



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.

**4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
 28 January 2024 - Year B**

LETTERS FROM OUR PARISHIONERS DEDICATED TO THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS & FR JOSHY

The Capuchins story in South Brisbane began a few years before their arrival.

There was controversy in the way the Parish was being run and despite complaints, the local hierarchy had not moved to correct it. A group of lay people, within their rights, wrote a letter to the then Pope explaining the situation. Very quickly the Pope instructed the local hierarchy to remove the priest and congregation. This all happened quickly.

Much comment in the media criticised the Catholic Church for this. They, in effect, were of an anti-Catholic attitude and it made good low-quality reporting.

Eventually the church was vacated in 2009. On the first morning, for mass with a new priest a large cohort of journalists hovered around the entrance. There was also a rumour of a bomb being planted and eventually mass was cancelled.

Father Ken Howell (now Bishop of Toowoomba) who was then Administrator of St Stephen's Cathedral was given an additional task to his life as being also the fill-in Parish Priest until permanent priests could be found.

The surprise in store for him was the decrepit state the church was in and also the Parish bank accounts were empty.

When it rained the roof leaked badly and buckets had to be scattered around. The roof had to be replaced as did associated rotten timber supports.

We did have some money from Brisbane City Council for double glazing of windows and air-conditioning to block out most of the noise from traffic now that the Go Between Bridge had been built.

A mass was said daily by Father Ken and also by a variety of locum priests. We functioned like this for a few years knowing arrangements were being made for permanent priests.

In this time, we started with 7 parishioners and by the end of the year we had about double.

With no money and few parishioners, we half expected the Parish to be closed.

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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS AND OUR PARISH PRIEST, FR JOSHY Sunday, 28 January 2024

All are invited on Sunday, 28 January to attend St Mary's 9am Mass and morning tea gathering afterwards to join in thanking and saying farewell to the Capuchin Friars and Parish Priest, Fr Joshy.



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:

Websites: - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
 - www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

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- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

**R: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R/**

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 29th:

Lord, rise up and save me.

Tuesday 30th:

Listen, Lord, and answer me.

Wednesday 31st: Memorial (St John Bosco)

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Thursday 1st:

Lord, you are exalted over all.

Friday 2nd: Feast (The Presentation of the Lord)

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Saturday 3rd:

Lord, teach me your decrees.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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.

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Within the church, the pews were arranged on each side parallel to the walls with a wooden altar in the middle.

In the middle of this year, my wife, an Anglican, after years of accompanying me to mass at the Cathedral decided to become a Catholic. Towards the end of the year, we were told the Capuchin Order (OFM Cap) would take over. They were aware of the problems they were to experience.

Towards the end of that year my wife and I visited Melbourne where two daughters lived. We went to mass in South Melbourne in a lovely old black granite church where some time previously Father Bob, of some repute, had been but was now in the care of the Capuchins.

At the end of the mass, the Parish Priest said to the congregation it was a sad day as his assistant was leaving to go to Saint Mary's at South Brisbane. He said there had been problems there and it would be a difficult posting "We only send our best men in situations like this".

Outside, after mass everyone lined up to shake his hand and wish him the best. When it was my turn I said "We are Jim and Chris Bolger from St Mary's South Brisbane". He seemed a little surprised and did not reply. I said, "see you next week at St Mary's".

Next week as we parked next to the church, a car pulled up and out stepped a team of Capuchins. After introductions, it was obvious they were good guys. They were led by the Provincial who had grown up in Carina. At the end of mass, he made a nice speech and everyone clapped.

The new parish priest was named Father Fernanto Panangad. Some months later he told me how he came to Brisbane. Back in Kerala (India) the Provincial of the Capuchins called him into his office; "Fernanto, I have an important job for you. I am sending you to the Missions." Fernanto replied, "whereabouts Father". To which the Provincial responded, "To Australia. There is great need in Brisbane".

Through lack of money, nothing much was done to the church but as congregation numbers gradually increased and money was available, insurances were paid, the church was painted, pews and statues restored and eventually tiling of the church floor done. There was proper alignment of pews and last of all a new marble altar was set in the sanctuary together with a new marble ambo.

The men's hostel next door was found not be owned by St Mary's but by Ozcare. How this came about is unknown but by hard work from two lawyers in the congregation, ownership of the land was returned to the Archdiocese (St Mary's). It was now possible to bill Ozcare for rent. In addition, a telephone company installed telecommunication towers on the hostel roof and they paid an annual lease.

