

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted

Dear parishioners.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches us two essential virtues for the Christian life: humility and generosity. He teaches us not to seek first place, but to choose simplicity, and not to invite only those who can repay us, but to open our hearts to those in need. These words challenge not only us, but also our parish community, which is called to be a living sign of the heart of Christ. How can a parish be more humble? A humble parish is, above all, a community that values service above recognition. In the parish, ministries are not limited to titles or privileges, but to serving God's people with love and sacrifice. Leaders and volunteers learn to imitate Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, demonstrating that true greatness is measured in service. A humble parish also listens before speaking. This means creating spaces for dialogue, paying attention to the voices of the young, the elderly, the wounded, and even those who feel distant from the Church. By listening, the parish recognizes the dignity of each person and builds communion. Finally, a humble parish welcomes without judgment. Each person who walks through the church doors should feel welcomed with open arms, regardless of appearance, social status, or past mistakes. Just as Jesus sat with sinners and outcasts, so too should the parish be a home where no one feels excluded. How can a parish be more generous? A generous parish is one that opens its doors to those in need. It doesn't limit itself to liturgical celebrations, but extends its mission to works of mercy, reaching out to the poor, the sick, the migrants, and the lonely, treating them not as visitors but as members of God's family. A generous parish expresses itself when it shares time, talent, and wealth. This means that priests, leaders, and parishioners freely dedicate their gifts, skills, and resources for the good of all, understanding that everything we have is a blessing entrusted to us by God. Finally, a generous parish practices hidden charity. Rather than seeking applause or recognition, the parish quietly supports those in need, whether through financial aid, visits to the sick, or prayers for those who suffer, trusting in Jesus' words that the Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward abundantly. When a parish lives humility and generosity, it becomes a sign of the Kingdom of God, already experiencing the banquet promised by Jesus. The true reward comes not from human applause, but from God himself, who exalts the humble and fills with joy those who give from the heart. God bless you.

Fr Francisco

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

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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.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End

St Ita's, Dutton Park

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
31st August 2025

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67(68):4-7, 10-11

R/ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R/**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **R/**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **R/**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Matt 11:29

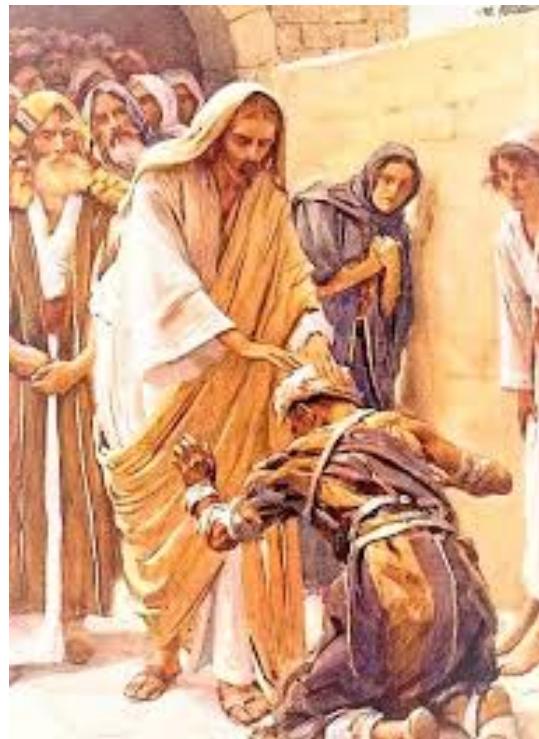
Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



Next Sunday Readings:

Wis 9: 13-18, Ps 89(90):3-6, 12-14, 17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17, Lk 14: 25-33



Upcoming Events & News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA Program is now OPEN and it will commence in September. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming catholic, scan the QR Code below



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QR Code

**20TH SEPT, 2025
2:30PM**

St Mary's Church



Complete the enquiry form and email back to the Parish stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacramental Program Please Keep Our Candidates in Prayer



Our candidates are preparing to receive Penance and First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Come and Be Spiritually Renewed

A Free Half-Day Event with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes,

Are you longing for more in your spiritual life?

Do you need space to breathe, reflect, and hear from God?

Join The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, for a powerful afternoon of encouragement, prayer, and personal spiritual renewal.

Where: 6 Overend Street, East Brisbane

Date: Saturday, 6 September

Time: 12.00 pm – 4.30 pm

Led by: The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Register at: BruceDownes.org/auevents
Come expectant. Leave renewed.



Farwell Mass for Archbishop Mark Coleridge

On **Saturday 6th of September 2025**, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge at **11am at the Cathedral of St Stephen**. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend



Read the Archbishop's Statement on Gaza

The Archbishop has responded to the atrocities in Gaza. Take some time to read his response and how we might get involved.



Rosie's Designated Parking At St Mary's

Please be advised that Rosies vans are now parking at St Mary's. We kindly ask parishioners not to use the designated bays marked for Rosies.

A CANNONISATION CELEBRATION

MOUNTAINS & MEGABYTES

13 SEPT

STARTS AT 4.30 PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
FORTITUDE VALLEY

Find more information at catholiccollective.org.au



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Reclaim

Reclaim is a collaborative Young Adult ministry that aims to breathe new life into the Catholic YA space.

On the first Tuesday of every month we gather at Emmanuel City Mission. Come join our community and learn a little more about your faith.



When: Tuesday 2 September at 7pm

Where: Emmanuel City Mission - 48 Peel Street, South Brisbane
No registration necessary, just come along!

Community News

A few notes:

2025 ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
TRUTH-TELLING, TREATY AND RECONCILIATION

RECONCILIATION DINNER

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 6:00PM

HILLSTONE CARAWA ST ST LUCIA

A timely conversation about how we continue to walk together toward justice and healing.

◀ SCAN to book or visit tinyurl.com/recdinner24

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Mass Times

ST MARY'S**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

CONFESIONS**St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 10am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm

Have you considered Planned Giving?

Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of the parish of Dutton Park & South Brisbane.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3736 if you are interested.

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding