



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.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 27th August 2023

Good News Reflection:

BREAKING THROUGH DEMONIC STRONGHOLDS

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the nether-world that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course they won't: Gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive - we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness?

What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?

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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: - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
 - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

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 - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

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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: Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137(138):1-3,6,8

**R: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this

to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 28th: Memorial (St Augustine)
The Lord takes delight in his people

Tuesday 29th: Memorial (The Passion of St John the Baptist)
You have searched me and you know me, Lord.

Wednesday 30th:
You have searched me and you know me, Lord.

Thursday 31st:
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Friday 1st:
Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Saturday 2nd:
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is homebound and wishes 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.



Are you in High School? (Grades 7 to 12)

Come and join us for Faith, Fun & Friendship at St Mary's Sunday, 27 August commencing at 10.15 am to 12 noon.

Enquiries: Dianne – mobile 0411869017.

ST ITA'S CHURCH FAMILY MASS Saturday, 26 August - 5pm

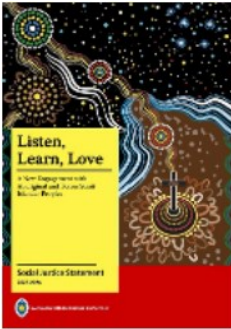
Please join us to our monthly family mass this Saturday. This mass will be presented by the Year 6 students of St Ita's Primary School.



Save the date for the next month family mass, Saturday 28 October.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 27 August 2023

Social Justice Sunday calls all Catholics, in light of the Social Justice Statement and the current focus on a referendum, to use this opportunity to listen and learn from First Nations People.



May love guide us as we listen deeply to our own hearts and those of others. Let the love of God fill our hearts as we walk together towards justice and peace.

The challenge of the day is to read and discern the wisdom for you in the Social Justice Statement "Listen Learn, Love".

Access the Social Justice Sunday Statement 2023-24 at <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

RCIA 2022 (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 begins each year in September, meets once a week and continues through the year until the Easter Vigil.

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 3844 2744 or email stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au Cost free!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Be the face of Christ for others



Last weekend our Parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass.

Your tax-deductable gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

Please visit our website catholicfoundation.org.au for more information.

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 5:30pm as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane.

Archbishop Mark will preside at this special Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country.

Please complete the registration form at <https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-choristers.html> where you will be able to download the list of music tracks.

For enquiries phone Liturgy Brisbane on 3324 3321.

ANNUAL SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL LITURGY

Each year, we join with our Christian brothers and sisters to recognise the importance of, and celebrate together, our care for our common home. This year's liturgy is being held in the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens, and Christians from all denominations are invited to gather together in unity to celebrate this Season of Creation – Let Justice and Peace Flow. The liturgy is followed by a guided contemplative walk.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 6 Sep 2023 at 12 noon.

Location: Lychee Lawn, Mt Coot-Tha Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-Tha.

Cost: Free



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In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen
 Archbishop Mark Coleridge
 invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel,
 are also invited to attend with family and friends
 to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.

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

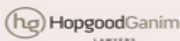
If you have photos or stories to share
 of your wedding at the Cathedral,
 please contact David Todd.
 email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au
 telephone: 3324 3030
 by 1st September 2023

When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP An Australian Pilgrimage 17 October - 28 October 2023

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of Saint Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality.

The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

Participating in 10 days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded.

For further information or to make an application, please contact:

The Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator
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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

