

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.

## **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Year A - 23rd July 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For this weekend we have three parables for our reflection. The parable of good seed sown in the field, mustard seed and leaven that makes dough soft. These passages tend to emphasize the mysterious ways in which the kingdom of God grows. Kingdom in the Gospel does not refer to a place, either here or hereafter. The Greek word basileia is better translated as 'kingship', or 'reign', or 'rule', so some translations speak of the 'Reign of God'. The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, and it is a situation where God's values prevail. The divine values in practice are nothing but the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form. These values include truth, love, compassion, justice, a sense of solidarity with all other human beings, a sense of trust in other, a deep respect for the dignity of every other human person, a holistic concept of human growth and development.

We are all called to be the good seed in the field of the kingdom of God. The wheat sown in the field is understood to be good and weed sown by the enemy is bad. The parable stresses the final judgment when the son of man will deliver the final verdict which will condemn the children of the evil one namely the

weeds and extol the children of the kingdom namely the wheat. The parable is saying that people who are filled with the vision and values of God and Jesus must learn to live side by side with a whole spectrum of people who, in varying degrees, do not yet share or live this vision and these values. The Kingdom of God clearly calls people to attain the highest ideals and greatest generosity. It also calls for a great measure of tolerance, patience and understanding in seeing the Kingdom become a reality. The conversion of our societies into Kingdom-like communities is a very gradual process.

Thank You and God bless. Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap, Parish Priest

#### MALICIOUS TEXT 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. You will notice that the number is from an international phone number.

If you received this message, please do not engage with the sender, before deleting, forward the message to the Australian Government's spam reporting line on 0429 999 888.

#### **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

#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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#### **READINGS AT MASS**

#### First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

#### R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**/

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R**/

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R**/

#### Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

# **Gospel Acclamation:**

cf Matthew 11:25

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 13:24-30

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.""

#### **Communion Antiphon:** Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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#### THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

#### Monday 24th: Let us sing to the Lord; he has cove

Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

**Tuesday 25th:** *Feast (St James)* Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

Wednesday 26th: *Memorial (Sts Joachim and Anne)* 

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Thursday 27th:** *Glory and praise for ever!* 

**Friday 28th:** *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.* 

Saturday 29th: Memorial (St Martha, Mary and Lazarus)

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

2nd reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

#### 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.

#### **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 at
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Hisense 55" A7HAU 4K UHD LED Smart Television +JBL Bluetooth HDMI Soundbar	\$880
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Nintendo Switch Neon Console + Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	\$538
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Coles Group & Myer Gift Card	\$400
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	EUFY Robovac 25C	\$397
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Ninja Foodi Dual Zone Air Fryer	\$299
6 <sup>th</sup> 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).

#### **CELEBRATING WORLD DAY FOR** GRANDPARENTS Sunday, 23rd July



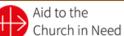
#### **GRAND PLANS FOR GRANDPARENTS**

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.

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: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents

- 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



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 scan the QR code or visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector

#### ST ITA'S CHURCH FAMILY MASS Saturday, 22 July - 5pm

Please join us to our monthly family mass this Saturday. This mass will be presented by the year 3 students of St Ita's Primary School.



Save the date for the next month family mass, Saturday 26 August.



### 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



I Do – I Do – I Do – I Do

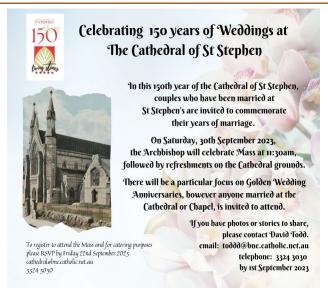
(+)For more than 50 years, World Wide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 milmarriage lion couples in almost 100 countries unlock encounter the power of their relationships with new

ways to do the "I Do."

The Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group disscussion. It's just about two people learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple possible.

We have a live in weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Starting Friday evening 13th October at 7pm and concluding approx 4pm with Mass Sunday 15th October 2023. The weekend is for all Married couples who value their relationship. It doesn't matter if you have been Married 5 years or 55 years there is always something more.

For more information visit our website www.wwme.org.au or contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821.





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