



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 OF LENT 12th March 2023 - Year A

What's your spiritual thirst?

What are you thirsty for? Thirst is what happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for our physical survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water -- the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life. This living water is a holy water that enables us to have abundant life in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her whatever she needed to repent and receive salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want.

And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

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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:

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- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94(95):1-2,6-9

*R: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Second reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 4:42. 15

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans.

Jesus replied:
'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said:
'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come
– in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit
and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Communion Antiphon:

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 13th:

My soul is thirsting for the living God: when shall I see him face to face?

Tuesday 14th:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Wednesday 15th:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Thursday 16th:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Friday 17th: Solemnity (St Patrick)

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Saturday 18th:

It is steadfast love, not sacrifice, that God desires.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

2nd reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

- **LENTEN REFLECTION: *From Ashes to Hope***
Every Tuesday - 6pm (during Lent)
St Francis' Meeting Room, West End
- **STATION OF THE CROSS**
Every Friday - 7pm (during Lent)
St Mary's Church, South Brisbane



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.

St Patrick's Day Mass



This year the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated on;

Friday, 17 March - 10.00am
The Cathedral of St Stephen,
Elizabeth St, Brisbane
Celebrant: Fr Gerard McMorro



All are welcome to attend. For those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website on [Archbne.org/bzw](https://www.archbne.org/bzw)

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

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](https://www.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 or scan the QR code.



TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

What are the penitential rules for Lent?

Since repentance is necessary for salvation, so are the acts which manifest repentance (Luke 13:1-9; Acts 26:28). Throughout the year, the Church calls the faithful to do penance, therefore, establishing norms of fast and abstinence to aid us.

Every Friday is a day of penitence, an acknowledgement of our sins and of the price of our salvation. It is a little Good Friday preparing us each week for Sundays, a little Easter. Unless it is a Solemnity (e.g. the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19, 2021), Latin Rite Catholics are to abstain from meat. In the United States, Catholics are permitted to substitute a different penance on Fridays outside Lent. During Lent, however, this permission is withdrawn.

To the Friday Abstinence is added the following provisions, as described by the United States Bishops' Conference:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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

LENT IDEAS FOR KIDS

During Lent Christians really intentionally prepare for the celebration of Easter, and we do this in three ways:

1. We pray and spend time with God
2. We make room for God by fasting from things that usually fill our time or our bellies
3. We reach out through alms-giving which puts our love for others into action



It doesn't matter how old you are, Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace! So, here in this video are just a few ways that you can engage the kids in your parish or community in prayer, fasting and almsgiving as they make a new beginning with Jesus this Lent.

These ideas, as well as lots of others, are included in our free Lenten calendar, which you can download here: <https://tinyurl.com/kidsandlent>

PODCAST SERIES GREAT CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE

This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of

these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture.

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



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

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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.

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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
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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

