



EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:  
 St Mary's - South Brisbane,  
 St Francis of Assisi - West End,  
 St Ita's - Dutton Park &  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Fairfield  
*Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars*



*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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**4th September 2022 - Year C**

**PRIORITIES**

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities?

What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship — learning from him and making every effort to become more like him — we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but

also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross.

The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!.

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**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.

<p><b>MASS TIMES</b></p> <p><b>St Mary's</b> (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)          • Mon-Fri: 7am   Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)          • Sunday: 9am and 5pm</p> <p><b>St Francis of Assisi</b> (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)          • Sunday: 9am</p> <p><b>St Ita's</b> (Pope St, Dutton Park)          • Saturday (Vigil): 5pm          • Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b>          (Victoria St, Fairfield)          • Sunday: 7am</p> <p><b>CONFESSIO</b></p> <p><b>St Mary's Church</b>          Fri: 7.30am-8am   Sat: 8.30am-9am   Sun: 4.15-4.45pm</p> <p><b>St Ita's Church</b>          By appointment (contact parish office)</p> <p><b>More information:</b>  <b>Websites:</b> - <a href="http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au">www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</a>          - <a href="http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au">www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au</a>  <b>FB:</b> - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/">www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/</a>          - <a href="https://www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish">www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish</a></p>	<p><b>PARISH ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p><b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap          Email: <a href="mailto:pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au">pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Parish Deacon:</b> Deacon Adam Walk          Email: <a href="mailto:walka@bne.catholic.net.au">walka@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Pastoral Coordinator:</b> Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI</p> <p><b>Parish Secretary:</b> Niken Westerman</p> <p><b>Finance Officer:</b> Kevin Bhasin</p> <p><b>Parish Youth:</b> <a href="mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au">southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Safeguarding Officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205)</li> <li>• St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)</li> <li>• St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)</li> <li>• OLPS Church: Vania Lobo (0435 935 925)</li> </ul> <p><b>Office:</b> 47 Dornoch Tce, West End, Q 4101  <b>Telephone:</b> 07 3844 2744  <b>Postal:</b> PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101  <b>Emails:</b> - <a href="mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au">southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</a>          - <a href="mailto:stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au">stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p> <p><b>ST ITAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>          247 Gladstone Rd, Sutton Park, Q 4102  <b>Phone:</b> (07) 3838 8400  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au">pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au</a>  <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au">www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au</a></p>
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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 6.30pm: 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

### 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 Mary'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](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)



Today we honour and thank God for the special men He has placed in our lives, our fathers, uncles, grandfathers, neighbours, friends, teachers, and all men in our community.

*Loving God,  
Shine Your light and grace  
upon fathers and all father figures in our lives.  
St Joseph the husband of Mary  
and foster father of Jesus  
we ask your blessings upon them.  
Amen*



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT DAY

For the last 3 weeks the children and their parents in our Parishes have been sharing a sacramental journey together in preparation for the children to receive their sacrament of First Holy Communion.

This Saturday, 3rd September in St Francis' Hall, under the guidance of Sr Salvacion and her Sacramental Team, they will finalise the preparation in a day retreat.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### RCIA 2022

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

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.

Sessions 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 [stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information. Cost - free!

### 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 gardening and would like to join us, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sr Salvacion has already started with some herbs.

Thank you for those who have responded. We will notify you once we have the date for our first meeting.



## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK & SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

This parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

Find out more about the Church's work in this area at [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## CELEBRATING THE START OF THE SEASON OF CREATION - 1ST SEPTEMBER



All are welcome to join us in celebrating the start of



## Season of Creation

Listen to the Voice of Creation



The Burning Bush  
Ex 3.1-12

Albert St Uniting Church,  
Corner of Albert St and Ann St.  
Brisbane

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
7.30pm

From September 1 to October 4,  
Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation,  
the annual Christian Celebration  
for our common home.

The theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation"

For more information contact Jackie Fewtrell: [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au)



2023 & 2024 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

THURSDAY 15TH  
SEPTEMBER

## OPEN DAY

9:00 - 10:30

A SUPPORTIVE & INCLUSIVE  
LEARNING COMMUNITY

- SCHOOL TOURS
- WELCOME BY STAFF & PARENTS
- PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

PH: 38388400 FOR MORE INFO



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030

The Cathedral car park will be available.

## 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.



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ACN AUSTRALIA

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

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Please consider leaving an eternal legacy by remembering Aid to the Church in Need in your will. This gift will ensure that the light of faith continues to shine brightly throughout the world and that persecuted, and suffering Christians will be cared for and given a voice.

When you leave a gift in your will to ACN you can also rest assured that ACN will arrange Masses for the eternal repose of your soul.

Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/legacies](http://www.aidtochurch.org/legacies)



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## READINGS AT MASS

### First reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

**R: In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge**

You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R/**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R/**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R/**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

### Second reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Consider your daily activities:  
What are your top priorities?  
What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st reading:** Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14

**2nd reading:** 1Tim 1: 12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15 : 1-32

## THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

**Monday 5th:**

**R:** Lead me in your justice, Lord.

**Tuesday 6th:**

**R:** The Lord takes delight in his people.

**Wednesday 7th:**

**R:** Listen to me daughter; see and bend your ear.

**Thursday 8th: Feast (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

**R:** With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

**Friday 9th:**

**R:** How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, Mighty God!

**Saturday 10th:**

**R:** To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.