

Parish Activities in 2020

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.

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

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

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Prayer Group: Tuesday 7pm at St Mary's Church
 website: awaken.org.au

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

3rd Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

The activities below are ON HOLD until further notice:

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4.15pm St Mary's Church

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)

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.

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We Need Your Support
 Thank you to those already giving online. We ask that all parishioners, please consider giving to the collections during this time. You can do so online with an internet transfer, Note—these are 'Internet Only' accounts.

Bank Account details for Dutton Park West End Parish are:
 BSB: 064-786
 Acc No: 006 226 001
 Acc Name: Dutton Park Catholic Parish
 Reference: Last Name - collections

Bank Account details for St Mary's Church are:
 BSB: 064-786
 Acc No: 007 230 100
 Acc Name: St Mary's Catholic Church
 Reference: Last Name - collections



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.

Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 July 2020 - Year A

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel of today we are presented with three parables, two of which are closely linked in meaning but with slight difference. The first and second parables are in effect saying that to know God and to live according to the Gospel are the most precious things in life. Through Jesus and the Gospel we come to know and understand what the real meaning of life is and what the most important things in life are. The comparison here is based on obtaining something of extremely high value. The dynamic described is that nothing will get in the way of obtaining an object of extremely high value if one desiring it feels it must be acquired at any cost. Both the parables demand renunciation, risk and commitment. The emphasis is not so much on the pain of renunciation as on the supreme value of the reward they will obtain. Jesus advocates the total reversal of the past in order to gain a wonderful future.

As reflect on this word of God, Jesus invites us to build the kingdom searching relentlessly and seeking his presence. The reward will be something precious and which cannot be lost at any time. We are called to face obstacles and we are called to be innovative in the ways in which we overcome those challenges. King Solomon responded to God asking for wisdom and knowledge and he was given the precious reward. The persons in the parable went in search of the treasure and the pearl and took the risk to obtain it for them. The parable of the net will tell us of the need for discernment on the kingdom to be good and be able to see the preciousness of our choice. This gives us the joy of discovering the meaning of life and of finding ourselves involved in the adventure of holiness. People

who risk whole heartedly are ultimately peaceful. Finally, it is the choice which God has made for us as he has chosen us and formed us in his own image and has planned a plan for us. Let us then respond to the divine call given to us and live this kingdom to the full.

Thank You and God bless,
 Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap, Parish Priest

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MASS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

- All Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.
- Communion is generally distributed by the presider alone, who should disinfect his hands before and after distributing. If necessary, Extraordinary Ministers may assist to distribute Communion and they, too must sanitise their hands before and after distributing.
- In the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone.
- The Sign of Peace should be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- Hymn books should not be used.
- Collection plates should not be passed from person to person.
- Masses will continue to be live-streamed from the Cathedral on Sundays and weekdays and may continue to be live-streamed from parishes.
- Holy water fonts remain empty.

TESTIMONIAL
 By Maj

"I felt a release. I have been holding a lot of sadness, pain and guilt."

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter COVID-SAFE live-out weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples on 24-25 October 2020 at Hendra (Brisbane inner suburb) – going home on the Saturday evening. For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, or email to dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au Watch our video – https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V3PwNz9ENP1tiaSUaT1C_gqYkIqHxzQ8/view?usp=sharing

Awaken TOGETHER IN CHRIST
PRAYER GROUP
TUESDAYS 7 PM
St Mary's Church
 20 Merivale St. South Brisbane

admin@awaken.org.au Awaken Community
 Awaken.org.au 0437 006264

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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 OLPS Church: Nora King 0481 139 070
 St Francis of Assisi Church: Liam Cunnane 0477 306 166
 St Mary's Church: Chris Bolger 0407 480 205
 Awaken: Dianne Ezy 0411 869 017

CONFESION
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
 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Qld 4102
 Phone: (07)3838 8400
 Email: pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au
 Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R/**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R/**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **R/**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R/**

Second reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Is 55: 1-3;
2nd reading: Rom 8: 35, 37-39; **Gospel:** Mt 14: 13-21

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 27th:

R/ You have forgotten God, who gave you birth.

Tuesday 28th

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

Wednesday 29th: St. Martha (Memorial)

R/ I will bless the Lord at all times.

Thursday 30th:

R/ Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Friday 31st: St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Saturday 1st: St. Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)

R/ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Pastoral Care Update

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our Parish Pastoral Ministry Team and volunteers, I would like to say a Big - big thank you to all our parishioners for your support and generous donations of food supplies, take away containers and gift cards. We truly appreciate your act of kindness and your efforts to take part in the ministry to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in our local community. Thanks to your support we are able to provide nutritious meals and basic needs to our struggling families, elderly and the homeless. Every single visit is so precious to them, a friendly chat plus a lovely meal cooked with love by our dedicated volunteers, it means so much for the elderly and families who are experiencing loneliness and isolation during this difficult time.

