

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28th August 2022 - Year C

Doing good for the sake of -- what?

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How selfcentered?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in

return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.

By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to choose to be more like Jesus. As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive. © 2022 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com. Printed by permission.

ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA

We'd like to invite and welcome everyone for our monthly morning tea in September.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate Fr Joshy's Silver Jubilee Anniversary of his Religious Vows.

Sunday, 4th September after 9.00am Mass St Francis' Hall

A plate to share would be most 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

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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

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- 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 Mary'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/safeguarding

ST FRANCIS' COMMUNITY GARDEN



We are looking for volunteers to start St Francis' Community Garden at the back of St Francis' Hall.

If you love to garden and would like to join us, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sr Salvacion has already started with some herbs.

RCIA 2022

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

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

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.

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



Evangelisation Brisbane are hosting another 'A Morning's Prayer' mini retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in September.

It's about providing the space for a profound engagement with the God who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are.

The retreat will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, and aim to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome.

Find out more and register here: https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/



Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN: 20 - 21 AUGUST 2022



SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation begins with the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on 1 September. It runs through to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4 October.

It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.

The theme for this year is Listen to the Voice of Creation.

The Ecumenical service: Thursday, 1 September at 7:30 PM at the Albert Street Uniting Church, 319 Albert Street, Brisbane.

All are welcome.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE May - October

To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue from May to October please contact the Parish Office.





to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

> Saturday 24th September 2022 11:30am

RSVP: Wednesday 21st September email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 The Cathedral car park will be available.



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 St Stephen's Cathedral in observance of World Day of Migrant and Refugees (25 September), highlighting this year's theme, "Building the Future with Mi-grants 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:

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- estate administration & disputes.

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R/**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **R/**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.**R/**

Second reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Gospel Acclamation: Matt 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them? When the give-andtake in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Wisdom9: 13-18 **2nd reading**: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 **Gospel**: Luke 14 : 25-33

THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 29th: Memorial (The Passion of St John the Baptist) R: I will sing your salvation.

Tuesday 30th:

R: The Lord is just in all his ways.

Wednesday 31st:

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

Thursday 1st:

R: To the Lord belong the earth and all that fills it.

Friday 2nd:

R: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Saturday 3rd: Memorial

(St Gregory of the Great) R: The Lord is near to all who call him.