



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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 29th October 2023

Good News Reflection: Whole-hearted love

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves and others, but God must always come first. And this is only possible if we fully open our hearts and our lives to receive the unconditional, amazing love that God has for us.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's usually because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes! And it's because we don't truly understand that God is loving us with all of his heart, mind, and soul.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others as much as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others - enough energy, enough enthusiasm, enough kindness, enough patience, etc. Likewise, we can't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priori-

ties? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority. This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. As long as we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Reflection Prayer:

Lord, give me the grace to have You alone reigning in my heart. Let there be no resistance within me. I praise and bless You for being my most precious treasure. 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)

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17(18):2-4,47,51

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R/**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R/**

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is

the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 30th:

Our God is the God of salvation.

Tuesday 31st:

The Lord has done marvels for us.

Wednesday 1st: Solemnity (All Saints)

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Thursday 2nd: All Souls' Day

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Friday 3rd:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Saturday 4th: Memorial (St Charles Borromeo)

The Lord will not abandon his people.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

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 ITA'S CHURCH FAMILY MASS Saturday, 28 October - 5pm



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

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will not be meeting on Tuesday, 31 October and 7 November. We will resume on Tuesday, 14 November.

24 hour Perpetual Adoration will not be held on 28-29 October and 4-5 November and will resume on 11-12 November.

MEMORIAL MASS

St Mary's Church
Saturday, 18 November

A Memorial Mass at St Mary's in memory of our loved ones, family member/s, relatives or friends, especially those who have died during 2022/2023, will be celebrated by Fr Joshy on;

Saturday, 18 November at 8 am .

There is a book available at St Mary's for you to include the names of those whom you wish to be remembered during the Mass.

THANK YOU

Sr Salvacion was thrilled and thankful to Year 4 students at St Ita's School for their donations of scrumptious produce from their garden that they look after at school.



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

ALL SAINTS DAY (1st November)

All Saints Day honors the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ. The Church celebrates All Saints Day on November 1.

What exactly is a Saint?

Mother Angelica said, "Saints are ordinary people who love Jesus, try to be like Him, are faithful to the duties of their state in life, sacrifice themselves for their neighbor, and keep their hearts and minds free of this world." A canonized saint is someone who, after careful consideration, is formally recognized by the Church as being with God in Heaven. These include the holy angels, the Just of the Old Law (King David, the prophets, etc.), holy men and women mentioned in the New Testament (Mary, Joseph, the Apostles etc.), as well as those recognized in the early Church by inserting their name into the canon of the Mass (canonization). In the Second Millennium this process of "canonization" became more formal.

Are all souls in Heaven saints?

Yes. The Church has declared some people canonized saints, but there are countless others who have never been recognized as in Heaven, either in the early Church or by a formal canonization process.

ALL SOULS' DAY (2nd November)

Why do Catholics celebrate All Souls Day?

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day, on this day we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All Holy Presence of God. As Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in."

What does one do on All Souls Day?

Even though this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is a good idea to attend Mass on All Souls Day. Also, the day should be spent, at least in part, in prayer for the souls of our loved ones, as well as those who have no one who will pray for them.

It is an honored custom, as well, to visit the graves of our deceased on this day, both to pray at the place where their bodies, hallowed in life by the sacraments, await the General Resurrection, and to leave some mark of esteem, such as flowers, to adorn their graves.

Remember to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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Wesley LifeForce Suicide Memorial Service

Brisbane, we're coming together to remember loved ones lost to suicide

12-1pm
Friday 17 November 2023
Brisbane Powerhouse - Rooftop Terrace
119 Lamington Street, New Farm

Join a supportive community of people who share the experience of being bereaved by suicide.

The service is an opportunity for reflection with music, a message of hope, listening to a story of lived experience and laying of sunflowers. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one lost to suicide, to add to our memorial wall.

Everyone is welcome.

Counsellors will also be available.

For more information, call **1800 100 024** or scan the QR code.

wesleymission.org.au



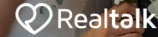
Real Talk Australia present Youth

Theology of the Body

Come and join us for an introductory TOB program exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose through a weekend of fun and formation.

Twelve Apostles Church Hall, Jindalee.
December 9th & 10th (Sat & Sun) @ 1-6pm.
\$15 cost. Snacks incl. RSVP by 24th Nov.

For 14-19 yr olds. Participants will need to be at both sessions.
To register or any queries: georgina@realtalkaustralia.com



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Friends of the Suffering Souls (FoSS)

is a Catholic association which facilitates Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. FoSS began in Australia in the early 1980s and has spread around the world, currently having 11,000 members who collectively arrange more than 45,000 Masses each year for the Holy Souls and is now administered by Aid to the Church in Need. FoSS welcomes new enrolments to this important apostolate.

To learn more and to enrol yourself and/or your loved ones visit www.fossnova.org.



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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

