



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.*

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August 2024 - Year B

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

As we come to the end of Vocations Awareness Week, I wanted to share a few thoughts on vocations in general and then, more specifically, here in Brisbane.

The word itself comes from the Latin **vocare** which means 'to call.' Our vocation is a call from deep within our identity as children of God. The Catechism says "The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God; it is fulfilled in his vocation to divine beatitude (CCC#1700). Our truth worth, our true flourishing, is found in the realisation of the call that God has given to us. The Catechism calls it the 'divine beatitude' which includes the teachings: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are the pure in heart,' etc.

When we allow the spirit to configure our lives to reflect these beatitudes, we live out our vocation more fully. Now this call to 'divine beatitude' is fundamental to our flourishing, but Catholics have always reiterated the four ways in which this divinity is realised, namely through, priesthood, religious life, married life or single life. We all fall into one of these categories. Each category is essential for the life and flourishing not only of individuals but also for the Body of Christ – the Church. We raise our awareness this week for the importance of each way of life.

Allow me to focus more specifically on priesthood. *The Catholic Weekly* released an interesting article earlier this week entitled 'Survey shows family devotion biggest factor in new vocations.' The article highlights that younger priests are more likely to come from families where daily Mass, nightly prayer of the rosary and/or reading the lives of the saints were common.

'The fostering of a vocation is a long game' as one participant noted. The survey provides transparency and is linked to the article, but on a personal level, I can't help but feel that this is true. I grew up praying the rosary every night, and I wasn't really invested in it, but we kept to the ritual and habit of it. This was coupled with Mass on the holidays during the week and every Sunday. The article makes an effort to emphasise that foundations for future priestly vocations begins in the homes.

Now we've known about the value of a good family home, but reality can often make it difficult to achieve these ideals. Generally, people are also moving away from faith. So how then do we respond? Well, one of the other places a vocation grew within me was in the Parish. Parishioners would say to me 'I think you'd make a good priest.' They'd invite me to read or altar serve, sing with the choir and get involved. Perhaps this might be one thing we do across our four Churches. Perhaps we can be courageous and authentic enough to inspire a vocation to the priesthood within our young men. I pray that at least one person might join the seminary from our Parish.

Last weekend, I was on a priestly vocations event. Something like a 'Come and See' hosted at the seminary. We had a large group of guys genuinely considering priesthood as a way of life in the province of Brisbane (Cairns, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville and Brisbane). It was exciting to see these young men from our diocese putting themselves forward in this way. As we come to the end of National Vocations Week, may we keep an eye out for those young men among us, who might display characteristics of a good priest and speak a word of encouragement to them. We pray also for those joining the Seminary next year, that they might be led more deeply by the spirit and be priests for the sanctification of the Body of Christ.

*Fr William*

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**First reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad **R/**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me. **R/**

From all my terrors he set me free.  
Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be bashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R/**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**Second reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me  
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

*They will all be taught by God,*  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.

'I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes  
down from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from  
heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life  
of the world.'

**Communion Antiphon:**

Praise the Lord Jerusalem, he feeds you with the  
finest wheat.

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**THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses**

**Monday 12th: Ordinary Time 19**

*Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.*

**Tuesday 13th: Ordinary Time 19**

*How sweet to my taste is your promise!*

**Wednesday 14th: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**

*The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.*

**Thursday 15th: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary\***

*Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.*

**Friday 16th: Ordinary Time 19**

*You have turned from your anger to comfort me.*

**Saturday 17th: Ordinary Time 19**

*Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

*\*Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of obligation. This means all faithful must attend Mass like on any Sunday.*



**MASS TIMES**

**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

**St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)**

- Sunday: 9am

**St Mary's (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 5pm

**CONFESSION**

**St Mary's:**

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



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## Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.

Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.



**2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

### SUPPORT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Next weekend all of the parishes in the Archdiocese will come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. The Campaign supports the training of future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. If you can donate, take a giving envelope home and you can either pop it in the mail or return it in next weeks collection or you can give online through the QR code.

### HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE MAY - OCTOBER

Invite the Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home and enrich the spiritual life of your family. During its visit, we encourage you to commit to praying the Rosary daily, embracing this time for reflection and connection with Our Lady. To arrange a visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin statue, please contact the Parish Office.



### GO ON LIFE-CHANGING MISSION

We are accepting applications for ten months of life-changing mission in Australia & New Zealand for 2025! Young people deserve to hear the hope that Jesus brings. We are looking for men and women aged 18-30 to step out and share their story of how Jesus has impacted their lives and how young people can come to know God's plan for them. At NET we do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together - sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible. If you want to take up the call of mission with NET, express interest at > [netaus.org](http://netaus.org)

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AUS & NZ

### PARISH EXCURSION TO TOOWOOMBA

St Francis Table is organising a bus to visit the Toowoomba Festival of Flowers on the 14th of September. Cost will be \$15, including lunch. Seats are limited, please RSVP your interest by the 16th of August. Scan the QR Code to rsvp.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic, we're inviting you to register your interest for the RCIA Program. **Sessions will begin on the 14th September.**

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

#### Youth Group Launch (For grades 7-12)

- Friday 16th August  
6-8pm at St Ita's Primary School

#### Picnic in the Park

- Sunday 18th August  
10:30am at Orleigh Park, West End

#### Bible Reflections

- Wednesday 21st August  
6pm at St Francis' Hall, West End



### VOLUNTEER AT ST VERONICA'S

St Veronica's is a registered charity based in West End run entirely by volunteers. This generosity means we are able to use 100% of all financial donations to support more than 1,500 education sponsorships and various poverty-relief projects across the world, with particularly close connections to communities in Ethiopia, India and Sri Lanka.

We are looking for new volunteers to join us in both our friendly Thrift Shop and Charity Office. Even just a few hours one day a week makes a huge difference to the work we do!

Scan the QR code to submit an expression of interest form or contact 3844 7423 or [admin@stveronica.org.au](mailto:admin@stveronica.org.au)



### Support St Francis' Table through Containers for change

If you wish to support St Francis' Table Ministry through the **Containers For Change**, please use this account number **C11452798** when you depositing your containers. Thank you for your support!

# MULTICULTURAL MASS

"God walks with His People" Pope Francis



**25 AUG 2024**  
2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

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**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

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. Please consider giving to our planned giving program. 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](#)

**or 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: 100 023 601  
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/safeguarding](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)

