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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**A Safeguarding Prayer**

Lord Jesus  
 May we welcome the kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others.

You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.  
 May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,  
 Listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,  
 to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You.  
 Amen.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

As we celebrate this Sunday as father's day it is my joy to wish all our fathers, grandfathers and uncles and guardians a very happy fathers and God's blessing. This weekend We specially pray for all Dads that May the good Lord continue to strengthen them to carry out their role to nurture, love, teach, and lead their children.

On this occasion it is good to remember the words of Pope Francis on practical ways of achieving holiness in the family life. In his latest book, Gaudete et Exultate, on achieving holiness in the modern world, the Pope says "Holiness is not based on prayer alone but on also serving those in need with humility and in self-control." He gives an example: "a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: 'No, I will not speak badly of anyone'. This is a step forward in holiness." He continues: "Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step. Expanding on the situation of meeting a homeless person on a cold night, the Pope says: "I can view him or her as an annoyance ... or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being, with a dignity identical to my

own." "That is what it is to be a Christian!"  
 This is the meaning of today's scripture reading when Jesus says "when you are invited to a marriage feast do not sit down in a place of honour for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*Prayer for father's day*

*God, our Father, we ask you to bless all the fathers and all men here present today, who, in various ways, fulfil a father's role. Give them your love that they may love those entrusted to them with the love which only they as fathers can give. Give them your strength that they may never weary of the demanding role that is theirs, always ready to support, advise, encourage and sustain those who are so precious to them. Give them your warmth that they may radiate to their children the human and divine qualities of compassion, understanding, patience, and kindness. Above all, give them your joy and peace that they may always know the special place they have in your heart. May these special men know that you are with them always.*

God bless you and have great weekend  
 Fr. Joshy Prappully Ofm Cap  
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 Sunday: 9am and 5pm

**St Francis' Church** (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)  
 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: 8.30-9.00am; 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 the Parish Office on the fourth Tuesday morning of each month at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

### ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

### PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

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

### AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

First Saturday of the month at 6pm  
 St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End  
 website: [awaken.org.au](http://awaken.org.au)

### CAKE STALL

St Francis Church  
 Third Sunday of the month After the 9am mass

### ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday: 10am -1pm  
 St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

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)

### RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

Third Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm  
**NEW PARISHIONERS**

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known 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.

### READINGS AT MASS

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First reading** Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,27-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 67:4-7,10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. R/ Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: R/

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. R/

**Second reading** Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation** Matt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Take my yoke upon you;  
 learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 14:1,7-14

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Next Sunday's readings:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Wis 9: 13-18; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Gospel: Lk 14: 25-33

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### This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

**Monday 2nd:**

R/ The Lord comes to judge the earth.

**Tuesday 3rd: St Gregory the Great (Memorial)**

R/ I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living..

**Wednesday 4th:**

R/ I trust in the kindness of God for ever.

**Thursday 5th:**

R/ The Lord has made known his salvation.

**Friday 6th:**

R/ Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

**Saturday 7th:**

R/ God himself is my help.

### Child Protection Week 1 - 7 September 2019

Protecting Children is everyone's business.

To raise thriving kids, parents need support to navigate life's choppy waters. How can you help build safe harbours for families? Please see posters at back of church for more information. Our parish abides by the Archdiocesan Protection Policy. Please visit [safeguardingaob.com.au](http://safeguardingaob.com.au)

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy.** The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected.

This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety, embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.



### Interested in becoming a Catholic? Or completing your Sacraments?

Then the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in an atmosphere of friendliness and trust. It leads up to Easter where candidates are Baptised, Confirmed and make their First Eucharist or are received into the Church, depending on their situation.

The RCIA Program will commence with an information session on 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 6pm at St. Ita's Meeting Room. Pope Street. Dutton Park You are welcome to come along and ask questions - there is no pressure to commit. If you would like to participate in this year's program please see Father Joshy (after mass) or the parish office for more information. Cost - free!



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This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider Australian society, particularly with Australia's First Peoples and with all of creation. A desire was expressed for stronger prayer and sacramental life and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God's mercy. Read more about this theme at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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### Volunteer handyman

Our parish is looking for a volunteer handyman that could help out on a casual basis. Would suit someone who is retired and has a background in carpentry work.

Please call parish office for details.



### St Mary's Father's Day Morning Tea

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday after Mass.

### Father's Day and First Holy Communion Cards

St Mary's has hand-made greeting cards for all occasions, sacramental candles, rosary beads, bracelets plus other Christian gifts for sale. Please see Dianne or Ruby after Sunday Masses. The monies raised through the sale of these items helps fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.



Aid to the Church in Need gift. Arrange a Mass for your dad (living or deceased) and at the same time support a poor priest overseas who will receive your donation and offer Mass for your intentions. Ten percent of priests worldwide are supported by Mass offerings through *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can arrange a Mass anytime at: [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings)

St Mary's are holding A special training for all volunteers who are on the Reading roster for St Mary's **Saturday 12 October 9am—11am** Please see Dianne to confirm your attendance.

## Youth Corner

### 100 Rose Challenge

Did you know that God designed our bodies to love others? Studies have shown that doing good deeds releases "feel good" hormones that increase self esteem and decrease depression. So if you're feeling a little glum, help someone in need. One day Anna and I were thinking about creative ways to boost people's spirits. So we bought 100 roses and gave them to people in the streets!

At first, people looked surprised, but when they realised there wasn't a catch to what we were doing, their faces lit up in delight. Although they looked happy, we were even happier! Here's a challenge: what's one new way you can cheer a friend, family member or complete stranger up today? Be bold and love with refreshing creativity and contagious courage. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



David Bobis is the Youth Leader of the Rising Youth Ministry. Join us at our next event on 22 September, 1:30 p.m. at 47 Dornoch Tce, West End. More info at [risingyouthministry.org](http://risingyouthministry.org)