



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4th December 2022 - Year A

The peace that comes from the Holy Spirit

Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading describes Christ the Messiah, who came from the line of Jesse, the father of King David. It also describes how to obtain peace - a peace that sustains us even in the midst of troubles: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Can you feel the Holy Spirit "resting" on you?

We experience true peace when we're in a restful relationship with God, i.e., when we're not struggling against him and his ways and his plans for us. Peace does not depend on bringing to an end the struggles we have with people or the problems we have with financial shortages or addictions or health, etc. We can work hard to accomplish peace in any trial, win the war, and still not be at peace.

Peace comes to us in the wisdom and understanding that we get from the Holy Spirit. Peace comes from following the Spirit's counsel and relying upon God's strength. Peace comes from gaining knowledge of the truth that God wants us to know, in total submission to his authority, obediently acting upon the truth.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." To receive the Spirit of God and his peace, we must prepare ourselves to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other ways that he comes to us. What kind of preparation produces peace? It's the work of honestly identifying our sins, happy that God is merciful, and straightening our crooked paths, because we realize that God's ways are really what's best for us.

Whatever separates us from God's peace, we must get rid of it. To do this, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of every Mass. Christ equips us for the journey into true peace!

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ST FRANCIS' MONTHLY MORNING TEA Sunday, 4 December after 9am mass



Please join us for our monthly morning tea this Sunday after 9am mass. A plate to share would be most welcomed.

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
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

*R: Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

Second reading: Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is

close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon: Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

*What turmoil is going on in your life?
What has stolen your peace? Where is Jesus? What
obstacles (e.g., unforgiveness or resentment) do you
need to repent of to see him and feel his peace?*

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 5th:

Our God will come to save us!

Tuesday 6th:

The Lord our God comes in strength.

Wednesday 7th: Memorial (St Ambrose)

O bless the Lord, my soul

Thursday 8th: Solemnity (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wonderful deeds.

Friday 9th:

Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Saturday 10th:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

1st reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

2nd reading: James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?

St Mary's Church has a variety of handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets plus much more available. You will be able to browse and purchase these items after daily and Sunday Masses. The funds raised through the sale will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry for the Elderly Christmas Party

**Monday, 12 December
9 am - 1 pm at St Francis' Hall**



Please join us for our Christmas Party celebration. All welcome!

Note: This ministry will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays from 19 December and will resume on 6 February 2023.



**INCARNATION - Advent Reflection
Thursday - 6pm
At St Mary's House**

As we journey through the seasons of Advent and Christmas this year, we invite you to join us in our 4 weekly reflection as we reflect daily on the wonder of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY



If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856.

Practise will run for 2 Sundays, 11 & 18 December - after 9am Mass.

2 MINUTES CATECHISM

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception?

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, on December 8. In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the very first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin. (Ineffabilis Deus, Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius IX on the Immaculate Conception)



Thus, the Church teaches that the Blessed Mother was redeemed by Her Son, just as we are, but by a Divine anticipation of the merits of the Word-made-flesh. Like Eve before her, she was not subject to the Fall and thus to the prince of this world. However, unlike Eve, she would never surrender that freedom which God's grace provided her.

Why did God choose Mary?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraphs 492-493) teaches,

The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love."

The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature." By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. (CCC 490-491)

Taken from www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SHRINE, MARIAN VALLEY



"Marian Valley is a sacred place. It has been established to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is a Shrine to which pilgrims come for Holy Mass, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to be a part of Eucharistic Adoration, to join in Eucharistic Processions, the Rosary, Devotions, Reflection, Retreats - indeed everything that leads to Spiritual Renewal and conversion" <http://marianvalley.org.au>.

If you wish to visit Marian Valley and do not have transport please let us know in advance, the Church volunteers at St Mary's will try and arrange a suitable car-share for you as a visit there is a must-do especially for those visiting Brisbane.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Supporting families in the West End, Highgate Hill, Dutton Park, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas. You can help in 2 ways ...



1. **Donate non-perishable food items such as:** (Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of our parish churches)

- Christmas cakes - Mince pies - Tinned turkey
- Tinned ham - Tinned fish - Tinned meat
- Spaghetti - Noodles - Cereal
- Rice - Pasta - Pastas sauces
- Stir-fry sauces - Soups - Tinned Veggies
- Soft drinks - Cordials - Popper juices
- Nuts - Spreads - baked beans
- Tinned fruits - Biscuits - Chips & lollies
- Long life custard - Tea & coffee - Long life milk
- Coles gift card - Target gift cards
- Woolworths 'groceries only' gift card

Please ensure all food is within use by dates.

2. **Make a money donation**

Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each church. Envelopes are available.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December

St Ita's Church:

- 5.00pm Mass (4.45pm Carols)
- 8.00pm Mass (Indonesian) (7.30pm - Carols)

St Mary's Church:

- 7.00pm Mass (6.30pm - Nativity play & Carols)

Christmas Day
Sunday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield Church: 7.00am Mass

St Ita's Church: 10.30am Mass (Indonesian)

St Francis of Assisi: 9.00am Mass (8.30am Carols)

St Mary's Church: 9.00am Mass
5.00pm Mass

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 (long pew is no longer available). Please transfer 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.

To order the plaque please contact the Parish Office or the Church Co-ordinator.

When was the last time you reviewed your will?

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- estate administration & disputes.

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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