



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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26th March 2023 - Year A

### The happy truth about the Lenten journey

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about evil and pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices help us learn discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good

Friday or Easter Sunday? That horrid day on Calvary was absolutely necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again -- to you and to all those who are watching.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?

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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/)  
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#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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## READINGS AT MASS

### First reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129(130)

#### **R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **R/**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **R/**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.) **R/**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **R/**

### Second reading: Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### Gospel Acclamation: John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel: John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died,

but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

### Communion Antiphon:

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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## THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

### Monday 27th:

*Though I walk in the valley of darkness I fear no evil,  
for you are with me.*

### Tuesday 28th:

*O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.*

### Wednesday 29th:

*Glory and praise to you for ever!*

### Thursday 30th:

*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.*

### Friday 31st:

*In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.*

### Saturday 1st:

*The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### Palm Sunday

**1st reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**2nd reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 27:11-54

## LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN GIFT THIS EASTER?

Handmade Easter and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets plus much more available for purchase after Daily and Sunday Masses at St Mary's.

The funds raised through the sale of these items will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

## Community Event: Tour de Brisbane Sunday 2 April 2023

The Australian Unity Tour de Brisbane returns to Brisbane City on Sunday 2 April 2023. More than 6,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities are expected to participate. The first race will start at 6.00am and be based at the Brisbane Showgrounds. Riders can enjoy a secured road course that stretches across many of Brisbane's sights, including the CBD and Story Bridge, Riverside Drive, Legacy Tunnel, Western Freeway, Kingsford Smith Drive, and Southern Cross Way.

Detailed road information and timing, including a map, is at <https://www.tourdebrisbane.org/roads>

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY St Mary's - 16 April 2023

- 3.00pm: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of St Faustina
- 4.00pm: Blessing of Divine Mercy Images, Adoration, Confession
- 5.00pm: Parish Mass



**Note:** Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday.

A plenary indulgence is granted on this day under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff).

Our Lord said to St. Faustina: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (Diary 1602)

## PALM FRONDS OR OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED for Palm Sunday on 2nd April

Please see Fr Joshy or ring the Parish Office if you are able to donate your palm. We would like to collect the palm on Saturday 1st April.



## PROJECT COMPASSION 2023



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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



## Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection 7 April 2023

This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Can we use this occasion to recall our need to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land? affected the most vulnerable.

**Special envelope for Holy Land Collection will be available to use on the Good Friday services.**

## 2023 EASTER TRIDUUM MASS TIMES

### Thursday, 6 April (Holy Thursday)

*Mass of the Lord's Supper, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Night Prayer*

- St Mary's, South Brisbane: 7pm
- St Francis Of Assisi, West End: 7pm

### Friday, 7 April (Good Friday)

#### ◇ Stations of the Cross - 10am

- St Mary's, South Brisbane
- St Francis of Assisi, West End
- OLPS, Fairfield

#### ◇ Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3pm

- St Mary's, South Brisbane
- St Francis of Assisi, West End
- OLPS, Fairfield

### Saturday 8 April (Holy Saturday)

*Easter Vigil Mass*

- St Ita's, Dutton Park: 5pm
- St Mary's, South Brisbane: 7pm

### Sunday 9 April (Easter Sunday)

*Easter Sunday Mass*

- OLPS, Fairfield: 7am
- St Francis of Assisi, West End: 9am
- St Mary's, South Brisbane: 9am



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



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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)
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- 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

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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.**

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**St Mary's Parish download:**  
[St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

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

