

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th August 2022 - Year C

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Commonwealth Games is well underway and we are once again witnessing memorable performances and inspiring stories. We hear of years of dedication and sacrifice that result in sporting success. While not everyone is successful, what we see might confirm in our minds that, to achieve success, we need to earn it in some way, usually through some combination of God-given gifts, prodigious effort, and saint-like self-denial.

It seems to me that this, and other aspects of modern life, lead us to believe that everything good in life is conditional. To get it, we must earn it. The Gospel tells us something different: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the king-dom" (emphasis added) (Lk 12:32). Notice this isn't expressed as conditional. It is a free, unmerited gift purchased by Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. And it's not a gold medal, but a kingdom.

Does this mean we can take for granted that this kingdom will eventually be ours? No. The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews tells us we need to accept the gift: "Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for" (Heb 11:1). And, if our faith is like Abraham's - radical surrender to God's plan based on a deeply-held belief in His promises - we will be inspired to be faithful and wise stewards of God's gifts, doing good works in His name. For, to whom much is given, much will be expected (Lk 12:48).

Yours in Christ, Dcn. Adam

## **ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA**

We'd like to invite and welcome everyone for our monthly morning tea, every 1st Sunday of the Month. It is a good time to meet and greet friends, neighbours and visitors

#### Sunday, 7 August after 9.00am Mass St Francis' Hall

A plate to share would be most welcome

All welcome.

#### Welcome to New Parishioners

Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

#### MASS TIMES

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

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 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: 4.15-4.45pm

St Ita's Church By appointment (contact parish office)

**More information:** Websites: - <u>www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</u> - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

FB: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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## **PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022**

#### **BAPTISMS**

2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's Church

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

#### **PRAYER & ADORATION**

Tuesday 7pm: St Mary's Church Sunday 4pm: 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 •
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- 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

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

#### Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

Your continued support for our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please download one of the form below, 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 direct internet transfer:

**Dutton Park Parish:** BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 022 825 Ref: Last Name and Collections

#### St Marv's Parish South Brisbane

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

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

## SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at -risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550



For more information visit brisbanecatholic.org.au/safequarding

#### St Mary's Church Feast Day & Fr Joshy's Silver Jubile Celebration

A special Mass at St Mary's Church to celebrate the Parish Feast Day and Fr Joshy's Silver Jubilee Celebration of Religious Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

## Sunday, 14 August - 9.00am St Mary's Church, South Brisbane

All are invited and welcome.



A huge thank you to the year 11 Vilanova students for organising this beautiful afternoon tea that was enjoyed by many grandparents and el-derly. The students took pleasure in doing a great job in serving and entertaining them on this wonderful occasion.



#### **RCIA 2022**

#### Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith?

You might like to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. During the journey you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way.

Instruction for RCIA is begins each year in September, meets once a week and continues through the year until the Easter Vigil.

#### Introduction/Information Session Saturday 10th September 2022 - 2.30pm St Ita's Board Meeting Room, Dutton Park

Please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or email stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au for more information. Cost - free!

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN: 20 - 21 AUGUST 2022





**Blessing of the Bikes** 

Calling all cyclists! Whether you are young or old, fit or unfit, weekend battler or elite professional, we would love to see you all for this year's Blessing of the Bikes.

## Saturday 27 August - 7am Cathedral of St Stephen

Followed by a River loop and coffee and BBQ breakfast at Orleigh Park, West End.

For more details go to menalive.org.au



Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass.

The Mass will be held on Sunday 25th September at the Cathedral in observance of World Day of Migrant and Refugees (25 September), highlighting this year's theme, "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees".

It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

All are invited and all are welcome!

Find out more or register here: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM22

When was the last time you reviewed your will?

HopgoodGanim Lawyers is a Brisbane-based law firm which was founded in 1974. We can help you with:

- wills & estate planning; and
- estate administration & disputes.

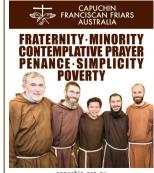
Contact - Greg Cox 3024 0331 g.cox@hopgoodganim.com.au www.hopgoodganim.com.au

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 7 – 14, 2022

**Vocation Matters**: Vocation means God calls, and we respond.

Why does it matter that people discover their God -given vocations? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every person. As St John Henry Newman reflected, "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to which has not been committed to another.

## I HAVE A MISSION". Where is God calling you?



If you are interested in learning more about the Capuchin way of life, please visit the Capuchin website, social media page or contact Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap, the Vocations Director.

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## **Africa Food Crisis**

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region.

We must act now and Make Hunger History.

Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis.

# Visit <u>www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis</u> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.





Bute, the village elder of a small village in southwestern Ethiopia. Photo: Zacharias Abubeker/Caritas Australia.







#### **READINGS AT MASS**

#### First reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,

they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,

the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22

# *R:* Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

#### Second reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

#### Gospel Acclamation: Matt 24: 42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watching and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail

you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

#### Communion Antiphon: Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading**: Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 **2nd reading**: Heb 12: 1-4 **Gospel**: Lk 12: 49-53

#### THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 8th: Solemnity (St Mary of the Cross) R: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

#### Tuesday 9th:

R: How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Wednesday 10th: Feast (St Lawrence) R: Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

Thursday 11th: *Memorial (St Clare)* R: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Friday 12th: R: You have turned from your anger to comfort me.

Saturday 13th: R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.