

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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 2nd July 2023

Good News Reflection: What matters most to you?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ. His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them? When have you said no? When have you said yes -- and was it worth the sacrifice?

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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: - <u>www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</u> - <u>www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au</u>

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the com-mander of the army?" But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R/

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. R/

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R/

Second reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 3rd: Feast (St Thomas) Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Tuesday 4th: O Lord, your kindness is before my eyes.

Wednesday 5th: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Thursday 6th: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Friday 7th: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Saturday 8th: Praise the Lord, for he is good!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact the Parish Office (details at the back page).

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/Church Coordinator.



Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October

Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home from May to October and commit to praying the Rosary everyday while it is at your home. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.



ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 2nd July 2023

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

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





The 2023 theme for NAIDOC week is "For Our Elders".

Across every generation, First Nations Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and loved ones.

All Australians can draw strength from their guidance, through generations of advocacy and activism, and their knowledge and experience in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. This enriches us all.

First Nations communities use this week to pay their respects to the Elders lost, and to those who continue fighting for justice and dignity. It is also a time to celebrate culture, spirituality and community.

Local NAIDOC week events are held across the country. To find your local event please visit <u>https://www.naidoc.org.au/local-events/local-naidoc-week-events</u>



SEA SUNDAY 2023

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks

for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

To donate or for more information, visit: <u>www.stellamarisaustralia.org</u>



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Enrolment is now open!

This sacramental program is for children who are currently in Year 4 or older and have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to enrol your child in this program to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2023, please complete the enrolment forms and **return to the Parish Office by Monday, 24th July 2023.**

Information Evening Wednesday, 26th July 2023 - 6pm St Ita's Church Dutton Park

Please download the forms from our websites: www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or

www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

GRAND PLANS FOR GRANDPARENTS

Calling all grandparents!

Join with Evangelisation Brisbane for a morning that celebrates your important role in shaping the faith of your grand children and children. Grand Plans for Grandparents is a



time together created to acknowledge, equip and empower you in this special role.

Discover fresh ways to engage with your grandchildren, sharing the gift of faith with renewed enthusiasm, and connect with fellow grandparents, share your experiences, and build a supportive community.

Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Reserve your spot today by registering here: <u>https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents</u>

When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15 -11:15am (followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)
Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)
Cost: \$15 RSVP: Monday 17 July

Reclaim Plus



A chill Saturday morning, in a classy café, good breakfast and coffee with live music and some inspiring formation. Sounds like a great morning, doesn't it? Did we mention there's a safe space for the kids to play too?

Reclaim Plus is a new initiative for the millennials (25-40years old according to Google) of the Catholic Church which aims to provide a space for young parents, professionals, and young adults to have community and a place to receive.

Jugar is a classy cafe/bar tucked away in West End with a fully decked-out indoor play space for the kidswe'll even have trained child minders ready to supervise and run a couple of activities for them. The ticket price covers food (for adults and children) and coffee.

When:8:30am, Saturday19 AugustWhere:Jugar, West EndCost:\$20pp or \$45 for a family

Register today at: <u>https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Reclaimplus</u>



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