

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th November 2024 - Year B

Friends, to truly appreciate our Gospel it is important to understand the context in which Mark writes. Although there's much contention, many scholars believed that Mark's Gospel was written around 70 AD, which was considered to be the same time as the destruction of the Temple.

Jesus' words in our Gospel, of a time of darkness where the moon would lose it's shine, has links to the destruction of the Temple and persecution of the Christians in those early years. Although the picture is bleak there is even greater hope because the Son of Man is coming on the clouds with great power and glory.

This greater hope is emphasised in the parable of the fig tree that sprouts it's leaves in preparation for summer. Hope, of course, is personified most tangibly in the person of Jesus Christ. Long before Jesus came into the world, it was damaged by sin and death, Jesus' injection into human history is the centre point of all Creation. We are now in the final stages of the human timeline.

Knowing that Jesus has already died for our sins and made a way for us into eternity should be the final straw we need to believe with our heart, mind and soul, but as we know, it's often easier said than done. We still see darkness in the world. Hatred still fuels war among humans. Other humans objectify one another not recognising the dignity of all created in the image and likeness of our Creator. We still need this Hope. We still need Jesus.

You might be straining to move with an aching body, seeing a specialist every week. You might be journeying with someone caught in stints of addiction. You might be in pain over the death of a loved one. Brothers and sisters, there is still HOPE! The glory of the Lord will outshine any pain this world offers. Jesus is coming. The sun will rise. As we move into the week, may we cling more tightly to Christ, our Hope and may we face the struggle being open to growth, learning and truth, for in the sight of the Son of Man, nothing else will matter.

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 Safeguarding Officers: 47 Dornoch Tce, West End, Q 4101 Ph: 07 3324 3732 Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101 <u>southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</u> • 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) stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au FB: Websites: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au - www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au • Parish Priest: Fr. William Aupito Iuliano ST ITAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL • Assistant Priest: Fr. Ravi Koyya • Parish Deacon: Deacon Adam Walk

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First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; It is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**/

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**/

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**/

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Communion Antiphon:

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

Prayer after Communion:

Father, may we grow in love by the Eucharist we have celebrated in memory of the Lord Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14
2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 18th: Ordinary Time 33 Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.

Tuesday 19th: Ordinary Time 33 The one who is victorious I will sit beside me on my throne.

Wednesday 20th: Ordinary Time 33 Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!

Thursday 21st:

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary *The lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*

Friday 22nd: St Cecilia How sweet is the taste of your promise!

Saturday 23rd: Ordinary Time 33 Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

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
- Sunuay: 7an

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





VOLUNTEER THANK YOU EVENING

We are delighted to invite volunteers from *all four church communities* to a special Volunteer Thank You Dinner as a heartfelt expression of our appreciation for your dedication and service to our parish. Your time, energy, and spirit are the lifeblood of Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish, and without you, so much of the work we do for the Kingdom of God would not be possible. Please join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate the incredible contributions you make to our parish life. **When: Friday 29th November Time: 6pm**

Where: Emmanuel City Mission (via Cordelia Street) RSVPs are essential. Please email the Parish if you are able to make it.

Next youth group is on the 22nd November! Join us for our second-last youth group for the year! For grades 7-12s, you can expect a great night of games, friends, faith content, discussion and prayer. 6-8pm at St Ita's Church, Dutton Park.

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL

The last St Francis Social Dance for the year will be on 7 December. Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 50s–70s (ask your parents/grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults aged 18 – 39, with a bit of fundraising thrown in for good measure. All profits from our Social (including ticket sales, drink and snack purchases) will be donated to St Francis Table. There will be prizes for best dressed male and female, so start planning your tropical outfits (the brighter, the better!). Cost: \$25 When: Saturday 7th December 7pm. Where: St Francis of Assisi Hall



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)

2025 ANNUALS

The new liturgical year begins soon, if you would like to place an order for 2025 resources — Daily Mass Book (\$26), Ordo (\$16.50) or Break Open the Word (\$26), please email the office before the 22nd November.

ST FRANCIS HAMPER PACKING

St Francis Table will be preparing special hampers to share joy with those in need in our parish community, and we need your help! We're looking for: *Volunteers*

Come join us on Friday December 6th as we pack Christmas hampers with love and care. It's a wonderful way to give back and spread the spirit of the season! We'll gather at St Francis Hall at 9am and all ages are welcome.

Contributions

We are also accepting donations to fill the hampers! If you're able, please consider contributing nonperishable food items, festive treats, or small gifts. Suggested items include:



Canned goods, pasta, rice, and grains, biscuits, chocolates, and sweets, drinks, toiletries and personal care items, or small gifts for all ages.

PARKING AT ST MARY'S

Friends, as you know, Emmanuel City Mission (ECM) has moved into the building next door at St Mary's. With that, traffic around the precinct has increased. Parking too has always been a point of difficulty. Let me reiterate my hope that we are, in all spaces, especially the car park, charitable and welcoming. It will often be difficult to get a park at St Mary's so we encourage you, especially if you're younger, to park in the surrounding areas to leave spaces for our elderly and disabled. Soon we will have traffic signs that we hope parishioners and all precinct visitors will follow to keep everyone safe.

Thank you, Fr William.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

18th November: St Francis Table

22nd November: Youth Group

29th November: Volunteer Thank You Dinner

3rd December: Advent groups begins

6th December: St Francis Table Hamper Packing



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.

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