Recently I had a very touching and emotional experience with two elderly couples in our parish and a lady who lived by herself. Both had just recovered from illness and come home from the hospital. As I knocked at their door to drop off the meals they were so happy and being aware of the social distancing restrictions I always keep it in place, but to my great surprise, because of their joy and appreciation they just grabbed me with tight hugs and kissed me saying 'you are our angel sent by God'. They never stop thanking me. I said 'please don't thank me but be thankful to God and to all the volunteers who are helping me' then they both started to cry and I too couldn't hold my tears. It was tears of joy and gladness knowing how happy they were and assurance to them that someone does love and care for them. ➡

REGISTRATION TO ATTEND MASS

A reminder that **you need to re-register each week** to attend Mass. If your registration happens to go over the limit on a given Sunday you will automatically be placed on the list for the following Sunday and you will receive a confirmation.

If you unable to attend after booking - Please advise the Marshall directly so your seat can be allocated to another person.

(Note: the Parish Office is unattended on weekends)

- **St Ita's Church** (Vigil Mass only): **5pm**
Register to Eventbrite
[Http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com](http://stitasduttonpark.eventbrite.com) or
to Liam O'Rourke on 0411 033 321
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: 7am**
Register to Elvis Chua on 0450 029 410
or email elvis_chua@yahoo.com
- **St Francis of Assisi Church: 9am**
Register to Mary & Peter Sheehan on :041 969 7773
or email peterwsheehan@bigpond.com
- **St Mary's Church**
7am Monday - Friday daily mass
8am Saturday mass
9am Sunday mass
5pm Sunday mass
Register to Dianne Ezy on 0411 869 017 or email
ezzydi@bigpond.com

When you register please leave a clear message with name and telephone number

Important Notes

- We ask if you are unwell, please do not attend mass.
- Covid-19 protocols are in place.
- Once booked in you will receive a confirmation call or email to advise of the mass you are registered for.
- When attending mass you must sign the register, please bring your own pen to do this.
- Please do not turn up to mass unless you have received confirmation that you are registered.

Police are already enforcing the guidelines for gatherings at churches this week. You will risk being fined even if you are in the car park.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (May - October)

Pope Francis wants to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home.

To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue from May to October contact :

pastoral.sfbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

(note all government directives for sanitising are followed).
God bless, Sr Salvacion

The Pope said that the elderly are "our roots, our story, our history," and asked the Lord to be close to them as the world faces the coronavirus pandemic. " ... We are all a little fragile, especially the elderly. Some, however, are particularly weak, many are alone, and affected by illness. Some depend on the indispensable care and attention of others. Will we take a step back for this? Will we abandon them to their fate? A society without closeness, in which gratuitousness and selfless affection — even among strangers — are disappearing, is a perverse society. The Church, faithful to the Word of God, cannot tolerate these degenerations. A Christian community in which closeness and gratuitousness are no longer considered indispensable, would lose its soul with this. Where there is no honour to the elderly, there is no future for the young."

Thank you once again. Without your prayers and support we would not be able to continue this wonderful ministry.

God bless you, Sr. Salvacion, sfi

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2020

Enrolment is now open

If you have a child who will be in year 4 or older in 2020 and you wish for your child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion, please complete the forms and return to the Parish Office by Tuesday 4th August 2020.

You could find and download the forms from our websites

www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or

www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

Information night: Wed, 5 August at 6pm at St Ita's Church.
(RSVP/registration is required, please contact the Parish Office)

Small Blessings

<https://smallblessings.com.au/thank-you/>

Small Blessings is a community campaign that celebrates the good deeds we do for each other in times of need, like we are experiencing now. If you have received or witnessed something, no matter how big or small, that's made a big difference in someone's day, let us know so we can share it with the community. In sharing our small blessings, we can bring hope to the community and inspire others.

"For all the gloom of COVID-19 there are still many blessings to be shared and to be grateful for." Archbishop Mark invites you to share yours to spread a message of hope in the community.

The Catholic Collective

The Catholic Collective is made up of the many diverse Catholic youth initiatives in the Archdiocese of Brisbane who evangelise young people (18-30). These include parish youth groups, young adult groups, movements, tertiary ministries, social justice opportunities, ethnic communities, as well as other faith communities and events. The Catholic Collective aims to collate all of the youth initiatives in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, so that you can connect in with one that is best suited for you. More information on <https://catholiccollective.org.au/about-us/>

St Ignatius Parish's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality

With great pleasure, we are offering a unique experience for our 14th Annual Women's Night of Spirituality.

This year, you can view the event from **Tuesday 28th July** in the comfort of your own home by watching the YouTube recording which will be found on the St Ignatius Parish website (www.stignatiustooowong.org.au) on the day.

The evening will be hosted by our very own Robyn Emerson, who will unpack the stories of two exceptional women —

Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO and

Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF."

Position Vacant

- **Parish Administration Assistant - Kingaroy Nanango**

Applications are open for a position at the Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Administration Assistant for 20 hours a week.

Applications close on Wednesday 29 July 2020 and interviews will be held on the 3 August 2020.

- **Parish Receptionist - Maroochydhore**

Applications are open for a position at the Maroochydhore Parish. A person with excellent receptionist and secretarial skills is required for a full-time position of Receptionist for 38 hours a week

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.