We have been fortunate to have had a stream of priests over the last 12 years. All with cheerful personalities and as true priests, preaching, teaching and administering the sacraments. In the area of pastoral care, we should acknowledge the hard work done by Sister Salvacion for the Parishes.

Pleasingly, congregation numbers have increased up to the present day. We have a wide diversity of people from all cultures and countries. We should expect further increases as accommodation is further built in our parish. We should not forget parish pilgrimages, to places such as Ormiston and Marian Valley and also overseas to the Holy Land, Rome (Mary Mackillop), Assisi, Lourdes and Fatima.

What has been achieved, spiritually and building

wise, in the Capuchins' time at St Mary's is very remarkable and we thank them wholeheartedly.

In all we can only say to the Capuchins:

You are well known and blessed by the fruits of your work. Thank you and continue to work fruitfully in the Lord's vineyard in the future.

Jim Bolger

It's hard to believe that it's been 10 years since the Capuchins came into our parishes. We've had a host of excellent priests who have really become part of the community and they will be sorely missed. From Father Lam to Father Joshy as Parish Priests, we have been blessed with their wonderful spirit and we would also like to thank Fathers' James, Shinto, Luan and Father Martin. They had been true priests in ministering to our congregation in our little Church at Fairfield. The people of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have very fond memories with the Capuchins joining Nora's morning teas after mass; Luke's great organisation with the Rosary; Ann's booming organ music; our trips to the local coffee shop to enjoy camaraderie each Sunday and much more.

We hope to see them all again soon and with Fr. Joshy moving down to Wynnum we expect to catch up with him on a regular basis.

Paul Hogan

When the history of the Dutton Park/West End Parish is written, an important chapter will be that on the time the Capuchin friars cared for us. Fr Fernanto was the first, arriving in 2013. Then came Fr Lam, Fr Bollar, and finally Fr Joshy, the longest serving of the Parish Administrators. They have been ably assisted at various times by Fr James, Fr Dean, and Fr John. In more recent times the community has been served by Fr Luan, Fr Shinto, and Fr Martin. As well, there have been young men spending part of their time in formation for the Capuchin life in our community. These are all very different men, but united in their love for St Francis and inspired by the great Saint's profound love of Jesus Christ. We have much to thank the Capuchins for: their guide to living a simple life, their concern for the poor and marginalised, and their great joy in the Lord's work. All these things have brought rich blessings to our Parish. We thank them and wish them good health and a long life, and continuing joy.

John O'Gorman

"It's been 10 years that we at St Mary's have been blessed with so many Capuchin Friars providing spiritual support and serving the parish community. In particular, we are deeply grateful to them for celebrating daily and weekend masses at St Mary's. We have many great experiences working together with so many Friars over the years. Some significant examples include the repair of the Church ceiling and the extensive renovation which transformed St Mary's into a Church admired by many. With the support from all the Friars, we have embarked on many fund raising projects to raise money for our Restoration Fund. We honour their friendship, blessings, patience and on behalf of all the parishioners of St Mary's we wish them well as they go separate ways. With God's abundant blessings to all the Friars for good health and may Our Blessed Mother be with them as they continue in their vocations for many more fruitful years ahead."

Douglas Gomez

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2024
For children in year 5 or older
ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

If you would like to enroll your child to join our sacramental program, please complete [this enrolment forms](#) and return to the Parish Office by Monday, 5 February 2024.

Information Evening
Wednesday, 7 February 2024 - 6pm
St Ita's Church Dutton Park

You could also download the forms from our websites: www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au



ST MARY'S LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS
Sunday, 11 February

You are invited to join in celebrating Lunar New Year on Sunday, 11 February at St Mary's 9 am and 5 pm Masses.

All are encouraged to wear traditional dress or The colour red.

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea or supper following the Masses.

FOR SALE

Second-hand (some near new) Office Furniture and equipment for sale including:

- Personal lockers
- Trolleys
- Desks
- Antique piano
- Mobile drawer units
- Pool table
- Office chairs
- Visitor chairs
- Recliner chair
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- Filing cabinets 2 & 4 Drawer
- Safes
- Stationery cupboard
- Bookcases
- Shelving
- Pallet jack
- Key cabinets

Enquiries or to arrange inspection – please contact Dianne mobile 0411869017

Sale of the items support St Mary's Catholic Parish, South Brisbane.

When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

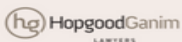
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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

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

