

READINGS AT MASS

First reading

(Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8)

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16)

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R/**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

Second reading

(1Corinthians 15: 54-58)

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where
is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us
the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring
in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

(Phil 2: 15-16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine in the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

(Luke 6: 39-45)

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do

not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from
brambles. A good man draws what is good from the
store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws
what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's
words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 12: 6)

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: Deut 26: 4-10

2nd reading: Rom 10: 8-13

Gospel: Lk 4: 1-13

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 28th:

R/ The Lord will remember his covenant forever.

Tuesday 1st:

R/ The Lord has made known his salvation.

Wednesday 2nd: Ash Wednesday (fast & abstinence)

R/ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Thursday 3rd:

R/ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Friday 4th:

R/ A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

Saturday 5th:

R/ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

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 (for St Ita's School only)
- 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.
All children welcome!
Saturdays - 5pm: St Ita's Church
Sundays - 9am: St Mary's Church



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



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 February 2022 - Year C

LED BY THE SPIRIT

*A Lenten Letter to the People of God
in the Archdiocese of Brisbane*

Dear sisters and brothers,

"Grace be with you who love our Lord Jesus Christ
with an incorruptible love" (Eph 6:24)

The Gospels tell us that Jesus is led by the Spirit
into the desert where he fasts for forty days (Matt
4:1-2; Luke 4:1-2). The same Spirit now leads the
Church into the forty days of Lent as we prepare
for Easter when the desert becomes a garden as
"death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor 15:54).
The Spirit can take us to some strange places,
even to places we would rather not go (cf John
21:18), but always for the sake of love's transfor-
mation.

In 2016 the same Spirit led the Church in Australia
to begin a journey to a new place. This was when
the Bishops Conference, after years of uncertainty,
decided for a Plenary Council in order to chart a
course into the future. The Council was to have
not one but two assemblies, taking its cue from the
two Synods on marriage and the family convened
by Pope Francis in 2014-2015.

It was the Spirit who prompted the Conference's
decision, and the Spirit has accompanied us at every
point since then. It has been a time of testing and a
time of deep listening to the word of God rather than
to other voices, not unlike Jesus in the desert.

The journey of the Plenary Council was to have three
phases - preparation, celebration and implementa-
tion. The preparation phase came to an end with the
first assembly in October 2021. Our plan was to
have the first assembly face-to-face in Adelaide in
October 2020. But because of COVID-19 we took
what we thought was a very cautious decision and
postponed the assembly for twelve months. Howev-
er, what seemed a cautious decision turned out to be
anything but. Twelve months later - again because
of COVID - we had to have the week-long assembly
online. It worked well enough, but it was a very dif-
ferent experience from a face-to-face gathering.

Now we are in the middle of the celebration phase,
between the two assemblies. This is not a vacant
time when we take a breather after the first assem-
bly and before the second.

On the contrary: through this time of fermentation a
huge amount of work is being done*continue pto*

MASS TIMES

St Mary's (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 (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)

- Sunday: 9am

St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)

- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
- Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

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 of-
fice)

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022

BAPTISMS

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

(Family preparation sessions on the 4th Tuesday. Bookings 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)

- Saturdays - 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sundays - 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 Mary'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
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 009 890
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections

(Please always use Reference of Your Last Name and the word Collections)

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

to process all the raw material from the first assembly and to prepare an agenda for the second.

At the first assembly the mornings were a time when many voices were heard in the full gathering, and the afternoons were for the work of discernment in smaller groups. This is what produced the raw material. Immediately after the first assembly we began the very complex work of collating and sifting all this.

The work is being overseen by the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, chaired by Archbishop Tim Costelloe of Perth, and guided by the more hands-on Steering Committee chaired by Bishop Shane Mackinlay of Sandhurst. Both of these are supported by the Facilitation Team. Another key body is the Drafting Committee who draw upon the expert advisors assisting the Council and feed material to various writing groups who have to shape the material so that it's manageable at the second assembly. Through all this the nearly 300 members of the Council are being kept informed, because they are very much part of the fermentation between the assemblies. What is being done continues the process of discernment which has marked the entire journey of the Plenary Council. We are seeking to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who has not only inspired the journey but who speaks to us on the way.

Eventually this work will produce an agenda for the second assembly, and the agenda will, we hope, contain a number of creative, practical and affordable proposals designed to produce the kind of change we need in the Church. The plan is for the second assembly to be face-to-face in Sydney in early July. But the persistence of COVID-19 makes even that uncertain; and the mood at the moment is that if we cannot meet face-to-face we will again postpone the assembly until we can.

