

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY Year A - 6th August 2023

#### **Good News Reflection** The Transfiguration of the Lord is within you

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ – the uncreated light of his true identity – was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.

The highest experience of faith was, and still is, what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured with Jesus!

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we

change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

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## ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 6th August 2023



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

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

## **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: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96(97):1-2,5-6,9

## *R: The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **R**/

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R**/

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. **R**/

## Second reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## Communion Antiphon: Cf. 1 Jn 3: 2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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## **THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses**

Monday 7th: Sing with joy to God our help.

**Tuesday 8th:** Solemnity (St Mary of the Cross) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**Wednesday 9th**: Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people

**Thursday 10th:** *Feast (St Lawrence)* Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

**Friday 11th:** *Memorial (St Clare) I remember the deeds of the Lord.* 

**Saturday 12th:** *I love you, Lord, my strength.* 

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

2nd reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

## 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

## LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET!!

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



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Hisense 55" A7HAU 4K UHD LED	\$880
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Caltex Fuel Voucher	\$200
	Smart Television +JBL Bluetooth HDMI Soundbar Nintendo Switch Neon Console + Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Coles Group & Myer Gift Card EUFY Robovac 25C Ninja Foodi Dual Zone Air Fryer

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).



#### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 6 – 13, 2023

National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment among our parishioners, allowing people to explore their calling, and encouraging their next step in following the call of God on their life. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

"Each one of us called - whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

Learn more about vocation at www.vocationbrisbane.com





## ST MARY'S PARISH FEAST DAY The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass & Celebration Sunday, 13 August – 9.00 am

Please join us in celebrating our Feast Day after the mass. You are welcome to wear your traditional outfit. A plate to share is greatly appreciated.

## DONATION TO ST FRANCIS' TABLE MINISTRY

St Francis' Table Ministry thanks Grove Juice Co. for their kind generous donation of cartons of orange juice. We would also like to thank Mrs Heidi Batson for her thoughtfulness and effort in facilitating this.





RCIA 2023 (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA is a group of adults who explore aspects of the Catholic Faith together in a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community.



During the journey you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are

ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way.

Sessions for RCIA is begins each year in September, meets once a week and continues through the year until the Easter Vigil.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or email <u>stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au</u> to enrol or to get more information. Cost free!

# THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



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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