



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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5th March 2023 - Year A

### The Transfiguration for your life today

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

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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](http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au)  
- [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)
- FB:** - [www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/)  
- [www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish](https://www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish)

#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
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## READINGS AT MASS

### First reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32(33):4-5,18-20,2

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R/**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

### Second reading:

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be

here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### Communion Antiphon:

Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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## THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

### Monday 6th:

*Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.*

### Tuesday 7th:

*To the upright I will show the saving power of God.*

### Wednesday 8th:

*Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.*

### Thursday 9th:

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

### Friday 10th:

*Remember the marvels the Lord has done.*

### Saturday 11th:

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Third Sunday of Lent 12th March 2023

**1st reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**2nd reading:** Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

## 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 FRANCIS' MORNING TEA**  
**Sunday, 5 March after 9am Mass**



Please join us for our monthly morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass.

A plate to share would be greatly appreciated.  
 All welcome

**RITE OF ELECTION 2023**

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates in receiving the Rite of Election last Sunday at St Stephen's Cathedral. They will be baptised and confirmed during Easter Vigil at St Mary's Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey.



**ST MARY'S PASSION PLAY**  
**Good Friday, 14 April**

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

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



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

**TWO MINUTES CATECHISM**

**What are the 40 days of Lent?**

What began as a shorter time of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil, expanded over the centuries to 40 days of penitence, excluding Sundays. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ended when the Easter Vigil began. Today the Season of Lent is a little less than 40 days, the Church having designated the three days from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to the Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Easter Sunday as a Sacred Triduum (3 days), celebrating the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

While the development of the Lenten days was various throughout the Church, it may have been suggested by Christ laying in death for 40 hours, or by his 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert (a number itself reminiscent of Israel's 40 years in the desert for disbelieving God). Regarding the connection to Christ's own life, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us,

"For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning" [Heb 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540)

Pope Benedict XVI;  
 "May Mary, our guide on the Lenten journey, lead us to ever deeper knowledge of the dead and Risen Christ, help us in the spiritual combat against sin, and sustain us as we pray with conviction: 'Convertere nos, Deus salutaris noster'—'Convert us to you, O God, our salvation.'"

Taken from: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/lent>

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS**  
 Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm  
 Cathedral of St Stephen  
 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane  
 A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
 All Welcome  
 car parking available from 6:00pm



**PROJECT COMPASSION 2023**

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system.

The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject) or scan the QR code.



**SISTERHOOD - A National Catholic Women's Movement**



The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18+ to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith.

The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is alive in weekend. Places are limited.

The cost is \$320.00 which covers accommodations and meals for the whole weekend.

Please email [info@sisterhood.org](mailto:info@sisterhood.org) if you have any questions or call Ally on 0423429203.

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**FRANSISCAN & MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2023**  
12<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023



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

**9-Day Europe Tour**  
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Contact: Father Joshy Parappully  
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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?**  
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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

**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  
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**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](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)

