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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Coorparoo, Qld

We invite applications for the part time position of Finance Officer (10 hours per week; 6hrs one day and 4 the next). For a copy of the position description and to apply for this position, please visit the below link. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

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The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Young Australian Catholics marched in their thousands to the steps of Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre last weekend – a pilgrim army united by faith, and urged by their bishops to “go and rebuild” the Church.

Find your copy at the back of the Church for \$2.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Supporting families in the West End, Dutton Park, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas

You can help in 2 ways...

■ **DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS:**
(Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of our parish churches)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas cakes Mince pies Tinned turkey Tinned ham Long-life custard Long-life milk Spaghetti Noodles Rice Stir-fry sauces Cereal Soft drink & cordial Popper juices Soups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biscuits Chips & lollies Nuts Tea & coffee Spreads Pasta & pasta sauces Baked beans etc Tinned fruit Tinned veggies Tinned meat & fish Woolworths 'groceries only' gift cards Coles gift cards
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Please ensure all food is within use by dates

■ **MAKE A DONATION**
Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each church within our parishes. If convenient please place in an envelope marked 'Christmas Hamper Appeal'.

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European Passion Play Pilgrimage – September 2020

Join a once-in-a-decade pilgrimage from Budapest to Oberammergau, home of the world famous Passion Play which occurs every 10 years. 2020 will see the 42nd instalment of the play that the citizens of Oberammergau have maintained through the centuries. In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year if no one was to die of the plague raging in many parts of Europe. The villagers were answered by God and in 1634 the first Passion Play took place.

Some Parishioners are journeying over 13 days to Oberammergau with Harvest departing 6 September via Budapest, Vienna, Melk Abbey, Prague, Salzburg, Innsbruck. If you wish to join further details are at <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/> or contact Margaret 0401 212 025 or Dianne 0411 869 017.

St Gerard's Carols by Candlelight
146 Maundrell Terrace,
Chermside West

Saturday, 21 December at 7.00pm
Outdoors - Bring a chair and the Aerogard. Sing along with Renata and the Paradise City Band and enjoy all the fun of the Festival.

THE JOURNEY Catholic Radio Program
AIRS 22 December 2019

We have an amazing lineup of inspiration for you before Christmas this week! We hear an amazing reflection from the Gospel from Fr Chris Pietraszko. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free. If you love the show, let your local radio station know that you'd like to hear it broadcast locally each week.

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"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
MATTHEW 6:33

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47 DORNOCH TERRACE
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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 of Advent
15 December 2019 - Year A

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin 'rejoice'. The opening words of today's Entrance Antiphon are 'rejoice in the Lord always'. In the Gospel of today taken from Matthew we find ourselves at the mid-point in Jesus' ministry. This passage given to us is about discovering the identity of Jesus as well as that of John the Baptist. John hears about things Jesus had done but he had not personally witnessed them. John knows that he is the precursor to the messiah and he does not fully know that Jesus is the real messiah. So he sends some of his disciples to Jesus with a question whether he is truly the Messiah who is to come, or did they have to wait for another. Whether John really wanted to know for his own sake or whether it was really for the benefit of his disciples is not clear. After all, John had already proclaimed Jesus at the River Jordan and said he was not worthy to unloose the thongs of Jesus' sandals. "The one who is to come" is, of course, the long-expected Messiah.

Jesus does not offer a clear yes or no response to John's question. Instead drawing mostly from the Prophet Isaiah, Jesus describes the messianic age as having begun with his preaching and his works. He informs the disciples of John to go back and tell what they heard and saw namely, the blind have their sight restored, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the

dead are raised to life and the Good News is being proclaimed to the poor. They are to identify the Messiah through his word and deeds.

God bless you and have great weekend,
Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap
Parish priest

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry for the Elderly CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We invite all past and present participants to our Christmas celebration on Monday, 16 December 2019 at 10.00 am - 1.00 pm.
RSVP: Sr Salvacion 0403 815 856

ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY

If you would like your child/ren to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856. Practise will start this Sunday and next Sunday after 9am Mass (15 & 22 Dec).

