



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.

CHRISTMAS 25th December 2022 - Year A

The song of faith

Joy to the world! This is our song. This is what we should always be proclaiming as a people of faith. Don't focus on what destroys your joy, for nothing can destroy the coming of the Lord. The absence of joy is merely a blank area in your view of what God is doing.

Look at the love that Jesus has for you! Jesus was born not only to save you from the darkness of sin; he was born because he loves you -- he loves YOU! Even if you had never sinned, he would have come into the world so that he could love you on your level, human-to-human.

Sometimes, great things come in surprising packages that do not seem to be great at all. The Eucharist -- in the form of a little wafer of bread -- does not look like it contains the full presence of Jesus with all of his humanity and his divinity. The baby Jesus -- a tiny, helpless child -- does not look like the conqueror of evil. But he is! And so is Jesus in the Eucharist; he is here for you.

And you! You might not seem to be a great per-

son, but you contain Jesus. You contain greatness beyond imagining! This greatness does not dwell only in you; it comes out from you in every good thing that you do. This is a life of faith!

To be a follower of Jesus means we learn to imitate him. In doing good, evil is defeated. In this goodness, the greatness of Jesus extends outward from us. In this goodness, there is cause for great joy.

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We wish you all a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2022. At this Christmas season we pray that the celebration of this Nativity of Christ brings lots of Peace and healing to your lives and families.

Fr Joshy and his team



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/
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**READINGS AT MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

First reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the
spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt,
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
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 95(96):1-3,11-13**

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord .

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R/**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R/**

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R/**

Second reading: Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made
salvation possible for the whole human race and
taught us that what we have to do is to give up
everything that does not lead to God, and all our
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and
live good and religious lives here in this present
world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing
which will come with the Appearing of the glo-

ry of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He
sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free
from all wickedness and to purify a people so that
it could be his very own and would have no ambi-
tion except to do good.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the
Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of
the whole world to be taken. This census – the
first – took place while Quirinius was governor of
Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be
registered. So Joseph set out from the town of
Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to
the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was
of David's House and line, in order to be registered
together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with
child. While they were there the time came for her
to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her
first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger because there was no
room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds
who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch
their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord
appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone
round them. They were terrified, but the angel
said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of
great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.
Today in the town of David a saviour has been
born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a
sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swad-
dling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly
with the angel there was a great throng of the
heavenly host, praising God and singing:
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

Communion Antiphon: Jn 1: 14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glo-
ry.

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**READINGS AT MASS
CHRISTMAS DAY**

First reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97(98):1-6

*R: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R/**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R/**

Second reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.

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.



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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

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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

