



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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2024 - Year B

In John 6:51-58, Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." These words are foundational to our Catholic belief in the Eucharist, where the bread and wine offered at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324-1327) states that the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of Christian life. The Eucharist is often referred to as the "source and summit" of Christian life because it is from this sacrament that all other graces flow. Jesus' declaration that "whoever eats this bread will live forever" emphasises that the Eucharist is not just a symbolic act but a real and vital source of spiritual life. In receiving the Eucharist, we believe that we are receiving the true Body and Blood of Christ, which nourishes our souls and sustains our journey toward eternal life. What does the Eucharist do in our lives?

1. The Eucharist brings Union with Christ: When Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them," He speaks of an intimate union between Himself and the believer. In our Catholic worship, the Eucharist is the means by which this union is realised. By receiving Christ in the Eucharist, we believe that we are united with Him in a profound and transformative way. This union is not just a spiritual connection but a real, physical communion that strengthens our relationship with Christ and the Church.

2. The Eucharist brings Communion with the Church: The Eucharist also has a communal dimension. In partaking of the same Body and Blood of Christ, we the faithful, are united with one another in the Church, the Body of Christ. This communal aspect of the Eucharist reflects the Church's understanding of itself as a community of believers who are called to live in unity and love. The Eucharist is the sacrament that binds the Church together, nourishing the faithful and enabling us to live out our mission in the world.

The experience of the Eucharist in the lives of some saints is as follows:

St. Thomas Aquinas says, "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love; it signifies love, it produces love."

St. John Vianney says, "When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary—a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt."

St. Padre Pio says, "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without the Holy Mass."

The Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic faith and the ultimate expression of God's love for God's people. So let us receive the Eucharist with faith, love and reverence.

Fr Ravi

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First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house,
 she has erected her seven pillars,
 she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
 she has laid her table.
 She has despatched her maidservants
 and proclaimed from the city's heights:
 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
 To the fool she says,
 'Come and eat my bread,
 drink the wine I have prepared!
 Leave your folly and you will live,
 walk in the ways of perception.'

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/**

Revere the Lord, you saints.
 They lack nothing, those who revere him.
 Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
 but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R/**

Come, children, and hear me
 that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
 Who is he who longs for life
 And many days, to enjoy his prosperity. **R/**

Then keep your tongue from evil
 and your lips from speaking deceit
 Turn aside from evil and do good;
 seek and strive after peace. **R/**

Second reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
 live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:
 '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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
 if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
 you will not have life in you.
 Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
 has eternal life,
 and I shall raise him up on the last day.
 For my flesh is real food
 and my blood is real drink.
 He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
 lives in me
 and I live in him.
 As I, who am sent by the living Father,
 myself draw life from the Father,
 so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
 This is the bread come down from heaven;
 not like the bread our ancestors ate:
 they are dead,
 but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

2nd reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 19th: Ordinary Time 20

You have forgotten God who gave you birth.

Tuesday 20th: St Bernard

It is I who deal death and give life.

Wednesday 21st: St Pius X

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Thursday 22nd: The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

Friday 23rd: Ordinary Time 20

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Saturday 24th: St Bartholomew

Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

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:

Fri: 7.30am-8am | Sat: 8.30am-9am |
 Sun: 4.15-4.45pm



ST MARY'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Last weekend, St. Mary's Church was blessed to host a remarkable inaugural celebration for its Feast Day. The church was wonderfully packed with parishioners and friends, all coming together in joyful celebration. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and made the event so memorable.

IGNITE CONFERENCE



Last chance to get a ticket!
Come to Ignite Conference with the Parish Group. Experience powerful worship, inspirational talks and life-changing encounters with God.
Contact the office.
Dates: 19-22nd Sept
At St Laurence's College

ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Many thanks to all who have supported the restoration of St Mary's Church over past years. There is still an opportunity to sponsor a Perpetual Pew. This provides a way to not only remember your loved ones but also assists with the funding of our restoration projects.



To sponsor a pew; \$1,000 for short pews. Engraved in Perpetuity "In Memory of" or "In Honour of".

Please contact the Parish Office to organise this.
Note: donations are not tax deductible

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.



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!



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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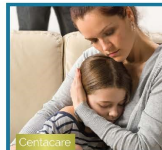
Thank you for your support!



Mackillop Fund

Because of you, six Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund students could graduate Year twelve in 2023.

Your support also made it possible to award 21 new bursaries in 2024.



Centacare

With your gift, you have given women and children fleeing domestic violence a safe space.

Because of you, they look forward to a brighter and safer future.



Priests Foundation

At the end of 2023, nine priests retired from active ministry.

Your support helped to provide a modest home and basic healthcare in their retirement.

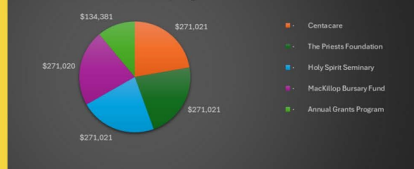


Holy Spirit Seminary

Holy Spirit Seminary welcomed three young men to the transitional diaconate in 2023.

Through your gifts, we were blessed to ordain four new priests for in 2024.

Annual Catholic Campaign 2023



Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign last year. Through our combined support, we continue making a positive impact in the lives of those most in need in our community.

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.



BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

Each month, we'll gather to explore and reflect on the Scriptures, strengthening our faith and deepening our understanding of the Bible. All are welcome to join us for the next Bible Reflection group on

Wednesday 21st August
6pm at St Francis' Hall



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.**



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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.



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ST FRANCIS YOUTH

Hey highschoolers! Our next youth group is on the **30th of August, 6-8pm at St Ita's Primary School**. Don't miss out on the games, activities, and meaningful discussions as we come together to grow in our journey of faith. Bring a friend, all are welcome.

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.

When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

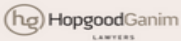
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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

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

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

