



**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.*

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 1st October 2023

*Good News Reflection:*

### **The correct answer isn't always right**

This Sunday's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will. Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!

These so-called "experts" knew the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed -- they knew to say yes to God -- but knowing the right answer and actually DOing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings; he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass? Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they

won't reach full unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ in church and following out him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

### **Reflection Prayer:**

Beloved Lord: Give me a plain heart and an open mind to recognize Your work beyond my understanding. Heal me from every root of envy and pride, so that I can surrender myself to You fully. Amen.

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### **ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 1st October 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:** - [www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au](http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au)  
 - [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)
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## READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24(25):4-9

**R: Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

**Second reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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### THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

**Monday 2nd: Memorial (The Holy Guardian Angels)**  
*The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.*

**Tuesday 3rd:**  
*God is with us.*

**Wednesday 4th: Memorial (St Francis of Assisi)**  
*Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!*

**Thursday 5th:**  
*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**Friday 6th:**  
*For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.*

**Saturday 7th: Memorial (Our Lady of the Rosary)**  
*The Lord listens to the poor.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**2nd reading:** Philippians 4:6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

### 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.



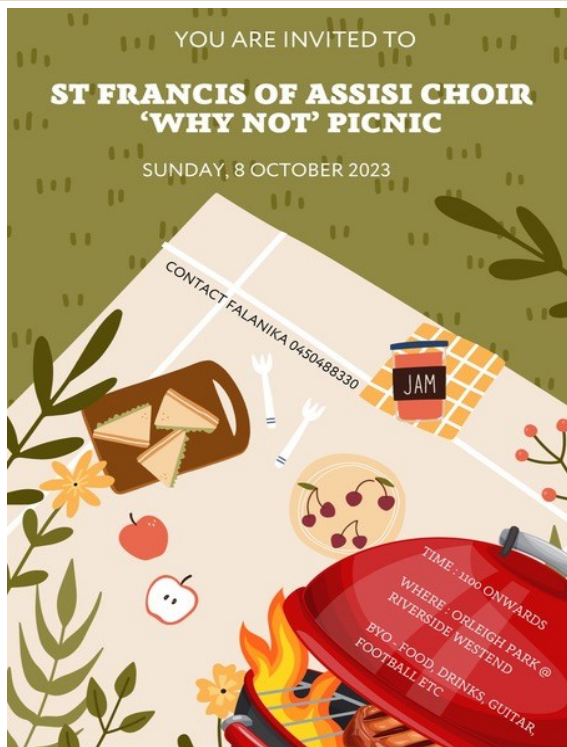
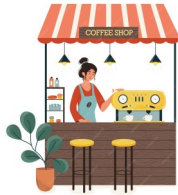
Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

## St Francis' Table - Ministry for the Elderly NEWS UPDATE!

Monday 2 October is a public holiday, St Francis' Table will not be meeting and resume on Monday 16 October.

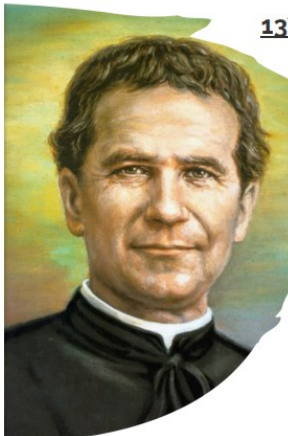
In other news, on Saturday, 14 October is Referendum Day and St Francis' Table will be holding a coffee and cakes fundraising stall.

If you vote at St Francis' Hall, please stop by their stall and support them. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



## ST DON BOSCO RELICS - BRISBANE VISIT

13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023



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- FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> - Cathedral of St. Stephen  
Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm
- SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> - Stella Maris  
Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm
- SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm
- MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 8.30am to 11am  
and 3pm to 8.30pm
- TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Spirit  
Bray Park - 11am to 9pm
- WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> - Little Flower  
Kedron - 8am to 7pm
- THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> - Guardian Angels  
Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm
- FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm
- SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am  
and 1pm to 3pm
- SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> - Marian Valley Shrine  
Canungra - 9am to 6pm



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## TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

### THE HOLY ARCHANGELS Feast Day: 29 September

#### Who are the three archangels?

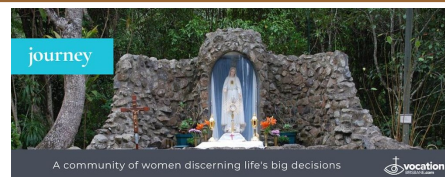
The three archangels whom the Church honors by name are St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. They are also the only three angels who are mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture. The Feast of all three Archangels is September 29. In the traditional calendar this was St. Michael's feast day, with St. Gabriel's being March 24th (the day prior to the Annunciation) and St. Raphael's being October 24th. Communities which celebrate the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite still celebrate the three feasts.

#### What is the difference between an angel and an archangel?

Unlike human beings who share a common nature, St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that as pure spirits each angel has a unique nature. Their degree of likeness to God and His Divine Spirit distinguishes them, rather than the material differences which permit us to identify individual human beings. Nonetheless, they can still be classed into groups, called choirs, according to their spiritual similarity to each other and the missions which God has given them.

Closest to God are the spirits of the highest choirs, the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones; closest to mankind, and most like us in spirit, are the lower choirs. Among these are the archangels and angels, who serve as greater and lesser messengers (Greek, *aggelos*) to human beings from God. We have the names of three of the seven arch-messengers, Michael, Raphael and Gabriel in the Sacred Scripture—St. Raphael identifies himself as one of seven who stand before the throne of God (Tobit 12:15). The names of the other four archangels are not given to us to know, and the Church forbids us to call upon by name any but the three whose names Scripture has revealed.

Taken from <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/holy-trinity-sunday-21087>



### Journey for Women

Are you facing a big life decision but don't know which direction to take? Is your vocation, career or something else weighing on your heart? Need help to figure out where God is calling you?

Join the Journey community, a discernment group led by Sr Theresa Maria Dao for single women aged 18 - 40 years. Each month, the group gathers to share their life situation with one another while going for a walk, praying and sharing a drink.

The next gathering will be held on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am - 12:00pm at Marian Valley (2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren) to celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Participants will enjoy an outdoor walk, visit the shrines around the grounds and attend Mass together, followed by an optional light brunch.

Find out more and register at:  
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/JourneyOctober23>

## CAREERS

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  - New Farm Parish
  - Flexible hours
  - Short term contract

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## When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

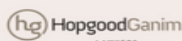
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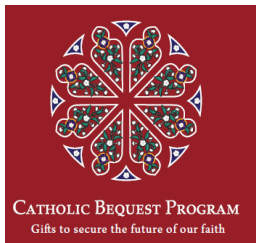
## Give the Gift of Faith

Did you know that you can create a gift to the Parish that lasts forever?

Please prayerfully consider including a gift in your Will to the Parish (otherwise known as a bequest) to strengthen the future of our faith and pass on the Gospel message to the next generation.

You can designate a specific gift amount to the Parish or create a permanent endowment fund in your family name which will provide perpetual support for the Church. Endowments provide a steady stream of income to the Parish forever.

For an information kit, please contact Donor Relations Manager - Bequests, Archdiocese of Brisbane on: ph 3324 3211 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au)



## 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**  
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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.

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