



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.*

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 24th September 2023

### Good News Reflection: God's not fair!

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old

Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

We don't have to understand God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

When have you felt undeserving of God's goodness? What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you? How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?

### Reflection Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, because nobody and nothing can take away Your love, which looks after me, heals me, delivers me, comforts me and sanctifies me. Amen.

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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](http://www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au)  
 - [www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au](http://www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au)

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## READINGS AT MASS

**First reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on  
him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

**R: The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

**Second reading:** Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my  
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,  
but then death would bring me something more; but  
then again, if living in this body means doing work  
which is having good results – I do not know what I  
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want  
to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very  
much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body  
is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be  
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is  
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire work-  
ers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the  
workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the market place and said to  
them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you  
a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour  
and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and  
did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he  
went out and found more men standing round, and  
he said to them, "Why have you been standing here  
idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they  
answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard  
too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said  
to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their  
wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with  
the first." So those who were hired at about the  
eleventh hour came forward and received one denar-  
ius each. When the first came, they expected to get

more, but they too received one denarius each. They  
took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who  
came last" they said "have done only one hour, and  
you have treated them the same as us, though we  
have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He an-  
swered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not be-  
ing unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius?  
Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last  
comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do  
what I like with my own? Why be envious because I  
am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first,  
last.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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## THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

**Monday 25th:**

*The Lord has done marvels for us.*

**Tuesday 26th:**

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

**Wednesday 27th: Memorial (St Vincent De Paul)**

*Blessed be God, who lives for ever.*

**Thursday 28th:**

*The Lord takes delight in his people.*

**Friday 29th: Feast (Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)**

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,  
Lord.*

**Saturday 30th: Memorial (St Jerome)**

*The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his  
flock.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

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

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

## 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 depart-  
ed loved ones, please use the envelope provided at  
the foyer of the Churches.

Please print the names for whom the mass is intend-  
ed 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.



**IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023**  
**St Laurence's College**  
**21 - 24 September**

A National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

A group of 16 children and adults from our Parishes will be attending this conference.

Please keep them in your prayers.

For more information about Ignite Conference please visit their website at [Ignite Conference 23](https://igniteconference23.org.au).



**7:00pm Saturday 30 September 2023**

**St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End**

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

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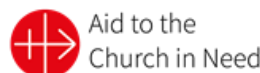


Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 5:30pm as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane.

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.



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Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated.

Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God.

To learn more and to register visit [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren).



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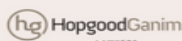
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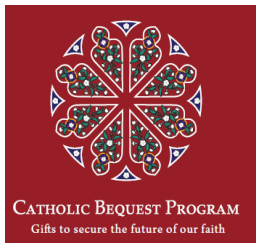
## Give the Gift of Faith

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**  
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](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)

