



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18th December 2022 - Year A

The love that comes from God who is with us

Love is the theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A good definition of love is in the name that we see in the first reading and again when the prophecy is fulfilled in the Gospel reading: Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." To have love is to have "God with us". To give love is to give God who is with us.

Have you ever felt like you've run out of love to give? Well, that's quite impossible! We might run out of patience; we might get tired of giving more love than we receive from others, but God who is love is always with us.

When we feel empty from loving someone who doesn't equally love us back, or when we reach the point of despising someone who repeatedly hurts us, this is when we need to ask God for a supernatural ability to love with his love. This prayer always works! It's how we become effective evangelizers as distributors of his love.

When we give God's love to those who are unpleasant to love, we're revealing to them God who is with us.

We all have people in our lives who fail to be Christ to us. They don't love us like God wants them to love us. So we need to remind ourselves that our happiness is not dependent upon how they treat us. God is with us! We need to call upon Emmanuel. God who is with us already loves us fully and unconditionally, whether or not we deserve it.

When we're looking for others to love us more than they do, we feel unloved, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, his love fills in all the gaps.

Emmanuel. It's a name for Jesus that we should use year-round.

As you finish preparing for the celebration of Christmas, focus on Emmanuel. Sing to Emmanuel. Pray to Emmanuel. This sign, this reminder, this name is God's personal Christmas gift to you.

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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)
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men

without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,

will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Immanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23(24):1-6

R: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. **R/**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,

who desires not worthless things. **R/**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,

seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

Second reading: Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Matt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to

spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Communion Antiphon: Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you loved enough? What will you do this week (as a Christmas gift for yourself) to become more aware of God's love for you?

Here's an idea: Go to the nativity display at your church and look at the manger. Write on a small piece of paper the names of those who fail to love you sufficiently. Place it in the manger and, if it has straw or hay, take a piece of it (or take a flower petal or leaf from a nearby plant) as a reminder that Emmanuel was born to give you more than enough love.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 19th:

Fill me with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

Tuesday 20th:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Wednesday 21st:

*Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones;
sing a new song to him.*

Thursday 22nd:

My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.

Friday 23rd:

*Lift your heads high and see:
your redemption is near at hand*

Saturday 24th:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

1st reading: Isaiah 62:1- 5

2nd reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Mt 1:1-25

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The St Mary's Prayer Group will not be meeting on Tuesday, 27 December and 3 January.

We will resume on Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 6.30 pm.

2 MINUTES CATECHISM

What do the four candles of the Advent wreath represent?

The candles indicate the different weeks of Advent. When you are in the first week of Advent, you light one purple candle, and for the second week, two purple candles. During the third week, you add the rose candle. Then for the final week, you light all four candles. These colors match the liturgical colors of the vestments for those weeks, with purple representing penance and rose representing rejoicing.

The Advent Wreath brings to mind the time before Jesus, when the world was in spiritual darkness. During Advent, we remember the Old Testament days as we anxiously anticipate His Birth at Christmas.

Which candle do you light first on Advent?

First Week: A purple candle

Second Week: A second purple candle, in addition to the first week's candle

Third Week: The first two week's candles and the rose or pink candle

Fourth Week: All four candles

What special prayers and practices are associated with Advent?

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary should help you focus more on Jesus' Incarnation. Also, the Christmas Anticipation Novena is often said throughout Advent.

What is the meaning of Gaudete Sunday?

The Latin word "Gaudete" (rejoice) is the first word in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent. It directs us to rejoice for the Lord's coming is at hand. On that day, the priest wears rose instead of purple vestments.

What is the Christmas novena?

This novena is a unique prayer for the last nine days of Advent, beginning on December 16th and ending on Christmas Eve. It will help you to prepare your heart for the Nativity of the Lord. The prayer is:

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment
At which the Son of God was born
Of a most pure Virgin
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem
In the piercing cold
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,
To hear my prayers and grant my desires
(mention request here)
Through Jesus Christ and
His most Blessed Mother

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

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry for the Elderly Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas celebration and a special thank you to our volunteers who helped and made this an enjoyable event.



We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Note:

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

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.

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

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish Office will be closed from 22nd December 2022,
and will be re-opened on 9th January 2023.



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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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

