



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 21st May 2023 - Year A

Good News Reflection: Called to do more than follow Christ

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.

With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments? What can you do to learn more?

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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
 - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au
- FB:** - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/
 - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R/**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R/**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R/**

Second reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 22nd:

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth

Tuesday 23rd:

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Wednesday 24th: Solemnity (Our Lady, Help of Christians)

Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Thursday 25th:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Friday 26th: Memorial (St Philip Neri)

The Lord has set his throne in heaven

Saturday 27th:

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

1st reading: Acts 2: 1-11

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October



Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home and commit to praying the Rosary every day 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.

MASS INTENTION

If you wish to have a mass intention for your departed loved ones, please use the envelope provided at the foyer of the Churches.

Please print the names for whom the mass is intended clearly with the specific date of the mass, and hand it in to the Priest.



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).

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY, 11 JUNE 2023 The Feast of Corpus Christi



Dutton Park and St Mary's Parishes are invited to join with over 4,000 other Catholics walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane City commencing and ending at St Stephen's Cathedral.

The Corpus Christi Procession will feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Please join us - meet at 1.00 pm at St Mary's car park - parking available.

A Prayer Petition Book is available in each Church. Please write your petitions in this book and it will be presented at the Cathedral on 11 June.

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition:
Photographic display of over 150 Eucharistic miracles will be open over the weekend at the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral:
Saturday, 10 June: 11am - 5.30pm and
Sunday, 11 June: 9am - 5pm

Vigil Night Adoration:
(St Stephen's Chapel, Cathedral precinct)
Saturday, 10 June 7pm to Sunday, 11 June, 8 am.

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

*"Do Good;
Seek justice"
(cf Isaiah 1:17)*

PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday 21st May 4pm
St Andrew's Uniting Church
299 Ann Street

ALL WELCOME



Image: Invasion by John "Munnari" Hammond A'Hang

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

Winter 2023

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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THE LORD'S DAY

A message from the Archbishop of Brisbane

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life.

The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day.

The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



LINE DANCING FOR HEALTH St Mary's South Brisbane Community Centre

**Our Parish new activity!
Commence: Friday, 2nd June 2023**

We are inviting you all to join our Line Dancing for Health programme (18years and older), which will commence on 2nd June.

Time : Every Friday 10:00am - 12:00 noon
Place: St. Mary's Church Community centre
48 Peel St., South Brisbane
Parking available at 20 Merivale St.
Fee: \$5 per session

Programme:
Raw beginner: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Upper beginner: 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

If you are interested to join this activity, please complete this [registration form](#) and return to the Parish Office on southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au.

Flyers are available at the entrance of the Church for more information, or contact the Parish Office.



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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

