READINGS AT MASS

First reading

(1 Sam 26: 2,7-9,11-13,22-23)

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put

your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away." David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13)

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R/

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R/

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R/

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons,

the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R/

Second reading

(1Corinthians 15: 45-49)

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a lifegiving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation (John 13: 34)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

(Luke 6: 27-38)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 9: 2-3)

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Sirach 27: 4-7 2nd reading: 1Cor 15: 54-58 **Gospel**: Lk 6: 39-45

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR **PSALM RESPONSES**

Mondav 21st:

R/ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Tuesday 22nd: Feast (The Chair of St Peter) R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Wednesday 23rd: Memorial (St Polycarp) R/ Happy the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs

Thursday 24th: R/ Happy the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Friday 25th: R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Saturday 26th: R/ Let my prayer come like incense before you.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 February 2022 - Year C

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a striking message in today's readings about interpersonal relationship and how our character is determined by the way we treat others. In the first reading, we have the meeting of Saul and David; Saul, the first king of the Israelites, engaged in pursuit of David with a view to killing him. When David returned home after killing the Philistine hero, Goliath, the people came out to welcome his triumph. They made more of David's single victory than of all the victories of Saul. This made Saul obscenely jealous, and he took against David to the extent of hunting him down. David fled with a band of his supporters and put his energy into keeping a step ahead of Saul.

In today's episode David and his nephew, Abishai, creep into Saul's camp by night and take his spear and water jar. Abishai tells David that here was a golden opportunity to kill

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)

Mon-Fri: 7am Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass) Sunday: 9am and 5pm Youth Mass: 4th Sunday 5pm

> St Francis of Assisi Church (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)

Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church

(Pope St, Dutton Park) Saturday (Vigil): 5pm Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

> **Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** (Victoria St, Fairfield)

Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

St Mary's Church: Fri: 7.30am-8am | Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4-4.45pm St Ita's Church: By appointment (contact parish office)

ST ITAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Saul and put an end to his persecution. But David does not allow Abishai to raise a hand against Saul who is, after all, the Lord's anointed. Later, David shouted to Saul's camp from a safe distance that he had visited them by stealth during the night and stole the king's spear. He invited one of Saul's men to come and take back the spear. David's action clearly shows that he could have taken Saul's life but chose not to out of loyalty for the Lord's chosen one. The antipathy between Saul and David was thereby shown to be entirely on Saul's part.

This is a legend-making story that elevates David's reputation. It would be unseemly for a man to move toward his time as king by taking the life of his predecessor. David is vindicated throughout this story, which prepares the reader for the more noble reign of David as Israel's messiah and king.

Peace and Blessing, Fr Joshy Parappully

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022

BAPTISMS

2nd Saturday - 10am: St Mary's Church

(Family preparation sessions on the 4th Tuesday. Booking's essential.)

ADORATION

• Sunday 4-5pm: St Mary's Church

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday 7am: OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Saturday 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday 9.00am: St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS

• 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church (School term only - check dates on website)

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

 1st and 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

YOUTH MASS

4th Sunday - 5pm: St Mary's Church

PLANNED GIVING FOR 1ST & 2ND COLLECTIONS

Please consider giving to our planned giving program

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committed parishioners who financially support our parish every week. As you can imagine the cost of running and the upkeep of a parish this size takes a considerable amount and we ask that you prayerfully consider committing to assist our planned giving program. The easiest most hassle free way for you to do this is via our Direct Debit Program. Click on the links below to download the separate forms for each parish.

Our parishes are separate with individual accounts please download the correct one for you, complete and email back to the parish office directly.

Dutton Park Parish download: Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form

St Marv's Parish download: St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form

Other ways of giving:

Dutton Park Parish:

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 022 825 Your Last Name and Collections Ref:

St Marv's Parish South Brisbane

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 009 890 Your Last Name and Collections Ref: (Please always use Reference of Your Last Name and the word Collections)

> We also have **Tap n Go** see Church Coordinator at Mass.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2022

Ash Wednesday Mass Times 2nd March a day of fasting and abstinence.

• St. Mary's Church - 7am • St. Ita's Church - 10am (School Mass) • St. Francis of Assisi Church - 6pm

Lenten Reflection - Remember

Every Thursday night during Lent at 7pm Starting on Thursday 3rd March at St Francis Meeting Room

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night during Lent at 7pm Starting on Friday 4th March at St Mary's Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children liturgy is starting again at our Parishes. Áll children welcome! Saturdays - 5pm: St Ita's Church Sundays - 9am: St Mary's Church



A message from Aid to the A message from Church in Need Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters



Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited quest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

Find Out More: Enquire Here or Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our online forum at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend our and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

CALLING ALL GARDENER!!!

Do you love to garden but don't have the space? We are looking for volunteers to adopt a plot at our St Francis Church ground. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested.



LENT IDEAS FOR KIDS

Ash Wednesday is coming up very soon, marking the beginning of Lent-that beautiful season of the Church when Catholics prepare for Easter.

Below are activities you can do with your children to embrace this season.

Family Lenten Calendar

This Lenten calendar has lots of ideas to help the children engage in praying, fasting and give almsgiving in ways that are suited to kids.

Grow a Seed for Lent

To help kids think about how God helps them to grow throughout Lent, invite them to plant a seed in a small pot or cup and tend it over the coming weeks.

Both activities are available for free download on evangelisationbrisbane.org.au

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY **BRUCE DOWNES**

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREÉ and you can sign up here: : https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22

Call 1300 734 880 for more info

Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March!

Why Not Join an Event or Organise Your Own?

You can join community clean up events in your locality or register your own clean up. Registration is easy and Clean Up Australia will send you kits to help you to run a clean up event efficiently and safely.

You can search for local events, register an event and get other information about organising an event for your parish, school, youth group or office at: https://www.cleanup.org.au/

ST LAURENCE'S 2022 **COMMUNITY MUSIC SEASON**

All are welcome at the community choir which rehearses for the next 6 weeks on Mondays at 5:30pm in the St Laurence's College Chapel at 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane. No experience is necessary, just a love of singing.

The season concludes on Monday 21 March with a concert including the St Laurence's Old Boys' Choir, Guitar Orchestra and String Ensemble at St Ignatius' Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong at 7:00pm. Entry to the concert will be free with a collection taken to support the Jesuit school in Myanmar.

Please following this link to sign up

https://forms.gle/9Lt7o2K4Nxkvvdeg9 For more information follow this link to last year's concert https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23UJoZgXaRg

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Are you looking for venue for your next event? St Francis hall is available. Kitchen and inside toilets. Wheel chair accessible.

Contact the Parish Office for more information

COTTAGE FOR RENT

1 bedroom cottage with carpark available for rent. West End location. Close to public transport. Contact the Parish Office for more information

Position Vacant

Finance Officer

Applications are open for a position at the Burpengary Parish. A person with excellent finance experience required for a part time position of Finance Officer working 8 hours a week, Monday & either a Thursday or a Friday with the flexibility of increasing these hours in the near future.

Applications close: Monday 21 February 2022

Administration Officer

Applications are open for the above position at the St Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert. The position is a causal/relief role of approximately 15 hours per week to begin immediately.

Applications close: Tuesday 22 February 2022

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/ and to careers.

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.



