

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.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 12th November 2023

Gospel Teaching: Keep the Flame of Faith Alive

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus uses the marriage practices of his time and place to teach a more serious lesson. This time our reason for staying awake and on the watch is not merely about the weather, but about our future destiny in the kingdom of God.

We have been invited to the wedding feast of Christ to his bride, the Church. As members of the Church, we are all, as it were, bridesmaids waiting for the Lord to come to take us to his house. In many traditional rituals it is still an important event when the bridegroom takes his bride from her home to his. It requires some ceremony, perhaps a procession with torches. At our baptism, we were presented with a burning candle which was entrusted to us to be kept burning brightly so that we will be ready to welcome our Lord when he comes.



The Parish Office new number is 3324 3734. Change

Make sure to change our number in your phone directory.

In the early Church there was an expectation that Christ would come again very soon to take his bride to himself. As time went by, the expectation dimin-ished and people grew tired with waiting. In some cases, the light was flickering and dying. People needed to be encouraged to stay awake, to be on the watch, to keep the flame of their faith alive.

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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.

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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,

and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62(63):2-8

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**/

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**/

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

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.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 13th: *Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

Tuesday 14th: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Wednesday 15th: *Rise up, O God, bring judgement to the earth.*

Thursday 16th: *Your word is for ever, O Lord.*

Friday 17th: Memorial (St Elizabeth of HUngary) The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Saturday 18th: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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 celebrated their 8th anniversary last Monday. The day was enjoyed by all. Fr Martin, Fr Gabriel and the Indonesian community were able join in the celebration along with Fr Shinto.

A Parishioner donated two hand painted artworks which were raffled. Congratulations to Theresa Hogan and Kathleen Rigby who were the lucky winners.

We thank all the people who contributed their time and energy in providing fun activities, hand made Christmas decorations, cakes, chocolates, etc.

A big thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who helped Sr Salvacion in organising this celebration.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED St Vincent's Hospital Brisbane

St Vincent's Brisbane are seeking Eucharistic Ministers/Volunteers to assist with the care of our patients. Shifts would be 1-2 hours per week.

For more information please contact Volunteer Coordinator:

Maureen Hansen on maureen.hansen@svha.org.au

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God is there, not up in orbit, but right next to you, because God's way is closeness, compassion and tenderness... God is with each one of those in prison, with any person who goes through difficulty.

POPE FRANCIS

PRISON SUNDAY 2023 NOVEMBER 12

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NOVEMBER MASSES NOVEMBEI

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 ٠ -29 October and 4-5 November.

We will resume on 11-12 November.





Please join us in our weekly Advent reflection starting on:

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

LOST AND FOUND

A Rosary has been found in Duncan St, West End.

Please contact the Parish Office if this is yours.

Supporting families in the West End, Dutton Park, Highgate Hill, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas



You can help in 2 ways...

- 1. DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS: (Collection boxes are placed near the entrance in each of our parish churches)
- Christmas cakes . Tinned ham

Spaghetti

Stir-fry sauces

Popper juices

Chips & Iollies

Spreads

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Mince pies

Soups

Nuts

Pastas

Tinned fruit

Coles gift cards

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- Long-life custard
- - Noodles Cereal
 - Soft drinks & cordials

Tinned turkey

- Biscuits
- Pasta sauces
- Target gift cards

- Baked bean, etc. Tinned meat & . fish
- Woolworths 'groceries only' gift cards

Please ensure all food is within use by dates

2. MAKE A MONEY DONATION

Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each church. Envelopes are available

- Long-life milk Rice

 - - Tea & Coffee

 - Tinned veggies



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