

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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 16th July 2023

Good News Reflection: The seed sown on rich soil

This Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.

If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefitting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God him-

self who is the rich soil -- God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you doing that seems like a good idea but is wearing you out? What part of it is not God's idea for you? What can you do to slow down, simplify, make a change, and become more aware of the strength of Jesus?

Prav:

Help me, Lord, to discern the soil in which You want me to sow Your Word. Make me recognize You wherever You are, and in the humblest of my brothers and sisters. Help me to marvel whenever I watch Your works in miracles and in everyday deeds. Amen.

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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>

FB: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 64(65):10-14

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**/

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. **R**/

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**/

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**/

Second reading: Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation: 1S3:9,Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 17th: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

Tuesday 18th: *Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

Wednesday 19th: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Thursday 20th: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. Friday 21st:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Saturday 22nd: *Feast (St Mary Magdalene) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19 **2nd reading**: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

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 the Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home between May to October and commit to pray the Rosary everyday while it is at your home.



Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

SCAM MESSAGES

Please be aware of a scam text message or WhatsApp that is going around at the moment, appeared to be from Fr Joshy, asking for assistant.

If you received this message from either via text message, whatsapp or email, please delete them immediately, do not reply or click anything from the message.

ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION 2023 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We are selling raffle tickets for St Mary's Church Restoration fundraising. \$2 per ticket or \$40 per ticket book.



Prizes		Valued
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1 st Prize	Hisense 55" A7HAU 4K UHD LED	\$880
	Smart Television +JBL Bluetooth	
	HDMI Soundbar	
2 nd Prize	Nintendo Switch Neon Console +	\$538
	Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	
3 rd Prize	Coles Group & Myer Gift Card	\$400
4 th Prize	EUFY Robovac 25C	\$397
5 th Prize	Ninja Foodi Dual Zone Air Fryer	\$299
6 th Prize	Caltex Fuel Voucher	\$200

Tickets available at St Mary's Church or contact Douglas on 0412 193 462.

Tickets will be drawn on Sunday, 13 August at St Mary's Church after 9am Mass (St Mary's Feast Day).





ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone.

The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give.

ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible.

To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.

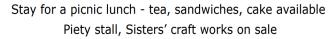
THE CARMELITE SISTERS

invite you to celebrate with them

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

SUNDAY 16 JULY

10.30 am Mass



2.00 pm Evening Prayer - Benediction - Scapular enrolments Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St Ormiston 4160 www.carmeliteormiston.com

ST FRANCIS TABLE MINISTRY MORNING TEA FOR GRANDPARENTS

St Francis Table Ministry for the Elderly invites all grandparents and elderly to a special morning tea and lunch to celebrate World Day for Grandparents.

> Monday, 17 July 2023 9.00am - 01.00pm St Francis' Hall, West End Cost: free RSVP: Parish Office - 3844 2744

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Enrolment is closing soon!

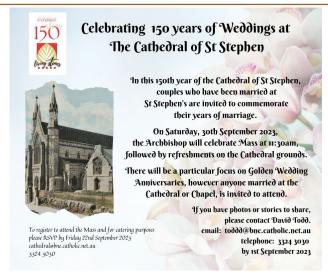
This sacramental program is for children who are currently in Year 4 or older and have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

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



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday, 22nd September 2023. Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 07 3324 3030



Hearts on Fire FEET ON THE MOVE

Save The Date **Catholic Mission**

Ambassador **Open Day 2023**

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

> Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023 Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo More details will be provided by email. RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023



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