



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 IN ORDINARY TIME 29th January 2023 - Year A

Finding our sainthood in the Beatitudes

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we get a glimpse of our own sainthood. The eight Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12 describe the holiness of those who imitate Jesus. The first four deal with our relationship with God; the last four deal with our relationships with others.

How can we call ourselves saints? Remember that you are a saint, as imperfect as you are at this time on your journey, because God has sanctified you through your baptism, thanks to what Jesus did for you on the cross. This means that he has blessed you. And blessed are you because you love as Jesus loves.

Everything that God blesses is made holy! Therefore, any person who lives the lifestyle of the Beatitudes (which is the lifestyle of Jesus) is blessed by God and can rightfully be called a saint: the poor in spirit who recognize that they need God's love, those who mourn and turn to the Holy Spirit for comfort, those who meekly (i.e., without arrogance) stand up for what is right because they love God, and so on down the list of Beatitudes.

Meditate on each blessing and notice your sainthood and the challenge to become more saintly by improving how well you imitate Jesus.

The Church canonizes Saints (which we signify with a capital "S") so that we have role models. Even though we've not reached their level of holiness, we belong to the same communion of saints. A saint is anyone who is following Christ toward heaven, with or without a lay-over in purgatory. As we strive to improve, we can ask the Saints for help and receive their spiritual guidance.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Looking over the list of the Beatitudes, which do you implement best? Which do you need to improve? Which one do you find least desirable? Why? Discuss this with a Christian friend, priest, counselor or spiritual director to figure out how this weakness is really based on a misunderstanding of God's love for you. Then you will be set free to grow in this area of holiness!

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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

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:
Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord,
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 145(146):6-10

***R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R/**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Second reading:
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:
Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 30th:

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Tuesday 31st: Memorial (St John Bosco)

They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.

Wednesday 1st:

The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Thurs 2nd: Feast (The Presentation of the Lord)

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Friday 3rd:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Saturday 4th:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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 gifts 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2023
ENROLMENT IS CLOSING SOON!

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:
www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or
www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au



ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

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



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
St Francis of Assisi Church

- Flower Ministry
- Power Point Operator

If you are interested to be involved in these ministries or for more information, please contact the Parish Office stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3844 2744.

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 TABLE KITCHEN GARDEN

The St Francis Table Ministry and Volunteer Team have started a Herb and Vegetable Garden at the rear of the SFA Hall.

This long term project will greatly assist in the preparation of meals (dine in & deliveries) to our most vulnerable elderly and families in need in our community.

We seek your generous support through donations and help procure and install a rain water tank to effectively sustain this long term project.

For more information please approach Sr Salvacion or contact the Parish Office.





Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:
ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.



To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the Qr code.

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.

For more information or to order the plaque please contact the Parish Office or the Church Co-ordinator.

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 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

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

