



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.

First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2024 - Year C

Friends,

Happy New Year! And by 'New Year', I mean **Liturgical** New Year. This weekend we begin the first Sunday of Advent, which also means the beginning of a new cycle of Sunday readings. We have now departed from St Mark's Gospel, Year B, and we begin St Luke's Gospel, Year C. Let me take the time to speak about St Luke and what we might expect as we move into this Liturgical New Year.

Most scholars believe that St Luke's Gospel was heavily influenced by St Mark. We see similarities between St Mark, St Matthew and St Luke - Gospels which are known to us as the Synoptics (**syn** means *together* and **optic** means *seen*). St Luke is traditionally credited as 'the beloved physician' (Col 4:14). He was a doctor by trade. He's believed to have written both the Gospel and the book of Acts. When you compare the opening lines of the Gospel and Acts, it's clear that they come from the same author. St Luke is focused on putting together an orderly account from the earliest eye witnesses of Jesus to show how the Lord fulfills the Jewish prophecies and came to redeem the world. He was an associate of St Paul the apostle and by the way he wrote predominantly for Gentile converts, we see how he was tied to the work of St Paul in his mission to the Gentiles. St Luke was believed to have compiled his work around 63-70 AD.

There are many things that are specific to St Luke that you won't find in the other Gospels. We hear of the census of Caesar Augustus. We hear of the journey to Bethlehem and the adoration of the shepherds. We have Jesus' presentation in the Temple and Simeon's proclamation. We have the famous Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan story and an account of Jesus' Ascension.

One of the strong themes in St Luke is what many might consider as the **Upside Down Kingdom**. This is presented mostly in St Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Lk 6). St Luke presents a God who reverses the value system of humanity to focus not on status, honour or power, but service, humility and radical generosity. Jesus calls his disciples to be people who forgive, make peace and reject religious hypocrisy.

As we begin this journey with St Luke, may we take the time to sit and reflect with these words and parables. May we find in this coming year, a new sense of mercy and forgiveness, service and humility and a commitment to Jesus' mission: to be witnesses to the things of Christ, to be clothed in the Holy Spirit and to spread this message of hope to all the world (Lk 24:48-49).

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.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

47 Dornoch Tce, West End, Q 4101

Ph: 07 3324 3732

Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101

southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au

stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au

Websites:

- www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au

- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

Safeguarding Officers:

- St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205)
- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
- OLPS Church: Paul Hogan (0418 742 760)

FB:

- www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/
- www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

- **Parish Priest:** Fr. William Aupito Iuliano

- **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Ravi Koyya

- **Parish Deacon:** Deacon Adam Walk

- **Pastoral Coordinator:** Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI

- **Parish Secretary:** Stephanie Rogers

ST ITAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Q 4102

Ph: (07) 3838 8400

Email: pductonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au

Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-14

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know you ways.
Lord teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his ways to the poor. **R/**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R/**

Second reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the

cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.

Prayer after Communion:

Father, may our communion teach us to love heaven. May its promise and hope guide our way on earth.

Universalis © 1996-2018
Universalis Publishing Limited

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1st reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd reading: Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

THIS WEEK’S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 2nd: Monday of 1st Week of Advent

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Tuesday 3rd: St Francis Xavier

The Spirit of the Lord God rests upon him.

Wednesday 4th: Wednesday 1st week of Advent

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thursday 5th: Thursday 1st week of Advent

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Friday 6th: Friday of 1st week of Advent

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Saturday 7th: St Ambrose

Happy are all who long for the coming of 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

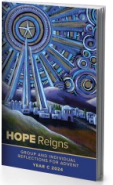
ST FRANCIS TABLE

On 2nd December, the Preps and Year 1 students from St Ita's Primary School will visit St Francis Table. They will perform carols and bring gifts to share! It will be a joy filled morning, from 9 -1pm. Morning Tea and Lunch provided. All are welcome! Please RSVP.



