

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd January 2023 - Year A

Helping those who live in darkness

Who's troubling you? In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we hear of the fulfillment of the prophecy given by Isaiah in the first reading: Because of Jesus Christ, the people you know who are living in darkness have seen the light that will heal them. Who is making no effort to get out of their sin-induced misery? Who is overshadowed by the demons of spiritual death and destruction? Whose stubbornness is causing you great anguish?

Through your prayers and faithful love, Jesus has been revealed to them. Even as they fight against this truth and hide from him, the great light of Christ cannot be turned off. Soon or eventually this will cause great rejoicing, not only for you, but for those who are being rescued.

Elsewhere (Luke 12:49-50), Jesus expressed his feelings about people who live in darkness: "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" Thus, he knows your anguish and shares it, but more deeply and fervently. He is doing more than you know, more than you can imagine, to accomplish the victory for which you've been praying. He is doing everything possible -- as well as the impossible -- to bring it to fulfillment.

Pray that Divine Providence will use the bad consequences of each person's stubborn rebellion to draw them to himself. Pray that God will use others to bring them into his light. Pray that God will work in his own way (which might not be the way you would choose) to dissolve their spiritual rebellion. Pray that after their conversion they will spread the light of Christ powerfully. And pray that their conversion will be deep, definite and permanent.

We don't pray to change God's mind; he's already working to bring the light of Christ to people who live in darkness. We pray to place these people into his arms, since they're not doing it for themselves.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Write a list of people who are living in darkness. Will you trust in the power of Christ's great light and the victory he obtained through his death and resurrection?

Make a commitment to feel Christ's anguish more keenly and use this pain to energize you into daily prayer on behalf of darkened souls.

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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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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R/**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R/**

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 23rd:

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

Tuesday 24th: Memorial (St Francis de Sales) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Wed 25th: Feast (The Conversion of St Paul) *Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.*

Thursday 26th:

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Friday 27th:

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Saturday 28th: Memorial (St Thomas Aquinas) Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

2nd reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

ST MARY'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS Sunday, 22 January 2023

You are invited to join in celebrating Lunar New Year on Sunday, 22 January at St Mary's 9 am and 5 pm Masses.

All are encouraged to wear traditional dress or the colour red.



Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea or supper following the Masses.

ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 5 February after 9am Mass



We'd like to invite and welcome everyone for our monthly morning tea in February.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate David Dekker's birthday. Our warm congratulations are extended to

David who is celebrating his 90th birthday on Wednesday.

David has been a long term member of our Parish Community and valued friend. He has generously offered his many gifs through the years - as Sacristan, Extraordinary Ministry to the homebound, Church Cleaner, Flower Arranger, SVDP member (& continuing), offering transport and more. David will appreciate your prayers.

ST FRANCIS' TABLE - NEWS UPDATES

- Monday, 30 Jan 10am: Volunteers training
- Monday, 6 February 2023 10am: The Ministry will resume

This is a fantastic ministry for the elderly and they enjoy coming to meet up with friends and spend a little time in prayer together.

Please invite your family, neighbours and anyone in our Parish who would benefit from this Ministry.

ST FRANCIS' COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING Sunday, 22 January after 9am Mass

Sr Salvacion is inviting everyone who love gardening and would like to join St Francis' Community garden to their first meeting this Sunday, 22 January after 9am Mass at St Francis' Hall.



Thank you for those who have responded. We are looking forward to see you soon.

FRIENDS WHO STITCH

A hobby group for sewing, embroidery, patchwork, knitting/crochet.

Meeting Thursday every forthnight. From 9.30am - 12.30pm At St Francis' meeting room 47 Dornoch Tce, West End



Morning tea provided Donation \$5/mth to the Parish

Enquiry: Kathleen Gurr on 0405 470 036



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 CROWD + FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT







SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE YOUR \$20 (+BF) TICKETS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES

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.

Information evening: Wednesday, 8 February at 6pm St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

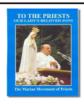
Please download the forms from our websites: <u>www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</u> or <u>www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au</u>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FLOWER MINISTRY



If you are interested to be involved in the **Flower Ministry at St Francis of Assisi Church**, please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au





...INVITATION...



MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS Mass and Cenacle with **Father Andrew Grace**

Parish Priest Sacred Heart Church, Griffith NSW Australian Responsible for Marian Movement of Priests International Speaker

Saturday 21st JANUARY 2023

CALVARY CHURCH MIAMI, GOLD COAST

CNR. SANTA MONICA ROAD AND REDONDO AVENUE 3.00 PM EXPOSITION & CHAPLET OF MERCY 3.15 PM MMP TALK & CENACLE 4.10 PM CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER 4.45 PM BENEDICTION 5.00 PM HOLY MASS (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) Fr Grace.

ENOUIRIES: 0423 026 353 or (02) 9642 3373 (Tony Grace) (Please do NOT phone the Presbytery)

Sunday 22rd JANUARY 2023

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, BRAY PARK

102 SPARKES ROAD, BRAY PARK (BRISBANE)
2.00 PM EXPOSITION, MMP TALK & CENACLE
3.00 PM CHAPLET OF MERCY, AFTERNOON TEA (bring a plate)
3.30 PM SILENT PRAYER, CONFESSIONS & BENEDICTION

ENQUIRIES: 0448 182 896 (Greg & Margaret Wallace)
(Please do NOT phone the Presbytery)

You may copy & distribute this Invitation - all welcome!

When was the last time you reviewed your will?

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

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

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 (School term only)

4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly On hold - resume 6 February 2023

1st and 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

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:

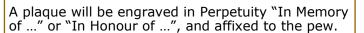
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Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

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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 <u>brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding</u>