society and the world - will probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were before."

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We

invite you to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

St Mary's Parish has already had a few gatherings last year, and they were successful. A small box is placed at the entrance of St Mary's church for those who wish to continue give their response. See the back of the newsletter for the 2nd stage dialogue dates.

Dutton Park Parish have organised some small group gatherings in all 3 churches in February to answer this question and to be part of the "Listening" process.

St Ita's Church:
 3rd February after the 8am Mass and
 23rd February after the 5pm Family Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield:
 3rd February after 7am mass Morning tea provided.

St Francis Church:
 3rd February after 9am mass in the hall.
 Morning tea provided.

To learn more about the Plenary council please go to: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/frequently-asked-que.../>

If you would like to respond separately as an individual, couple, group or family you can also do so via the link below.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resour.../have-your-say/>
 Please help shape the future of our Church.

Peace and blessing
 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)

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

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Parish Activities in 2019

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 on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm bookings essential

ADORATION

Sunday 4-5pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

Monday to Friday 12-2pm St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Tuesday 7pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
website: awaken.org.au

CAKE STALL St Francis Church Resumes in Feb

Third Sunday of the month After the 9am mass

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday 10am -1pm Resumes 4th February
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

First Friday of the Month | St Francis 10am
First Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

PARISH MORNING TEAS

Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)
First Sunday of the month
OLPS Fairfield after 7am Mass
St Francis Church after 9am mass

FAMILY MASS

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves know to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for becoming part of our community

2 Minute Catechism

The Sacraments (continues from last week...)
What are Sacramentals?

Sacramentals are visible sacred signs instituted by the church – similar to the sacred seven Sacraments – in that they signify spiritual effects through the intercession of the church. They help the faithful to receive the effects of the Sacraments. Sacramentals include religious signs, symbols, private and public devotions, prayers, gestures, rituals, music, images and manmade or natural made objects.

What do the Sacraments and Sacramentals mean to all Catholics? If we read scriptures carefully we can find the source for each of the 7 Sacraments. I covered this in a previous 5-Minute Catechism. For Catholics this means that they are sacred and are of God rather than something invented by mankind. To Catholics it means that God so loved us that He wanted to touch us with His grace through the Sacraments.

We also see that Sacramentals help us to "see" the Sacraments in a visible way. When Catholics wear religious medals or ordain their homes with religious objects it means that in some special way we feel that God has touched us.

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Psalms

Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6-63

R/ Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second reading

1 Cor 12:12-30

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; **2nd**

reading: 1Cor 12:31—13:13; **Gospel:** Lk 4:21-30

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 28th: St Thomas Aquinas (Memorial)

R/ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous deeds.

Tuesday 29th:

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Wednesday 30th:

R/ You are a priest for ever, in the link of Melchizedek.

Thursday 31st: St John Bosco (Memorial)

R/ Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Friday 1st:

R/ The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Saturday 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

R/ Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!.

ST FRANCIS' TABLE - ministry to the elderly

Resumes on Monday 4th February 2019
10am-1pm at St Francis' Hall, West End. All welcome!



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.

Website: awaken.org.au

Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes.

**Tuesday 27th January 2019
Meditation**

Chinese New Year (Tet)

Mass.

Year of the Pig

Sunday 3rd February, 5pm Mass at St Mary's. There will be red envelope (Ang Pow) with Scriptural message to take home, electric firecrackers, etc.

Parishioners are encouraged to wear traditional dress or the colour red.



Sunday School and Children's Liturgy

Sunday School for St. Francis
and Children's Liturgy for St. Mary's
resumes on the 3rd of February.



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Join us next Sunday 3rd February for our
Monthly Parish Morning Teas

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield

After 7am mass

St Francis of Assisi West End

After 9am Mass

Positions Vacant within the Archdiocese

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Parish Secretary Goodna Parish. (Part-time)

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>
for more information.

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Sunday 24th February 2019 Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, commencing with Mass at 11am, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book "Go Set The World on Fire" Day finishing 3.30pm; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God. **St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided.
Info Paul 0417 104 460, Frank 0405 514 929



Save the Date!!
Rising Youth Ministry

Launch Party!

Saturday 27th April 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)

Please register by 20th April 2019.

Email: rising@awaken.org.au

More information contact Lana 0412421247

Sponsored by Awaken Ministry.

Recently Sr Salvacion gave a day of prayer and reflection for her volunteers, below is a prayer from that day that is beautiful for all of us to reflect on at the start of this year .

God our loving Father, as we start anew together, we thank you for blessing our new beginning. We know that you will be with us as we learn and work together to serve and develop a community where each person can grow, feel loved and welcomed.

Help us to find some quiet time to think and reflect about our goals to bring the Good News and to be effective instruments of God's love to his people this year 2019.

Guide us as we look into our hearts to see the gaps where we can grow and find fulfillment. Give us the humility to recognize that there is always room for improvement, and grant us the confidence to know that we can achieve whatever we set our hearts on .

We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



**I alone cannot
change the world, but
I can cast a stone
across the waters to
create many ripples.**
- Mother Teresa