ADVENT GROUPS

Advent groups will run in December in the lead up to Christmas. We will be utilising Evangelisation Brisbane's 2024 Advent Resource, "Hope Reigns" written by Br Damien Price. "Hope Reigns" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. All are welcome. Please email the Parish Office if you'd like to attend.
8:30am Tuesday (3rd, 10th and 17th Dec)
6:00pm Thursday (5th, 12th, 19th Dec)



NATIVITY REHERSAL

As we approach the joyful celebration of Christmas, we invite all children to be part of our *Nativity Play* on Christmas Day at St Mary's. This beautiful tradition is a wonderful way for our young parishioners to share in the story of Jesus' birth and bring the spirit of Christmas to life for our community.

Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, 15th December & 22nd December.

Both rehearsals will take place in the church from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

We encourage all children to participate and play a role as one of the beloved characters in the Nativity scene.

If your child would like to participate, please email the Parish office by the 12th December.



BUS TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY

On the 16th of November, a group of Parishioners joined Sr Salvacion and Fr Ravi on a excursion to Marian Valley. It was a beautiful and prayerful day as they participated in the rosary, Mass, and Fatima procession, as well as being able to leisurely visit each of shrines dedicated to Our Lady and different Saints.



Gingerbread House Fundraiser

Thursday 5 December, 7:00pm at Emmanuel City Mission, 10A Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. Come and join us for a festive evening, build your own gingerbread house and support a great cause! Cost \$55 each, or \$250 for 5 tickets. All materials provided. Register at www.ec.org.au. Enquiries to events@ec.org.au. All profits support the mission of Emmanuel Community.



Get involved and give to those who need it most this Christmas

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Spreads: jams, nutella, honey
 Pasta / Rice
 Canned Ham
 Canned Tuna
 Canned Salmon
 Biscuits - sweet or savoury
 Christmas cake
 Christmas pudding
 Fruit mince pies
 Shortbread
 Bonbons

Long-life custard
 Tinned fruit
 Jelly
 Milo
 Tea/coffee
 Long life milk
 Long life juice
 Cordial
 Chocolate
 Lollies
 Nuts
 Potato Crisps
 Kmart/Target/
 BigW Vouchers

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

3rd December: Advent groups begins

6th December: St Francis Table Hamper Packing

7th December: St Francis Social Dance

9th December: St Francis Table Christmas Party

13th December: Final Youth Group

20th December: Second Rite of Reconciliation

21st December: Parish Offices closes

22nd December: Carols and Adoration

2024 YOUTH
Theology of the Body
RETREAT

Join us for a joyful two-day retreat exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose.

**St. Francis Hall,
 Dutton Park Parish.**

12-13 December. \$30 incl. meals. For 14-19 yr olds. Participants need to be at all sessions. Limited spaces available, please get in quick.

To register or any queries:
hannah@realtalkaustralia.com

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL
 Tropical Summer

7pm Saturday 7 December 2024
St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End



Young adults (18 – 39 years) are invited to a tropical summer-themed dance next Saturday 7 December, raising funds for St Francis Table Ministry!

The night will include some easy called partnered/ progressive dances, plus plenty of the usual favourite St Francis Social tunes for those who love a bit of classic swing and jive. There will also be prizes for best dressed male and female, so start planning your tropical outfits... the brighter, the better!

Ticket sales close soon at www.trybooking.com/CWKVR

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD +
 FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



stfrancissocials



stfrancissocials



SCAN FOR MORE INFO
 & TO PURCHASE YOUR
 \$25 TICKETS!

**Celebrating
 140 years of
 family tradition.**

1883-2023

K.M.SMITH
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS since 1883

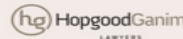
Phone 3252 2031 kmsmith.com.au

When was the last time you reviewed your Will?

/ HopgoodGanim Lawyers is a leading Australian independent legal and advisory firm operating nationally and internationally from Brisbane and Perth.

We can help you with:

- Wills and estate planning
- Estate administration and disputes



/ Key contact:

Greg Cox
 Special Counsel
 +61 7 3024 0331
g.cox@hopgoodganim.com.au

Visit our website www.hopgoodganim.com.au

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/safeguarding

