



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B - 3rd December 2023

Good News Reflection : A Gift for Jesus

Today we begin the Season of Advent. This year, as we prepare for Christmas, think about how you like to show your fondness for the special people in your life by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that you can actually find something (or make something) that will be appreciated, does it always make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that became mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's remember to give him a gift, too. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what do you give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

This Sunday's first reading reminds us that God is

our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So - what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare - to actually do something that makes a difference - for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming. It's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breath. It's about the way he wants to come to you during this year's Season of Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

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ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 10th December 2023

Our monthly morning tea for this Month will be held next weekend on Sunday, 10 December 2023 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
(68 Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

St Mary's:

Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

St Ita's:

By appointment (contact parish office)

More information:

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- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

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- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
- OLPS Church: Paul Hogan (0418 742 760)

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

**R: Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/**

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that
you have been enriched in so many ways, especially
in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ
has indeed been strong among you so that you will
not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you
are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed;
and he will keep you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, be-
cause God by calling you has joined you to his Son,
Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation: Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in charge, each with
his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay
awake. So stay awake, because you do not know
when the master of the house is coming, evening,
midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly,
he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I
say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon: Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.

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Reflection Prayer:

My Lord and my God, may my spirit always be atten-
tive to Your Spirit so that the traps of this world do
not catch me off guard and keep me away from You.
Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 4th:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Tuesday 5th:

*Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace for ever.*

Wednesday 6th:

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

Thursday 7th: Memorial (St Ambrose)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Friday 8th: Solemnity (The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done won-
derful deeds.*

Saturday 9th:

Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Advent

1st reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2nd reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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.

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There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and for becoming aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference - for him and for us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:


List the gifts that God has given to you. Write them on a sheet of paper. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?

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Sr Salvacion and everyone in St Francis' Table - Ministry for the Elderly, thanks the All Hallow's School, their families, the staff and all in the school community for their donations of goodies and generous fund of money, which was the result of the School's swimathon Christmas Drive fund raising.

These donations, were presented by Clair Easton (Dean of Mission) and Dianne McGowan (acting Dean of Mission) on behalf of the school, and will be used as part of St Francis' Table Christmas hampers to be distributed to the disadvantaged families this Christmas.



We are very blessed and grateful for the continuous support given to this ministry.



THE SIGN
2023 Advent Reflection

Please join us in our weekly Advent reflection commencing on:

Tuesday 5 December - 6pm
At St Francis' meeting room

NATIVITY PLAY IN OUR CHURCHES

If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's or St Ita's Nativity Play this year, please contact:



- Sr Salvacion (0403 815 856) for St Mary's.
- Fiona (0497 068 546) for St Ita's.

LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?

St Mary's Church has a variety of handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, Christmas decorations, rosary beads and bracelets plus much more available.

Make your own Advent Wreath - Advent Wreath kits are available to make your own wreath at home.

You will be able to browse and purchase these items after daily and Sunday Masses. The funds raised through the sale will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Spread across the Archdiocese of Brisbane
Our 24/7 prayer engine for the world

St Mary's is seeking two (2) Adorers to attend Adoration from 1.30 am to 3.30 am on Sundays from December to end February whilst our dedicated rostered Adorers are overseas.

St Mary's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration period commences following the 8.00am Mass on Saturdays until before 9.00 am Mass on Sundays. You are encouraged to become a Dedicated Adorer - having a regular hour(s) on roster, or as a Casual Adorer - helping to fill vacancies. Both are vital for the continuation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

If you wish to be included in the roster, please contact Dianne - mobile 0411 869 017.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield:

- 7.00am Mass

St Francis of Assisi, West End:

- 9.00am Mass

St Mary's, South Brisbane:

- 9.00am Mass

CHRISTMAS VIGIL



St Ita's, Dutton Park:

- 5.00pm Mass
(4.30pm - Carols & Nativity Play)
- 8.00pm Indonesian Mass
(7.30pm - Carols)

St Mary's, South Brisbane:


- 7.00pm Mass
(6.30pm - Nativity Play & Carols)

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday 25th December



- **OLPS:** 7.00am Mass
- **St Francis of Assisi:** 9.00am Mass
(8.30am Carols)
- **St Mary's:** 9.00am Mass
- **St Ita's:** 10.30am Indonesian Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE



Parish Office will be closed from 22 Dec 2023 to 7 Jan 2024. The office will re-open on 8 January 2024.

Pro Musica Singers present
A Ceremony of Carols



Featuring Benjamin Britten's stunning 'A Ceremony of Carols', as well as a selection of traditional carols.
 Conducted by Joshua Blake
 Harpist: Sharon Matheson
 Organist: Christian Gante

7.00pm, Monday, December 11, 2023
 Nazareth Lutheran Church, 12 Hawthorne Street
 Woolloongabba, QLD

Admission \$25 (including festive nibbles following the performance)
 School aged children free
 Tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/a-ceremony-of-carols-presented-by-pro-musica-singers>
 Prebooking is preferred, but tickets are available at the door



Advent Concert Series
St Stephen's Cathedral
December 2023



5pm Saturday 2nd
Advent Vespers
Cathedral Schola #

5pm Sunday 3rd
Dominic Perissinotto
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 10th
Christopher Trikalis
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 17th
(in the Chapel)
Susan Collins (violin) *

3pm Saturday 23rd
Christmas Carol Service #

Free Admission
 * Ticketed Admission



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

