

## 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.

# Solemnity of Christ the King 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis' recent encyclical Dilexit Nos ("He loved Us") reminds us of the profound truth at the heart of our faith: that Jesus Christ loves us deeply and calls us to embody that love in our lives. This message is both a gift and a challenge, urging us to reflect on how we live, interact, and care for the world around us. The message of the encyclical is as follows:

#### 1. Live a Love that Heals

The encyclical begins with the core truth that "Christ loved us and gave himself for us" (Ephesians 5:2). Christ's love is transformative, capable of mending broken relationships and fostering unity. Let us imitate this love by showing forgiveness, compassion, and understanding in our families, workplaces, and communities.

#### 2. Care for Creation

Dilexit Nos reaffirms that our world is a gift from God, and we are its stewards. As the encyclical teaches, love for God must extend to care for His creation. Let us commit to reducing waste, conserving resources, and advocating for sustainable practices to protect our planet for future generations.

#### 3. Build a Culture of Solidarity

In a world often marked by division and exclusion, Christ's love compels us to break barriers. Let us stand in solidarity with the marginalized and the Homeless, extend a helping hand to the poor, and treat every person with dignity and respect, recognizing Christ in them.

#### 4. Reject Consumerism

The encyclical challenges us to examine our lifestyles and reject the culture of excess and selfcenteredness. Let us simplify our lives, focus on relationships, and prioritize spiritual and moral values over material possessions.

#### 5. Love in Action

Faith without action is incomplete. Christ's love calls us to be active agents of change in our world. Let us listen to the needs of others, advocate for justice, and bring hope where it is needed most.

As we reflect on *Dilexit Nos*, may we open our hearts to the transformative power of Christ's love. Let us become instruments of His love, healing the wounds of our world and building a future of justice, peace, and care for all creation. May God's love guide and strengthen us always.

# Fr Ravi

#### 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: Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

#### The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**/

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R/

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord until the end of time. R/

#### Second reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

Lord, you give us Christ, the King of all creation, as food for everlasting life. Help us to live by his gospel and bring us to the joy of his kingdom, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-14 2nd reading: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

#### THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 25th: Ordinary Time 34 Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Tuesday 26th: Ordinary Time 34 The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Wednesday 27th: Ordinary Time 34 Great and wonderful are your works, Lord, mighty God.

Thursday 28th: Ordinary Time 34 Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Friday 29th: Ordinary Time 34 Here God lives among his people.

Saturday 30th: St Andrew Their message goes out to all the earth.

#### 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







#### **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.

#### **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, starting from 9am. All are welcome. Please RSVP via the Parish office.

#### **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

ST FRANCIS SOCIA Tropical Summer

#### **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)

#### 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:

#### <u>Volunteers</u>

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.

**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.



#### **HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERING**

Lay volunteers providing pastoral care to the sick in hospitals are invaluable as part of holistic patient care. The foundation for this ministry lies in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Centacare provides accredited training for compassionate men and women who would like to explore if this ministry is where God is calling them to practical Christian action in their lives. The next training course will start in February 2025. To express your interest or to find out more about the course and the volunteer role please email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

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

29th November: Volunteer Thank You Dinner

3rd December: Advent groups begins

6th December: St Francis Table Hamper Packing

**9th December:** St Francis Table Christmas Party

13th December: Final Youth Group



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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