



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 EASTER 7th May 2023 - Year A

Good News Reflection: Why we can do greater works than Jesus

This Sunday's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same -- and greater -- miracles than Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of Man? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of God?

The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" -- he is our example of what it means to be a holy human. We will love others as he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to

be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.

When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?

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ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 7th May 2023

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

All welcome!
A plate to share would be most welcome.

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: Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R/**

For 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/**

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14: 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 8th:

Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

Tuesday 9th:

Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Wednesday 10th:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Thursday 11th:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Friday 12th:

I will praise you among the nations, O Lord.

Saturday 13th:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

2nd reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14: 15-21



Men's BBQ with the Capuchin Friars Friday on 12 May 2023

The Capuchin Friars would like to invite Catholic men (18-35 years old) to our BBQs.

Friday 12 May 2023 at Assumption Friary,
245 Gladstone Road, Dutton Park, QLD 4102
6pm with a BBQ dinner,
a reflection and Compline (Night Prayer)

"The Lord gave me brothers!" - St Francis of Assisi. Young Catholic men need a brotherhood with other young Catholic men.

Come and meet other young men and the Capuchin Friars over a BBQ. There will also be a reflection given by one of the Friars, and a time of prayer.

Please let us know if you can join us by completing this [form](#). You are most welcome to invite others, please ask them to complete this form for catering purposes.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October



Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home and commit to praying the Rosary everyday while it is there.

To arrange for a home family visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue from May to October please contact the Parish Office.



ST MARY'S FUNDRAISING CAR WASH Sunday, 21 May during 9am Mass.

Get your car wash while attending mass at St Mary's Church.

Cost: \$25 per car
\$35 for 4WDs and people movers.

Volunteers to wash cars and cars to wash required.
Enquiries DOUGLAS (0412 088 492).



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE

'Serving Christ in the Poor' in the suburbs of South Brisbane, West End, Highgate Hill, Dutton Park & Fairfield

Due to the increased demand for our support to those most vulnerable in our area we are reaching out to Parishioners for your financial assistance enabling us to continue providing immediate help to people who we visit in their homes. Typically, we visit Companions who need assistance with food, clothing & furniture, rent, utility bills, travel (go-cards) & healthcare. Some may have insufficient money to buy food and would, without our Coles gift cards, go hungry until their next benefit payment. Some may seek help with rent, which if not paid will lead to eviction and very likely homelessness. Some are faced with larger utility bills which will lead to their supply being cut-off if not paid.

This year to date our Conference has assisted 370 people; made on average 120 home visits each month (which is a 20% increase compared to last year); provided \$20,500 in food, utility bills, rent assistance & healthcare; organised \$3,900 worth of donated furniture to individuals/families.

Envelopes are available on the seats & at the entrance to the church. If you have come unprepared this weekend, envelopes can be returned next weekend or posted when convenient. Donations can also be made by internet transfer into our Conference Bank A/c 100026566 BSB 064-786. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Your prayerful support is also greatly appreciated. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40).



7:00pm Saturday 10 June 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

The St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance for Catholic young adults aged 18 - 39, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure!

All profits from this event (including ticket sales, drink purchases and raffle tickets) will be donated to Emmanuel City Mission to help fund the amazing work they do to support the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD +
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



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May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time
12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: 885 9061 9139
Password: 855274



All Are Welcome!

RCIA NEWS

Last Sunday the 2021 and 2022 candidates of our RCIA program were invited for a get together by Sr Salvacion to share their journey experiences. The day was enjoyed by all and finished with a luncheon that Sister and her team organised.



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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)

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.

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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

