



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.*

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2024 - Year B

Friends, this is our last week with the Gospel of John in the Bread of Life discourse.

Firstly, note how this theme seems to inject itself in the liturgical calendar. We've come through the Easter season and now we're in thick of Jesus' call to 'pick up your cross and follow me (Mt 16: 24-26)'. Rightly so, as Mother Church would have it, the strength, nourishment and disposition to be able to pick up your cross in the first place is sustained by the Eucharist - the Bread of Life. Put in another way, the Church is providing us with scriptural food for the journey as we consume physically and 'walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)'.

As we go through our pilgrimage toward God, we're sustained by this heavenly food, but we're also presented with an important question. Our first reading puts it like this "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve." Our Gospel, on the other hand, says "what about you, do you want to go away too?" Both readings seem to ask, do you believe? Are you going to follow this? What is your response?

Faith naturally raises these questions to the surface with buoyancy because the reality is that when all is said and done, we have to make a decision. Yes or No? Am I in or out? What is your response to Jesus' body and blood given to us in the Eucharist? Although many might live in indecisiveness, **sitting on the fence** is not of God.

Whether you like it or not, we've already made our decisions. The degree or extent of our decision is seen expressly in the way we simply show up to Mass. I bring no judgement to the person that comes twice a year, but our actions reflect our choices. What then is your response? I appreciate that we live in a world of competing priorities. Even in my own line of work, I've seen the result of prioritising one thing over the other. In all things, my hope is that these decisions are made with Christ in mind, lest I become a 'noisy gong, clanging cymbal (1 Cor 13:1)'. My point here is that intellectual assent to Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist is not enough, but rather, our intellectual assent, and our participation in this union with regularity expresses our response.

I pray our decision to the question posed earlier is, 'Yes, I'm in! Yes, Lord, I believe!' It's from this place of belief and practice that we say, 'Amen' when we come forward to receive the Eucharist. Amen, I believe, Amen, I consume, Amen, I will live it out. It is not the minister of communion, or the priest, that we say Amen to, but it's to Christ that we proclaim Amen.

We will return to Mark's Gospel next week, but before we do, let's hold in our hearts and minds a sensitivity towards the Eucharist. I pray that our firm belief is matched by our regular participation, that in receiving the Lord, we may strain forward in this life with Christ who walks beside us, within us and before us.

*Fr. William*

### Welcome to New Parishioners

We welcome any new Parishioners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.

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**First reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our 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/**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R/**

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R/**

Many are the trails of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R/**

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R/**

**Second reading: Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This

mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life,  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord says: the man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live forever; I shall raise him to life on the last day.



**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 26th: Ordinary Time 21**

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

**Tuesday 27th: St Monica**

*The Lord comes to judge the earth.*

**Wednesday 28th: St Augustine**

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

**Thursday 29th: The Passion of St John the Baptist**

*I will sing your salvation.*

**Friday 30th: Ordinary Time 21**

*The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

**Saturday 31st: Ordinary Time 21**

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

## Congratulations

We recently celebrated the baptisms of Archer, Avni and Maverick, who were welcomed into our faith community this past week. We extend our warmest congratulations to their families. May Archer, Avni and Maverick grow in grace and wisdom.

## PARISH EXCURSION TO TOOWOOMBA

We have had an amazing response to the Parish excursion to Toowoomba on the 14th of September. Our bus is currently at capacity. If you have pre-registered, please come to the Parish Office to pay in cash during office hours, or you can pay via online bank transfer.



## ST FRANCIS YOUTH

Last week we launched our new youth group! It was a joy to bring together youth from the Parish, and welcome high school students from surrounding schools. We are grateful for our team of volunteer youth leaders, Jessica, Zala, David and Pio, who made this launch possible. We look forward to seeing this group grow and thrive. If you are in grades 7-12, we would love to have you join us for our next youth group on the **30th August from 6-8pm at St Ita's Primary School.**

## INVITATION TO HEALING MASS

All are welcome to attend a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardonia, Friday, 6th September, 2024 at 7.30pm. Supper will be provided. Contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

## VOLUNTEER MISSION OPPORTUNITY

*Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region*

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au) or [lhichaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaba@salesians.org.au)

## 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.**

## 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!

# Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer



**Thank you** for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign!** Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for the unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.



## ST FRANCIS TABLE

Another wonderful week at St Francis Table, with over 40 Elderly and friends coming together for fellowship, prayer and food! Happy birthday to all the August babies, especially Kathleen, Mayeth, James and Linda.

ST FRANCIS TABLE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO  
*JOIN US ON MONDAY IN CELEBRATING*



# FATHERS Day

*MORNING TEA & LUNCH  
FELLOWSHIP, GAMES,  
SINGING AND DANCING!*

2 SEPTEMBER  
9AM-1PM  
ST FRANCIS' HALL

# This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity,*  
I was at the point where I'd given up."

At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:

[contact@ecm.org.au](mailto:contact@ecm.org.au)

[EMMANUELCITYMISSION.COM](http://EMMANUELCITYMISSION.COM)

## 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.

## 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

## When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

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## 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

## 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

## 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)

