

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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 5th November 2023

Gospel Teaching: Equally before God

Today's Gospel tells us that authorities - including religious authorities - must be respected but also challenged when their practice is out of line with their teaching. Jesus particularly warns religious leaders that being conscientious and meticulous about trivial things may prevent them from allowing God's love to flow out of their lives in gracious acts and deeds, and hinder them from recognising that everyone has a valuable contribution to make to their communities. Yet the failure of others is not what is most important.

Jesus is concerned that his disciples look at themselves and ask about their own failures. He holds up the scribes and Pharisees as a kind of mirror in which they may see their own weaknesses. The kingdom that Jesus announces points them to something greater than themselves, and greater than structures that have been built by humans. The kingdom refers to the rule of God in hearts and relationships. Equality and loving relationships characterise the new age that Jesus has initiated among us.

Jesus points out that all people are called to be listeners to God's message. That listening is something that we are to do together, regardless of status. The way of living offered by Jesus has nothing to do with arrogance and power. Rather, it is about partnership, servanthood and humility.

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ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 5th November 2023

Please join us for our monthly morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass.



All welcome! A plate to share would be most welcome.



The Parish Office new number is 3324 3734.

Make sure to change our number in your phone directory.

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: - <u>www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</u> - <u>www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au</u>

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READINGS AT MASS

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

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130(131)

R: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R**/

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R**/

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever. **R**/

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 23:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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Reflection Prayer:

Dear Father, with Your Holy Spirit help me make my heart humble. I need the humility of a child who knows that he alone can do nothing, but with his Dad nothing can stop him! Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart resemble Yours. Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 6th:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Tuesday 7th: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Wednesday 8th:

Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

Thursday 9th: Feast (The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Friday 10th: Memorial (St Leo the Great) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Saturday 11th: Memorial (St Martin of Tours) I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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.

ST FRANCIS' TABLE Ministry for the Elderly

St Francis' Table Ministry invite all past and present members to join them in celebrating their 8th year anniversary:



Monday, 6 November 2023 10am - 1pm St Francis' Hall, West End

All welcome to join.

NOVEMBER MASSES

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory.

Parishioners are requested to place your mass intentions for the Souls in the basket provided in front of the Altar.

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

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.

A book is available at St Mary's for you to include the names of those whom you wish to remember during the Mass.



The Sign 2023 Advent Reflection

Please join us in our weekly Advent reflection starting on:

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





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 <u>www.fossnovena.org</u>.

TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast day: 9 November)

This feast day celebrates the anniversary of the Dedication of Rome's Lateran Basilica in 324 A.D. In that year, Pope Sylvester established his cathedral and residence on property given to the Church by the Emperor Constantine. As the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, and the Pope, it is the highest ranking church in the world.

Why is it called the Lateran Basilica?

The Lateranus family (the Laterini) had owned the property until it was confiscated by the Emperor Nero, who accused the family of conspiracy. From this origin, the place acquired the name the Lateran. It remained in imperial hands for 250 years until Constantine donated it to Pope Sylvester following the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D.

Why is the Basilica also called St. John Lateran? It was dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, so the reference is to the two Johns associated with our Lord. They became associated with the Basilica owing to the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine who served there.

When was the Lateran Basilica built?

After the Emperor Constantine legalized the Faith, he gave various imperial properties around Rome to Pope Sylvester for Church use. These included those of the Lateran and the Vatican. Upon the former, the Pope built his cathedral and residence. The Lateran was completed in 324 A.D., and although rebuilt over time, it has been in continuous service as the cathedra, or seat of authority, of the popes since then.

Why is the Lateran Basilica important?

The Lateran Basilica is known as the "Mother of all the Churches of Rome and of the world," as inscribed in Latin on the Basilica's facade. It is thus ranked first and most important of the four Major Basilicas in Rome, as well, and, owing to its pre-eminence it is also uniquely an Archbasilica.

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