



Embracing the communities of:
 St Mary's South Brisbane,
 St Francis of Assisi West End,
 St Ita's Dutton Park and
 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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 30th July 2023

Good News Reflection The treasures of God's kingdom

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God

for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world and he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Enrolment is now closed!

Please contact the Parish office on 3844 2744 or email stistaspar@bne.catholic.net.au for more information.

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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- Finance Officer:** Kevin Bhasin
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- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
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READINGS AT MASS

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

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R/**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R/**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **R/**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R/**

Second reading: Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 31st: Memorial (St Ignatius of Loyola)
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Tuesday 1st: Memorial (St Alphonsus Liguori)
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Wednesday 2nd:
Holy is the Lord our God.

Thursday 3rd: Memorial (St Dominic)
How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!

Friday 4th: Memorial (St John Vianney)
Sing with joy to God our help.

Saturday 5th:
O God, let all the nations praise you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Transfiguration of the Lord

1st reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2nd reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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 PARISH FEAST DAY
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass & Celebration
Sunday, 13 August – 9.00 am

Please stay behind after mass, bring a plate of food to share and join together in celebrating our Feast Day.

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 st Prize	Hisense 55" A7HAU 4K UHD LED Smart Television +JBL Bluetooth HDMI Soundbar	\$880
2 nd Prize	Nintendo Switch Neon Console + Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	\$538
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).

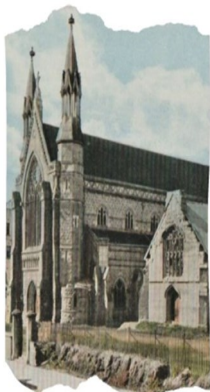


Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers
Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023

The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email, by Monday 21 August to:
 cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
St Francis' Table Ministry

Sr Salvacion and her team of volunteers hosted a celebration for grandparents and elderly in recognition of World Day for Grandparents. The day was filled with variety of activities including Bingo and Musical Chairs. A delightful spread for morning tea and lunch was enjoyed by all.



ACBC Social Justice Statement Launch 2023

Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August.



Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023
 Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo
 RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023

I Do – I Do – I Do – I Do



For more than 50 years, World Wide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock 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 discussion. 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.

Please contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821 or visit www.wwme.org.au for more information. Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44

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.

Fr. Joshy Parappully
Ph: (07) 3844 2744



FRANCISCAN & MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2023
26th Oct - 4th Nov 2023

Franciscan and Marian Pilgrimage 2023

Group Director: Fr. Joshy Parappully
Destinations: Portugal, Spain and France
Tour Dates: 26 Oct 2023 – 4 Nov 2023
Price Per Adult: from A\$6990 (Double Occupancy Room)

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

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 kids -we'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, Saturday 19 August
Where: Jugar, West End
Cost: \$20pp or \$45 for a family

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

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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 complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [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

