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 Monday to Friday: 7am
 Saturday: 8am
 (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm
CONFESSION TIMES
 Saturday: 8.30-9.30am
 Sunday: 4-4.45pm
 (before or after mass)
Adoration Sunday: 4-5pm
Devotion first Friday of each month at 6pm
Church opens: 12-2pm, Mon-Fri

BAPTISMS
Saturday 9.30am monthly
1st Saturday St Francis'
2nd Saturday St Mary's
3rd Saturday St Ita's
 Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

MASS TIMES (AT OTHER CHURCHES)
St Ita's Church
 (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Monday to Friday: 6.15am
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
 Sunday: 8.00am
 10.30am (Indonesian)
Confession: Saturday 4-4.50pm
St Francis' Church
 (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Sunday: 9am
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday: 7am

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NEWSLETTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
11th February 2018

Beginning the Journey to Lent: A Word from Archbishop Mark
 Greetings of peace to you all as we look towards Lent and to Easter that lies beyond.

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report, as you know. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people in every way. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at times seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. So we stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace the new moment by beginning this penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. Ash Wednesday, the Thursday following and the Friday following. So Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Now these are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. *The bishops have produced special resources for these days, and they have been distributed to the parishes for use far and wide; they will also be available on the Archdiocesan website.* Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the whole Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the great journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We can't undo the past. But we can, with God's help, make the future better.
 Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Psalm Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation

Second reading 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Gen 9:8-15; 2nd reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22; Gospel: Mk 1:12-15

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**This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)
6th Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday 12th:

R/ Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.

Tuesday 13th:

R/ Happy are those you teach, O Lord.

Wednesday 14th: ASH WEDNESDAY

R/ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Thursday 15th:

R/ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Friday 16th:

R/ A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

Saturday 17th:

R/ Teach me your way, O lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

TWO MINUTE CATECHISM

This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. That means, it is the first day of Lent and we commence the season of Lent (the season of penitence). Lent is a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline to prepare us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attained redemption.

On Ash Wednesday, we are to:

1) **Abstain from meat.** Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. The sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

2) **Fast.** This means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics from 18 to 59 years old are bound to fast. Again, the sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

During Lent, we seek to follow the mind of the Church in developing our spiritual life. The Church recommends three key penitential practices for Lent and these are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving or mercy. St Peter Chrysologus said that Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains and mercy receives. He said these three components are one, and they give life to each other.

It is practical for us to give up something during the Lent but also to do something extra. Pray and discern carefully before you set your goals. However, remember, Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. And that always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. Have holy and fruitful Lenten season.

Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap

Special Day of Prayer & Fasting for Peace

Pope Francis on February 4, 2018, announced a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace to be held **February 23, 2018**. The Holy Father's announcement came after the Angelus, prayed in St. Peter's Square with a crowd estimated at 20,000.

In the face of the tragic protraction of situations of conflict in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace next **February 23**, Friday of the First Week of Lent. We will offer it in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan. As on other similar occasions, I also invite non-Catholic and non-Christian brothers and sisters to associate themselves to this initiative in the way they consider most opportune, but all together. Our heavenly Father always listens to His children who cry to Him in sorrow and anguish, who "heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). I make a heartfelt appeal so that we also listen to this cry and, each one of us in his/her own conscience before God, ask ourselves: "What can I do for peace?" We certainly can pray, but not only: each one can say concretely "no" to violence in as much as it depends on him or her. Because the victories obtained with violence are false victories while working for peace does everyone good!

Altar Serving Training for New and Existing Children (Under 18 years of age)



Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parishes will be running altar serving training on:

- **Saturday 24th February at St Mary's Church at 9am**
 - **Thursday 8th March at St Ita's Church after school at 3.15pm**
- (Please note servers need only attend one session.)**

for all existing altar servers and those children wishing to become an altar server at any of our four churches.

This training session will help servers prepare for the Easter Masses and will include refreshments (please notify the parish if your child has a food allergy). Interested children must have completed the sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Communion.

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server please contact the parish office or Father Bollar (app.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au) to register for this training or if you wish to discuss altar serving requirements. Please note all current altar servers are encouraged to attend this training day as a refresher course. Parents are welcome to assist in supervision during each session.

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to contribute an article to the Parish Newsletter (articles will be subject to Father's approval). Please submit them via email by **9am each Wednesday**.
Thanks for your assistance.

Farewell John Campbell

Parishioners gathered after Mass at St Francis Hall, West End last Sunday to thank and farewell John Campbell, a long-standing member of the Dutton Park Parish. Fr Lam spoke of John's contribution from garden watering to Church maintenance to chairing the Parish Finance Council for several years. The Dutton Park Parish wishes you, John, all the best for the future.



TV for St Francis Meeting Room

The Dutton Park Parish is in urgent need of a wall-mounted television for the St Francis Meeting Room. If you have a TV that you no longer need - the Parish would be more than happy to take it off your hands!!!

Positions Vacant

Applications are open for the following positions:
· Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator - Centacare Pastoral Ministries (part time position - 30 hrs/week)
· Vocations Office - Vocations Brisbane (part time position - 30 hrs/week)
Please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/> for more information.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Parish Activities in 2018



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Ash Wednesday Mass Times

14th February - a day of fasting and abstinence.

St Ita's 6.15am & 8.45am (school mass)



Our Lady Perpetual Succour 9am

St Mary's 7am

St Francis 6pm

Chinese New Year Eve Mass.



Sunday 18th February, 5pm Mass at St Mary's. Parishioners are encouraged to wear traditional dress or the colour red.

ST FRANCIS' TABLE—ministry to the elderly

Monday 10am-1pm at St Francis' Hall, West End. All welcome!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Lam will be away in the Holy Land with Parishioners from 26 February to 17 March 2018.



**St Ita's Dutton Park - Family Mass
Saturday 24th February 5pm**

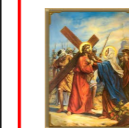
Please join us for mass and stay for a sausage sizzle.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is currently being held on Wednesdays at St Mary's as part of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Coffee Ministry from 7pm. Adult parishioners are most welcome.

St Mary's Church is open

Monday to Friday, from 12 pm to 2 pm for personal prayer and quiet reflection. All welcome.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night during Lent from 7.00pm at **St Mary's Church**. Starting on Friday 23rd February.

**St Mary's Collections
Last Weekend**

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