



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.*

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Year B

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I remember the wise words of a priest when asked: "How much should I give?" The answer was much simpler than what stood behind the question: "Give until it hurts!" This, of course, was famously uttered by St Teresa of Calcutta so it might not have been original to the priest, but that doesn't make the response any less profound. "Give until it hurts!"

It has stayed with me ever since and it came to mind as I read and prayed over today's readings.

In the first reading from 1 Kings, we hear of the widow and her son and their interaction with the prophet Elijah. The situation is dire. She and her son were so poor they were on their last legs; for she was sure that she and her son would die soon. And despite this she trusted in Elijah and shared what little she had and, as we hear: "The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied" (1 Kgs 17:16). Her poverty, her generosity, her holiness.

The Gospel very much continues the theme from the first reading. Another widow whose situation must have been equally insecure. Another act of generosity. Another act of trust. Her offering was meagre in one sense; but rich in another more important way. Jesus made his views clear: "this poor widow **has put in more than all** who have contributed to the treasury" (Mk 12:43). More than all! We see again the radical nature of the Gospel. What the world judges as of no consequence, is of spiritual significance.

We see the connection between poverty, and generosity, and holiness. How, then, do we – the comparatively well-off – model the kind of poverty, and generosity, and holiness that today's readings point to? I know it is easier said than done, but the answer is obvious: give until it hurts; and be as generous as the widows of today's readings. As St Thérèse of Lisieux told us: "There is no joy comparable to that which the truly poor in spirit experience." Let us seek that joy, knowing that "the more we are poor, the more we are rich" (Philippe, 2018).

**Deacon 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: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**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.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the strangers. **R/**

He 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: Hebrews 9:24-28**

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of  
heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1st reading:** Daniel 12:1-13

**2nd reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

**THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES**

**Monday 11th: St Martin of Tours**

*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

**Tuesday 12th: St Josaphat**

*The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.*

**Wednesday 13th: Ordinary Time 32**

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

**Thursday 14th: Ordinary Time 32**

*Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.*

**Friday 15th: Ordinary Time 32**

*Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

**Saturday 16th: Ordinary Time 32**

*Happy are those who fear the 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:**

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

## 9 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS TABLE

My name is Audrey and 9 years ago I was 'living the life', or so I thought. It wasn't until Sr Salvacion invited me for a quick coffee that I realised how self-centred my life was. Sr Salvacion and St Francis Table ministry transformed my life and gave me a new perspective on faith, prayer and service. What I have learnt from Sr Salvacion's lifestyle, faith and commitment is unbelievable. I have witness countless miracles of how God loves his people and provides for us. St Francis Table started off very small and has now become a well oiled machine with an incredible community and so many dedicated volunteers. Sr Salvacion may only be 110cm tall, but to us she is a faith giant, in how she lives out her faith and brings love to hundreds of people. I now live a busy and spiritually enhanced life thanks to her example and St Francis Table.

Audrey

I have been a volunteer for over 5 years and witnessed the profound impact this ministry has made. Over the past 9 years, St. Frances Table has experienced remarkable growth. What began as a small gathering of 15 to 20 people in its early years has expanded to serve approximately 80 guests at our dine-in events on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. The St Francis Table also helps with the house bound and vulnerable members of our community. The genuine connection between people and the sense of being needed is evident when we see Sister and the volunteers' delivering meals. It is not just making yourself feel good for doing an act of charity but to look at the person who needs you to make them feel valued. Volunteering with SFT taught me that when people focus on others rather than themselves, they gain greater confidence and experience less anxiety. St France Table is a great ministry which fosters a sense of community and a feeling of belonging. Changing someone's life from anxiety to confidence is an amazing achievement. This is what St Frances Table has done in the life of so many including me.

Hollie



## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Save the date on these upcoming events!  
More details to come.

**16th November:** Bus Trip to Marian Valley

**18th November:** St Francis Table

**22nd November:** Youth Group

**29th November:** Volunteer Thank You Dinner

## PARISH EXCURSION TO MARIAN VALLEY

Join us for a beautiful and prayerful day at Marian Valley Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians (Gold Coast) on **Saturday 16 November**.

Bus pick up will be at St Mary's South Brisbane at 8am, and aim to return by 5:30pm. Seats are limited and payment must be made prior to the trip. The cost of \$30 includes bus transportation and lunch. Register by 11th Nov via Flocknote, and please pay in the Parish office or by bank transfer and send through a copy of the receipt.



## FR WILL'S BUZZ CUT FOR CHARITY

*St Ita's Primary School Fundraiser*

Father Will, currently sporting a stylish man bun, has decided to go for a bold buzz cut — all for a fantastic cause! He's volunteered to shave his head in front of the whole primary school at St Ita's Primary, to raise funds for St. Francis Table.

This great shave will take place at St Ita's Primary School, 9.15am 15th November. Students from each year level will be drawn to participate in Father Will's buzz cut. Donations can be made at the school or over the phone. Call 07 3838 8400.

## NAVIGATING THE SOULS STORMS

*With Fr Robin Koning SJ*

Our spiritual lives are not always full of joy, peace and light. We can feel discouraged, as though God is absent, and not be attracted to spiritual things. These experiences of spiritual desolation are a normal part of the spiritual life and can be important times for spiritual growth if handled wisely. St Ignatius Loyola offers such wisdom in his rules for the discernment of spirits. This workshop will examine some of these practical guidelines for spiritual growth. All are invited to this one-day event with Fr Robin Koning SJ. When: Saturday, 7 December from 9 am to 4 pm Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo Cost: \$25 per person, meals included.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

We have recently installed four new pew plaques in St Mary's Church. We thank the Walsh, Herron, Fernandez and Gomez families for their generous donations.

If you would like to sponsor a pew that contributes towards the funding of our restoration projects, and provides a way to remember your loved ones, please contact the Parish Office. For \$1,000, you could have engraved in perpetuity "In Loving Memory of ..." or "In Honour of..."  
*Note: donations are not tax deductible*



## CARITAS LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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)

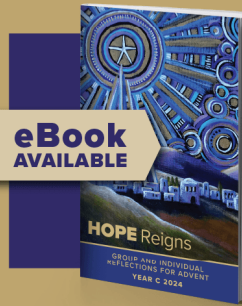
- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

#### 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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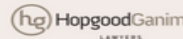
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- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

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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.  
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