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
Sunday: 9am and 5pm
(Anointing 1st Friday of each month)

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)

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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

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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 on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4.15pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

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

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

1st Saturday of the month at 6pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday: 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am

1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

PARISH MORNING TEAS

Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)

1st Sunday of the month

OLPS Fairfield after 7am Mass

St Francis Church after 9am mass

FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm

(school term only)

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

3rd 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 Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First reading Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,

vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy

for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,

everlasting joy on their faces;

joy and gladness will go with them

and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145(146):6-10

Lord, come and save us.

Second reading James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Is 7: 10-14;

2nd reading: Rom 1: 1-7; Gospel: Mt 1: 18-24

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 16th:

R/ Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Tuesday 17th:

R/ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Wednesday 18th:

R/ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Thursday 19th:

R/ Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!

Friday 20th:

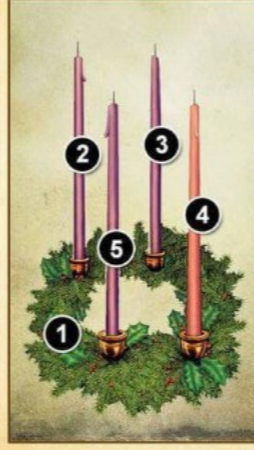
R/ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory!

Saturday 21st:

R/ Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.

2 Minute Catechism

ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS



(1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace.

The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

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Sacramental Program Date Claimers 2020

- Penance (Reconciliation) - For Year 5 or older
Wednesday, 11 March - 6pm (all Churches)
This sacramental program is now open for enrolment. Enrolment forms and cover letter are available on our websites www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au
Closing date: Thursday, 20 February.
Information night: Thursday, 27 February - 6pm at St Ita's
- Confirmation - For Year 3 or older
Wednesday, 17 June - 6pm (St Ita's)
Sunday, 21 June - 10am (St Francis of Assisi & St Mary's)
- First Holy Communion - For Year 4 or older
Saturday, 12 September - 5pm (St Ita's)
Sunday, 13 September - 9am (St Francis of Assisi)
Sunday, 20 September - 9am (St Mary's)

Parish Office Christmas Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from 12noon Tuesday 24 December 2019 and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020

Note: the week of 13 - 17 Jan office hours will be 9am- 12noon

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December	
St Ita's	5pm Mass (4.30pm Carols)
Indonesian	7.30pm Mass (7pm Carols)
St Mary's	7pm Mass (6pm Carols & children's nativity)



Join us for PRAISE & WORSHIP, TALKS & HEALINGS

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
(Matthew 6:33)

Saturday, 4 January 2020 - 6pm
St Francis' Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

For more information email admin@awaken.org.au
Or look up our website awaken.org.au

St Mary's Notice

St Mary's Church will closed for prayer and quiet reflection from Monday, 16 December 2019 and will re open on Monday, 13 January.

St Mary's Christmas Vigil Mass

Please join us for supper after the Mass on Tuesday, 24 December.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS



Looking for the ideal Christian gift this Christmas? Handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets are available for purchase after Sunday Mass at St Mary's, please see Ruby or Dianne. The funds raised through the sale of these items will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

St Francis Volunteer Handyman

We are in need of someone who is able to do small maintenance jobs for St Francis Church and Hall. Would suit someone retired and a little handy with the tools. It is not a lot of work just every now and then for 30 mins. Please contact the Parish office if you feel you could assist.

St Francis Hall fridge



Due to our necessity to meet the requirements of our food license, please do not leave food in the fridge or freezer without prior consent from Sr Salvacion. Thank you.

Ever wondering what the Church Collections for? At each weekend mass there are two collections.

- All parishes pay 18% of total collections to the Archdiocese - this covers the Parish Assessment, Priests Foundation and Clergy Sustentation.
- Balance of the 1st Collection goes to the Order caring for our parish to assist with the living costs of the Capuchin Friars ministering in our parish.
- Balance of the 2nd Collection goes toward covering the running costs of the parish (e.g. electricity, insurance, wages of administration staff and maintenance of all buildings within the parish).

Note: From next Sunday 8th December onwards, St Mary's Church will have 1st collection after Homily and 2nd collections during offertory.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December	
OLPS Fairfield	7am Mass
St Ita's	8am Mass
Indonesian	10.30am Mass
St Francis	9am Mass (8.30am Carols)
St Mary's	9am Mass
St Mary's	5pm Mass

