



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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 19th February 2023 - Year A**

How to open the door of love with mercy

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love -- even

if only from afar -- we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
 22 February 2023**

- St Mary's Church : 7.00 am
- St Ita's Church: 8.45 am (School Mass)
- St Francis of Assisi Church: 6.30 pm

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.

<p>MASS TIMES</p> <p>St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane) • Mon-Fri: 7am Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass) • Sunday: 9am and 5pm</p> <p>St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End) • Sunday: 9am</p> <p>St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park) • Saturday (Vigil): 5pm • Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)</p> <p>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Victoria St, Fairfield) • Sunday: 7am</p> <p>CONFESSION</p> <p>St Mary's Church Sat: 8.30am-9am Sun: 4.15-4.45pm</p> <p>St Ita's Church By appointment (contact parish office)</p> <p>More information: Websites: - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au FB: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish</p>	<p>PARISH ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Parish Priest: Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap Email: pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Parish Deacon: Deacon Adam Walk Email: walka@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Pastoral Coordinator: Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI Parish Secretary: Niken Westerman Finance Officer: Kevin Bhasin Parish Youth: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Safeguarding Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205) • St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166) • St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321) • OLPS Church: Vania Lobo (0435 935 925) <p>Office: 47 Dornoch Tce, West End, Q 4101 Telephone: 07 3844 2744 Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101 Emails: - southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au - stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>ST ITAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Q 4102 Phone: (07) 3838 8400 Email: pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stitasaduttonpark.qld.edu.au</p>
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R/**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R/**

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say

this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you? Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 20th:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Tuesday 21st:

Commit your life to the Lord, and he will help you.

Wednesday 22nd: Ash Wednesday

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Thursday 23rd:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Friday 24th:

A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not spurn.

Saturday 25th:

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent 26 February 2023

1st reading: Genesis 2: 7-9,3:1-7

2nd reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love -- complete, unlimited, merciful love.

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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 St Francis' 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 to 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.



Plant Vouchers Welcomed

Brisbane City Council offers free native plant vouchers per household each year. If you have spare vouchers, consider donating these towards the Garden Project.

See the Council website on how to access these: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/green-home-and-community/sustainable-gardening/free-native-plants-program#apply>

LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

- **LENTEN REFLECTION: From Ashes to Hope**
Every Tuesday during Lent
Start on Tuesday, 21 February - 6pm
St Francis' Meeting Room, West End
- **STATION OF THE CROSS**
Every Friday during Lent
Start on Friday, 24 February - 7pm
St Mary's Church



ST MARY'S PASSION PLAY Good Friday, 14 April

We are inviting all the children to participate in this year's Passion Play.

Practise dates:
Sunday, 26 March after 9am Mass
Sunday, 2 April after 9am Mass



The Passion Play

Please see Sr Salvacion after mass if your child is interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Francis of Assisi Church

- Flower Ministry
- Power Point Operator

St Mary's Church

- Children Liturgy Facilitator (urgent)
(This liturgy is starting this weekend)

Please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MASS

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated:

Where: The Cathedral of St Stephen
When: Thursday, 23rd February 2023
Time: commencing at 12.30pm

The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

International Women's Day

Catholic Mission and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission.

Date: Wednesday 8th Mar 2023
Time: 10.00 am - 11.00am
(9.45am for a 10.00am start)
Venue: Francis Rush Centre,
277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane

GUEST SPEAKER
Josephine Cullen



International Women's Day



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

HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria.



To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please scan the QR code or visit website www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake

Lenten Concert Series

Each Thursday in March at 12 noon
in St Stephen's Cathedral

Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music—featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent.

A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12.30pm Mass.

All welcome, free admission.



Fr. Joshy Parappully
Ph: (07) 3844 2744

FRANSISCAN & MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2023
12TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

A spiritual journey of the St. Mary's parish accompanied by Fr. Joshy Parappully (Parish Priest)

9-Day Europe Tour
Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima Burgos / Nevers / Lourdes Paris

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Itinerary: Franciscan and Marian Pilgrimage

Group Director: Father Joshy Parappully, St. Mary's Parish, West End, Queensland

Destinations: Portugal, Spain and France

Tour Dates: 12 September 2023 – 21 September 2023

Inclusions:

- All air fares and taxes flying Emirates Airlines economy class departing from Brisbane
- All airport transfers and assistance at airport
- All tour transfers and visas for Australian passport holders
- All accommodation in 3-star and 4-star hotels on a Twin Share basis
- Meals provided on a Half-Board basis (Breakfast and Dinner included)
- Services of English-speaking Tour Director
- Services of professional guides as indicated in the itinerary

Group Size	Price Per Adult (Double Occupancy Room)
25-29	A\$6990
30-34	A\$6890
35-39	A\$6790
40-44	A\$6690
45-49	A\$6500

Single Supplement is an additional \$1150 to the prices listed above.

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays after 8am Mass until Sundays 8.30am

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

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am -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