



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2024 - Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's readings speak of God's ability to bring about radical transformation.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear of physical transformation. Where there is desert, water gushes forth. Streams in wastelands. Lakes to replace scorched earth. Isaiah's audience lived in a dry and arid place with limited arable land that was highly contested. Such transformation must have seemed outlandish and yet Isaiah was pointing to a God capable of such transformation.

Human transformation is prophesied in the first reading by Isaiah and then realized in the Gospel by Jesus. Again, at a time when medical treatment was primitive and cures unheard of, such healings must have seemed as unlikely as gushing water in the desert. And yet Isaiah points to a God capable of such things; of opening eyes, of unsealing ears, of loosening tongues. Indeed, Isaiah's prophecy is born out in the real miracles Jesus worked during his public ministry including the one recorded in today's gospel from St Mark.

While these readings seem focused primarily on healings in a literal sense, I think there is a deeper message about metaphorical blindness, and deafness, and muteness. For while we might be physically capable of seeing, and hearing, and speaking we might still ask ourselves: Do I see as I am meant to see? Do I hear what I ought to hear? And, do I speak as I am meant to speak?

So, do we really need to be transformed? This side of heaven the answer is inevitably yes. Even the holiest of saints were painfully aware of their inadequacies and their total reliance on grace as the agent of their radical transformation. The bigger question to ponder is this: Are we open to being transformed by God?

*Dcn. Adam*

### 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: Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts,  
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
 Look, your God is coming,  
 vengeance is coming,  
 the retribution of God;  
 he is coming to save you.'  
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
 then the lame shall leap like a deer  
 and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
 for water gushes in the desert,  
 streams in the wasteland,  
 the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
 the parched land springs of water.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***Praise the Lord, my soul!***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
 who is just to those who are oppressed.  
 it is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
 The Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
 who raises up those who are bowed down,  
 the Lord who loves the just,  
 The Lord, who protects the stranger. **R/**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
 The Lord will reign for ever,  
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

**Second reading: James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom  
 and healed all who were sick.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his

speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**Communion Antiphon:**

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, My God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1st reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9

**2nd reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

**THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses**

**Monday 9th: Ordinary Time 23**

*Lead me in your justice, Lord.*

**Tuesday 10th: Ordinary Time 23**

*The Lord takes delight in his people.*

**Wednesday 11th: Ordinary Time 23**

*Listen to me daughter; see and bend your ear.*

**Thursday 12th: Ordinary Time 23**

*Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

**Friday 13th: St John Chrysostom**

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God*

**Saturday 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

**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:**

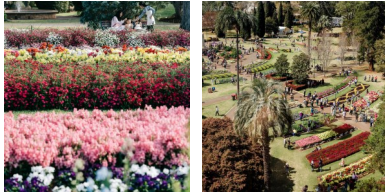
Fri: 7.30am-8am | Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

**PARISH EXCURSION TO TOOWOOMBA**  
SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

The bus will be departing from St Mary's Church, South Brisbane. Please arrive at 8:00am, for an 8:30am departure. Parking is available for the day next to the Church, however there are limited spaces, so we recommend carpooling.

We will arrive back in Brisbane at 5pm. Our bus is full and so we cannot accept anymore people, however you are welcome to meet us in Toowoomba. 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.

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**ST FRANCIS YOUTH**

Before the school holidays kicks off, don't miss our final youth group for the term on the 13th of September. If you're in grades 7-12, come join us for a fun-filled evening. It's a great chance to hang out, make new friends, have free food and enjoy some topics about the faith. We'd love to see you there!

**Next youth group: Friday 13th September**  
6-8pm St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

**POST MASS TEA**

Thank you for joining us for Mass! Our churches host morning/evening tea after Mass. We would love for you to join us, and if you can bring a plate to share.

St Marys, South Brisbane — Weekly  
St Francis of Assisi, West End — First Sunday  
OLPS, Fairfield — Last Sunday  
St Ita's, Dutton Park—3rd and 5th Saturday



**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!

**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*

*Congratulations*

**To 33 children who have completed the Sacramental Program and received their First Penance and First Holy Communion this week.**

Last Saturday the Candidates and parents attended a Retreat at the Hall, facilitated by Sr Salvacion and the Sisters of Charity. This retreat concluded their formation in understanding the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion. We thank them for their participation over the past seven weeks.



We congratulate and pray for:

*Ann, Willow, Madeleine, Marcus, Emer, Jude, Noah, Jasmine, Walter, Thomas Oliver, Victoria, Finn, Jack, Millicent, Ewen, Ella, Xavier, Eliza, Alexander, Scarlett, John, Edward, Amelia, Julia, Martin, Hannah, Tia, Jack, Leo, Theodore, Bartholomew, and Catherine.*

**ST FRANCIS TABLE:**

*FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION*

On Monday, 80 people from the community came together for the Father's Day celebration at St Francis Table. Mono provided beautiful music; there was a lot of joy in the raffle, dancing and games; and everyone's stomachs were full from the delicious food catered by the amazing volunteers. Thank you to those who joined us!



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

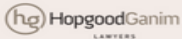
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic? **Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program begins on September 14th**, and we invite you to join us on this spiritual journey. Come and explore the teachings of the Church, ask questions, and discover the rich traditions of our faith. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you!

## 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. 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/s/afeguarding](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/s/afeguarding)



## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 8 SEP 2024 "Every conversation matters"



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### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been hurt by the Church. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. South Brisbane and Dutton Park parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.



2024  
**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

Join us for Mass

**6pm Saturday 14  
September**

**Cathedral of St Stephen**  
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane



### 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.