



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.*

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 15th October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I think it's fairly uncontroversial to say that, when we are given a choice, we quite often don't make the best decisions. The most obvious example is, of course, Adam and Eve who used their free will to disobey God by eating of the tree. We live with the aftermath of their choice to this day.

Today's Scripture readings together paint a picture of the feast that God has prepared for us. It is a feast to which He calls us insistently. Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading talks of "a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines" (Is 25:6). At this metaphorical banquet there will be no mourning, no tears, and no shame. If we stop long enough to think, this is exactly how we would make the world if we had the choice; no death, no sadness, no regrets. And in today's Gospel reading we hear of the feast that the king gave for his son's wedding. Rather than expressing gratitude for the king's free gift, and earnestly attempting to respond to his invitation, we see that the invitees used their free wills to take different paths; "one went off to his farm, another to his business" and, remarkably, "the rest seized [the king's] servants, maltreated them and killed them" (Mt 22:5-6). It is one thing to politely decline the king's invitation, it is quite another thing to kill the king's serv-

ants. And so we hear that "those who were invited proved to be unworthy" ... to say the least (Mt 22:8)!

In the end we know that "the wedding hall was filled with guests"; by those who responded to the king's - to God's - call (Mt 22:10). Thus, in this Gospel, we get to see the prize if we use our free wills wisely. The question that should occupy our minds this week is: if we find ourselves at the banquet, will we be wearing a wedding garment? We are called, but will we be chosen?

*Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Adam*

### NOTICE FOR VOLUNTEERS

To all our volunteers,  
please contact the Parish Office if:

- you received an email regarding the deactivation of your blue card.
- your details have changed.

This is to ensure that our records are up-to-date and documented correctly according to the safeguarding compliance requirements.

### 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)

**FB:** - [www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/)  
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**First reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22(23)

**R: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R/**

**Second reading:** Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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**THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses**

**Monday 16th:**

*The Lord has made known his salvation.*

**Tuesday 17th: Memorial (St Ignatius of Antioch)**

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God.*

**Wednesday 18th: Feast (St Luke)**

*Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.*

**Thursday 19th:**

*With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.*

**Friday 20th:**

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**Saturday 21st:**

*The Lord remembers his covenant for ever*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1st reading:** Isaiah 45:1,4-6

**2nd reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

**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, 22 October commencing at 10.15 am to 12 noon.

Enquiries: Fr Joshy or Dianne (0411869017)

### ST FRANCIS' CHOIR PICNIC DAY.

Last Sunday St Francis' choir members and friends enjoyed a picnic by the river.

Thank you to Falanika for organising this event.



### ST FRANCIS' FEAST DAY

A blessing of the animals was held last Sunday after 9am mass which was dedicated to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



### VACANCY

New Farm Parish invites applications for the part-time (3 mths) of Parish Secretary;

- Flexible hours
- Committed community

For more information and to apply for this position, please visit; [Archdiocese of Brisbane/Careers](http://www.archdioceseofbrisbane.org.au/Careers)

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### TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

#### ST LUKE

**Feast Day: 18 October**

St. Luke was one of the four evangelists. A Gentile from Antioch in Syria, St. Paul calls him "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14), indicating his previous occupation. As a writer, he composed the third Gospel, which provides the most extensive and thorough biography of Our Lord, as well as the book of Acts, an account of the early apostolic labors, especially those of Peter and Paul.

Between these two volumes, he wrote more of the New Testament than any other author, with St. Paul writing the second most. St. Luke is often considered the founder of Christian iconography and depicted painting images of the Blessed Mother. The Church celebrates the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist on October 18.

#### What is the primary purpose of the writings in the Gospel of Luke?

In his writing, St. Luke shows how the salvation promised to Israel was accomplished by Jesus and extended to the Gentiles. As a careful historian, Luke sets the scene of Jesus' birth in its political context by mentioning various rulers and places at the time. He presents a comprehensive and articulate understanding of the overall life of Jesus from His birth to His Resurrection. The overall tone of the Gospel of Luke was inviting and encouraging, as he wrote for the non-Jews of the day to understand that Jesus had not only come for the salvation of the Jews but that salvation was extended to the Gentiles and to everyone.

#### In what language was the Gospel of Luke written?

The common language of the Mediterranean region in Luke's day was Greek, and thus St. Luke wrote his Gospel and the Acts in Greek. When citing the Jewish Scriptures, he quotes the Septuagint, which the rabbis of Alexandria in Egypt had translated from the original Hebrew for use by the Jewish diaspora in Rome, Antioch, and throughout the Mediterranean. Thus outside Judea, Greek became the first language of evangelization for both Jew and Greek, and the Septuagint the Church's first version of the Old Testament.

Taken from <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/st-luke-25796>



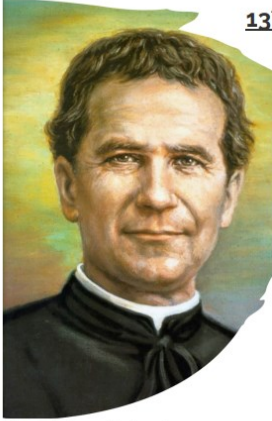
With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

## ST DON BOSCO RELICS - BRISBANE VISIT

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



The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!

- 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 2pm
- 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  
Cannonbra - 9am to 6pm



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## Engaged & Married Encounter invite you to World Priest Day



Date : 21/10/2023  
Venue : St John the Baptist parish hall.  
131 South Pine Rd Enoggera.  
Time : 11.30 for 12 lunch.  
Rsvp : [formbyd@iprimus.com.au](mailto:formbyd@iprimus.com.au) by 7th October.

### A World Priest Day Prayer

*Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, We ask that you support them with your presence and fill them with grace to serve You faithfully. Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling and open their hearts to hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.*

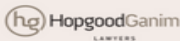
More information on world priest day :  
<https://www.org/community/sponsored-events/world-priest-day/>

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

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