From the beginning the Plenary Council has looked beyond our shores to the universal Church. The Pope had to give his assent to the Council, and through the preparation phase there was ongoing dialogue between the Bishops Conference and the Holy See. That dialogue has become more intense since Pope Francis decided for a worldwide Synod process which will climax with the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in late 2023. The Plenary Council therefore has to interweave with the wider Synod process, each enriching the other. That will mean many voices in the Church being heard. In the preparation phase of the Council there was broad consultation, and you are invited now to speak your mind as part of the global Synod process. So I ask: What would you say to Pope Francis about change in the Church not just in Australia but around the world? You might also consider the three steps proposed by Evangelisation Brisbane [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZ-N79Kf0>].

At the conclusion of the Council's second assembly, we will begin the implementation phase. The documents, decisions and decrees of the Council will be sent to the Holy See for confirmation, and once they are confirmed they will become binding for the Church in Australia. My hope is that here in Brisbane we will have an Archdiocesan Synod some time after that to help embed the decisions and decrees in the life and mission of the Church here. That may well lead to the regular celebration of Synods in the Arch-

diocese in order to help us move to a more synodal mode of governance.

Structures like Councils and Synods are important, but they need to produce cultural change in the Church, a kind of conversion. The need for change was made clear by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; and in a different way it has been made clear by COVID-19. Nothing can be quite the same as it was after the Royal Commission; nor will it be after the pandemic which has left us all wondering what the new normal might look like in so many areas of life, including the Church.

This is no time for turning inwards and looking just to our own institutional interests. It is no time to be a judgmental Church which never notices the splinter in our own eye but makes a fuss about the splinter in the eyes of others (cf Luke 6:42). We need instead to be a humble and compassionate Church that looks outwards, asking how we might be more like Jesus who "came not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). That will require a practical, evangelical imagination which takes to heart the words of St Mary MacKillop: "Never see a need without doing something about it". This is the kind of Church to which both the Plenary Council and the global Synod are looking. This is what the Spirit is now saying to the Church (cf Rev 3:13), speaking to all of us in these desert days of Lent.

+ Mark Coleridge
Ash Wednesday 2022

ST FRANCIS' TABLE NEWS UPDATE

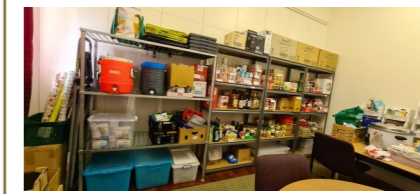
Congratulations.

Last week the Brisbane City Council officer has visited and conducted a Food Safety Audit. We have been assessed with a 4 star rating. Well done St. Francis Table Ministry!



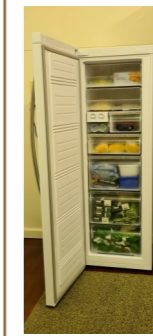
Six years ago the St. Francis Table Ministry started with just a small group of people but with God's Blessing it keeps on growing. Last year, having some difficulties with facilities, they needed a bigger pantry to store the food supplies in compliance to the food licence requirements and another freezer to avoid the cross contamination between raw meat, vegetables, ice cream and cakes. Aware of the short funding in hand, the hard working and trusting volunteers said: "Ask and you shall receive...". True enough, Fr. Joshy had given them a bigger room for a pantry but barely nothing in it except the four corners of the wall, ceiling and the floor.

Sr. Salvacion, our Pastoral Coordinator and her team of Volunteer's worked hard over the Christmas break, purchased some heavy duty shelving to start with and slowly assembled them, but a couple of parishioners discovered what the sister and some volunteers were doing. They also pulled up their sleeves and joined the team including children and a handyman, who fixed our door lock for free. One of



the volunteers has been invited to come along to Bunnings to purchase more shelving but when Sister reached the counter to pay, the generous volunteers had already paid the full cost. Others who were unable to physically help but had seen it on Facebook post, joyfully offered to pay for more shelving to complete the project.

What an incredible effort and overwhelming support, from building up a pantry to collecting food supplies. A huge thank you to all who have been part of this amazing ministry. The pantry was finally completed and only the freezer was lacking. Keeping in mind the sayings of St.



Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Then some of the volunteers insisted, "have faith, pray, ask and you shall receive". Thanks to so many silent intercessors behind the scene, our prayer have reached to the humble and generous parishioner from St. Francis of Assisi Church, West End who wished stay anonymous and donated a brand new freezer.

The Parish is forever grateful for all your support both past and present. To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to 'care'. Thank you for sharing with us not only in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters but you are helping others change lives. God never takes a **DAY OFF** to love, to care, to keep us safe and guide us in every moment of our lives. We too are called to do as Jesus did.

May His presence be with you always,
(Sr. Salvacion)



Position Vacant Pastoral and Youth ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for the above position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 34 hours a week to be worked as Tues (7hrs), Thurs (7hrs), Fri (7hrs), Sat (6hrs) and Sun (7hrs)

Applications close: 7 March 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.