



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.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1st January 2023 - Year A

Consecrate the New Year to the Blessed Mother

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On this holy day, which includes an obligation to celebrate Mass because it's as important as Sunday, I pray that you will have a very Jesus-centered year in which your faith increases your joy as you receive his healing love and the gift of his emboldening strength to enable you to succeed in every difficulty.

Today, let's consecrate the new year to the Mother of Christ, to her protection and help, asking God to make this a year of many blessings.

In the first reading, God teaches Moses how to pass blessings onto others. Today's responsorial Psalm includes a request for God to bless us. The second reading describes the greatest blessing we've received: our adoption by God the Father. As his children, we inherit all that belongs to him. He has made available to us eternal life and every blessing under the heavens and in heaven.

Blessings come to us all the time. Every breath and each heartbeat is a blessing of life. But would you like to be amazed by your blessings, like the people in today's Gospel reading who heard the testimony of the shepherds?

Such amazement is the awe we feel when we recognize the presence of Jesus and are truly conscious of what's happening. We are blessed whenever we see, do, hear, or feel something that is Jesus or comes from Je-

sus or reveals him to us. Thus, we're even blessed in situations that feel like curses, because he is there, guiding us through it!

To grow stronger in faith, we need to become more aware of our blessings. This requires keeping our eyes on Jesus. Admittedly, this is hard to do, but it's possible with decisive effort and the help of the Holy Spirit. Look past the problems: There is the victorious Jesus! Look past your emotional reactions to hardships: There is the peace of Christ! Look past the person who is sinning against you: There is Jesus comforting you!

Be awed by the fact that Jesus is always there and that everything good you do is a blessing from Jesus and also to Jesus. In hardships, we overcome evil by doing good to others with Jesus, which is also then a blessing to Jesus. In this, we become aware of the blessings of God's love, sympathy, and victory. And we'll find other blessings, too.

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We wish our parishioners and their family a happy New Year. May 2023 bring joy, peace, healing and blessings for you.

Parish Office is closed and will be re-opened on 9th January 2023.

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:** - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
 - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au
- FB:** - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/
 - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

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- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
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Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66(67):2-3,5,6,8

R: May God bless us in his mercy.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Second reading: Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation: Heb1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Communion Antiphon: Heb 13: 8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

Count your blessings. Make a list of everything that's good in your life, including past blessings that give you warm, happy memories. The Lord has done great things for you. How does this reassure you today?

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 2nd: Memorial (Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

Tuesday 3rd:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Wednesday 4th:

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Thursday 5th:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Friday 6th:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Saturday 7th:

The Lord takes delight in his people.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

1st reading: Is 60:1-6

2nd reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

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The next time someone fails to be good to you, stop expecting it from them and look for Jesus himself to give you what you need. As you improve at recognizing him, you'll become aware of his blessings even during the heat of the trial, and your faith will grow stronger.

In every situation, keep your eyes on Jesus to see his hand reaching toward you, blessing you.

Let us learn from Mary. She observed everything that happened and reflected on it to see what God would do. When Mary looked at the shepherds, did she see scruffy, stinky, unkempt strangers barging in? Of course not. Look at the scruffy people in your own life. How many blessings do you see?

May your New Year be filled with fully realized blessings!

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ST FRANCIS' TABLE NEWS UPDATE

It was an amazing experience and a joyful encounter this Christmas season with the people we served. So many of the elderly live alone and feel isolated. Our visit made them feel very special and everyone came out of their homes to enjoy each other's company and joined in the singing of Christmas carols. By divine providence a total of 134 hampers were provided to our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Santa's little elves and helpers also brought joy and shared hampers of goodies at the police station in West End and Dutton Park to thank them for their dedicated service risking their lives in protecting us and making the community safe. They were so grateful to us for sharing God's blessings with them. Seeing their beautiful smiles was enough to express how happy they were and they wished all the volunteers a happy Christmas.

Kind regards,
Sr. Salvacion



A BIG THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

Due to the generosity of community members of Dutton Park and St Mary's Parishes and other donors, on Saturday 17th December the members of the St Francis of Assisi Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society were able to deliver Christmas hampers to 130 people in need in 80 households in our community.

The previous Tuesday evening was a flurry of activity in the hall as a band of helpers gathered to pack the hampers with the various food items and gifts that had been donated or purchased with donations from the Hamper Appeal.

From all those who received a hamper,
a very big THANK YOU.

THANK YOU!

St Francis' Table
Ministry for the Elderly
wishes to thank the Catholic Foundation for the generous grant funding they received to support their ministry and the children's liturgy.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spread across the Archdiocese of Brisbane
Our 24/7 prayer engine for the world



In January 2023, St Mary's will join with other Churches within the Archdiocese in sharing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Each Church exposes the Blessed Sacrament on a set day of the week for a continuous 24 hour period. St Mary's period will commence following the 8.00am Mass on Saturdays until before 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

You are encouraged to become a Dedicated Adorer – having a regular hour(s) on roster, or as a Casual Adorer – helping to fill vacancies. Both are vital for the continuation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

If you wish to be included in the roster, please complete the registration sheet at St Mary's.
Enquiries: Dianne mob: 0411869017.

We invite you to share your thoughts on how you access Catholic content in our survey.



The Archdiocese of Brisbane would appreciate your feedback by completing this short survey about how you access Catholic content.

Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content you would like to see more of.

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2023
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



THANK YOU!

Your gift will help support vulnerable women like Neela and their children in Ethiopia, as well as many other similar projects around the world!

Catholic Mission gratefully acknowledges:

St Mary's Parish and Dutton Park Parish



Signed:

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

NEW DATE

7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

**GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD PEOPLE +
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT**



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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

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

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.

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

