

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



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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th June 2024 - Year B

Our second reading this weekend presents some of St Paul's theology of the body. Distinct from Pope St John Paul II's theology, although somewhat connected, St Paul believes the body to be a tent (2 Cor 5:1).

Tents are not homes and they belong to pilgrims. St Paul is trying to embed a sense of temporary travel to remind us that we are to pursue heavenly things (1 Cor 12:31) because this life is fleeting. One day our tents will be destroyed, but if we live for, with and in Christ, then although our tents will be destroyed, God will rebuild it in three days, which is to say, that at the Resurrection, God will raise our bodies to it's heavenly state.

"If the tent is destroyed, we still have eternal hope; a building from God, a house not made with hands but eternal in the heavens (2 Cor 5:3)."

Within the world, we see the pursuit of heaven stained by evil. One of the great definitions of sin is; looking for the right thing in the wrong place.

For the addict that desires transcendence, drugs or alcohol are the mediums by which the individual seeks to leave this earthly pilgrimage. For the person who desires intimacy, several sexual partners soon becomes unfulfilling and empty as they realise that love requires sacrifice.

As St Paul says just before our second reading today "for this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven (2 Cor 5:2)." Our earnest desire is easily manipulated by the evil of this world. All the more reason for us to "Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour (1 Pet 5:8)."

We're at the beginning of Ordinary Time and as we walk through these weeks, may we commit to the marathon that is life with a healthy sense of our frailty. Not so that we might fall into a depression that completely outcasts the body as evil but that we might lean more heavily on Christ.

Lent is a time of spiritual training that should prepare us for life. During Lent we're encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. The hope is that these pillars of Lent do not end with Easter, but are practiced in different ways throughout the year, why? Well because these pillars draw us closer to our Creator.

Let then these mortal bodies of ours, although temporary, give glory to God in our work, play and sleep. When we live in this way we live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7). It will certainly be a difficult principle to follow but its with the Holy Spirit that all things happen.

> God Bless, Fr William

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its

branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. **R/**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R/**

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong. **R/**

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the

soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Communion Antiphon:

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 17th: Ordinary Time 11 Lord, listen to my groaning.

Tuesday 18th: Ordinary Time 11Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Wednesday 19th: Ordinary Time 11Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

Thursday 20th: Ordinary Time 11 Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

Friday 21st: St Aloysius Gonzaga The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.

Saturday 22nd: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

For ever I will keep my love for him.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Job 38:1,8-11

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October

Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home from May to October and commit to praying the Rosary everyday while it is at your home.

To arrange for a visitation please contact the Parish Office.

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.

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

Picnic in the Park

The idea of the community picnic in the park was a result of the recent Parish survey, where we heard the desire from many parishioners to have more social events. We are grateful for all who joined us last Sunday for our inaugural picnic. We are looking forward to it growing, and being a positive space where the different communities can build fellowship. The next Picnic in the Park will be 18th August



BIBLE REFLECTIONS GROUP

Delve into the richness of God's Word. Whether you're new to the Bible or a seasoned reader, all are welcome to come and deepen your relationship with scripture and reflect with scripture in a new way.

Wednesday 19th June 6pm at St Francis' Hall RSVP via the Parish Office



7:00pm Saturday 29 June 2024 St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s to 1980s (ask your parents or grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance and social mixer for young Catholic adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for charity thrown in for good measure!

Join us for our country-themed bush dance featuring a LIVE BAND, called partnered barn and line dancing, and best dressed competition!

Plus plenty of the usual fave St Francis Social tunes for some classic swing and jive too.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD + FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT







SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE YOUR \$25 TICKETS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Wednesday marked a significant milestone in the spiritual journeys of 40 young people from our parish (including 9 from the Indonesian Catholic Family), as they were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please join us in congratulating and celebrating these 40 young people as they continue to grow in faith and serve as beacons of Christ's love in our parish and beyond.



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

To Fanny, Thuy, Fleur-Marie and Chloe-Luce
Thuy, Fanny and the girls have been actively part of
the St Francis community for the past 4 years. We
are grateful for what they have contributed to the
Parish, especially the donation of the kids corners at
St Francis Church. It was wonderful to celebrate
Fleur-Marie's First Holy Communion last weekend
before they left. We wish them all the best with their
move abroad.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Flower Ministry: We are in search for someone to do the flower arrangements at St Ita's once a month.

Handy Man: We are looking for someone who can help with some jobs around the Parish.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

SACRAMENTAL PROGAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND PENANCE

Starting this year, First Holy Communion and Penance will be combined. The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Penance is a continuation of your child's sacramental journey. The program will begin with the Rite of enrolment and Commitment Mass on the 13th July.

If you have a child ready for these Sacraments, would like to be a part of this years intake, and can commit to attending weekly formation sessions, please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage Encounter Live Out Weekend 21-23 June 2024

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.



Where: Good Shepherd Primary School, 58 Opperman

Drive, Springfield

Contact: Lisha & Joseph via phone:0481307821 or email: qldbookings@ wwme.org.au







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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

Saturdays - 10.00am (Booking is essential - contact Parish Office)

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)

Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End



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- St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form
- **Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form**

or direct internet transfer:

St Mary's Parish South Brisbane

BSB: 064-786

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Dutton Park Parish:

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Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** at the back of the Church

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/s afeguarding