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# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **31st October 2022 - Year C**

#### Let nothing stop you from seeing the Lord!

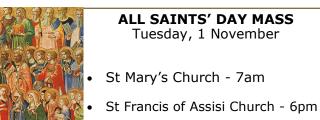
Notice the determination of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from reaching his goal of getting a clear view of Jesus.

In fact, Zacchaeus was so eager to experience Jesus that he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging onto a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.

We all have handicaps -- prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on -- which obstruct our view of Jesus. And we all have short stature: we are much smaller than God and cannot see the goodness that he sees in and beyond our hardships. In our short-sightedness, we conclude that Jesus has abandoned us, and we feel so very alone.

Instead, we should be like Zacchaeus. In our desire to see Jesus fully, as he really is, we should do everything possible to find a way around all obstacles and overcome all spiritual handicaps.

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#### NOVEMBER MASSES

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please place your envelope of mass intentions for the Souls in the basket provided in front of the Altar.



# 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** 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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#### **READINGS AT MASS**

#### First reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144(145):1-2,8-11,13-14

#### R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my king, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R/** 

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/** 

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R/** 

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R/** 

#### Second reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

#### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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#### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are you "short" on? What in your faith life is too small? What is crowding your life and obstructing an enthusiastic relationship with Jesus? And how can you overcome this handicap so that you can see Jesus and recognize his nearness and hear his affirmation?

#### THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 31st:

**R:** In you, O Lord, I have found my peace

Tuesday 1st: Solemnity (All Saints) R: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face

#### Wednesday 2nd:

**R:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

#### Thursday 3rd:

**R:** Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.

**Friday 4th**: *Memorial (St Charles Borromeo) R:* Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Saturday 5th:

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

**2nd reading**: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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Notice that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation. How did Zacchaeus respond? He quickly descended from the tree and welcomed Jesus with delight. He had so much enthusiasm that he wanted to quadruple the penance for his sins!

Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? If Zacchaeus' reaction to Christ's presence isn't our reaction, it means our view is still partly obstructed. We need to climb higher.

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#### **PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** May - October



The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue home family visitation is to aid families in responding to the requests made by the Blessed Mary during her apparitions at Fatima.

The essence of her requests is threefold: return to God; make reparation for sins; pray the Rosary for Peace.

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

# **2 MINUTES CATECHISM**

#### WHAT IS ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day honors the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized.

The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ. The Church celebrates All Saints Day on November 1, where it is followed by the Commemoration of All Souls, that is, those righteous dead being purified in Purgatory.

#### What exactly is a Saint?

Mother Angelica said, "Saints are ordinary people who love Jesus, try to be like Him, are faithful to the duties of their state in life, sacrifice themselves for their neighbour, and keep their hearts and minds free of this world." A canonized saint is someone who, after careful consideration, is formally recognized by the Church as being with God in Heaven. These include the holy angels, the Just of the Old Law (King David, the prophets, etc.), holy men and women mentioned in the New Testament (Mary, Joseph, the Apostles etc.), as well as those recognized in the early Church by inserting their name into the canon of the Mass (canonization). In the Second Millennium this process of "canonization" became more formal.

Taken from https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-andfeast-days/all-saints-20377

#### ST FRANCIS' MONTHLY MORNING TEA Sunday, 6 November after 9am mass



Please come and join us for a special morning tea with a screening of "The Letter", telling the story of the Lauda-to Si' encyclical letter, who will be fa-

cilitated by our parishioner Fanny Boulaire. A little discussion will follow afterward.

"The Letter" is about how the climate crisis is strongly affecting the Earth and all those who inhabit it. Beside featuring Pope Francis sharing his deep wisdom, also four other voices from India, Amazon, Senegal and Hawaii, repre-

senting the peripheries of the ecologities they are going through and how the climate crisis affects them closely.



All welcome! A plate to share is mostly welcomed.

#### **ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND**

Many thanks to all who have supported the restoration of St Mary's Church over the past years. There is still an opportunity to sponsor a Perpetual Pew. This provides a way to not only remember your loved ones but also assists with the funding of our restoration projects.

To sponsor a pew; \$1,000 for small pew and \$1,200 for long pew (only one long pew still available). Please transfer the sponsor fee to:

Acc. Name: St Mary's 'Restoration Fund' BSB no.: 064-786 Acc. No.: 007230101 Please note donations are not tax deductible.

A plaque will be engraved in Perpetuity "In Memory of ..." or "In Honour of ...", and affixed to the pew.



For more information or to order the plaque please contact the Parish Office or the Church Co-ordinator.

#### **ALL SAINTS IDEAS FOR KIDS**



Throughout history, there have been many heroes of our faith - we call them Saints! They were human being of all ages, not unlike us, who said 'yes' to following Jesus and shared God's love with others in amazing ways.

In a particular way, the Church remembers this great cloud of witnesses' and calls on their intercession when we celebrate the Feast of All Saints! They are like a heavenly cheer squad, praying for us and encouraging us to follow Jesus in all we do.

To help include the children in your family in the celebration of the Feast of All Saints, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has created some resources that you might like to use, to pray with the saints and get to know them better!

Watch the video via the QR Code:



And download the free resources here: https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/ shop/free-resources/

# **MULTICULTURAL MASS**

In thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini Sunday 6 November 2022 09:30am Holy Spirit Church, New Farm

PLEASE WEAR TRADITIONAL DRESS. SHMENTS AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE SCHOOL HALL AFTER MASS.

> Enquiries: Holy Spirit Parish Office: (07) 3359 3744 newfarm@bne.catholic.net.au

#### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2023** For children in year 5 or older

## **ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN!**

If you have a child who is currently in Year 5 or older and has received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, and would like to enroll for this sacramental program, please complete the enrolment forms and return to the Parish Office by Monday, 6 February 2023.

Please download the forms from our websites: www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au

or

www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

# **PARISH ACTIVITIES 2022**

#### BAPTISMS

2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's (Booking is 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
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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 (On hold - resume on 8 November 2022)

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



# When was the last time you reviewed your will?

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

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

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

Other ways of giving direct internet transfer:

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 009 890 Ref: Your Last Name and Collections

**Dutton Park Parish:** BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100 022 825 Ref: 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

