



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
Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5th February 2023 - Year A

Season the world with your faith

This Sunday, Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth." What does it mean to be salt? Think about what salt does. It adds flavor to foods that lack sufficient taste.

Jesus also raises the point that if we lose our flavor, how can it be restored? The answer is: Only by letting God renew us.

In your baptism, you were made flavorful -- alive with God's love, peace, joy, etc. Fruitful Christians are those who evangelize by adding the seasoning of God's life -- God's love, peace, joy, etc. -- to the lives of the people around them.

But beware of trying too hard! What happens when food is over-salted? It tastes horrible. No matter how good our intentions might be, if we come on too strong, we do more harm than good.

People are much more likely to turn to Jesus if they first experience his love from us, and his peace in how we treat them, and his joy in the way we live our lives. They need to discover that Jesus loves them just the way they are, that he is gentle but sin-

cere when inviting them to grow spiritually, and that he can help them turn hardships and troubles into blessings and joys.

Jesus also tells us to be a light that others cannot help but notice -- but not a light that blinds. To flavor the lives of others with the presence of Jesus, we have to let his light shine in us. We have to be so lit up by Christ that others cannot help but notice.

Additionally, Jesus says that we have to be a city. We cannot evangelize alone. A "city" is a group of Christians: a parish, a family, a church organization. Being Christian means being in community. When our light is joined to the light of others, our collective glow is much more effective in revealing Christ to the world. Why? Because non-believers learn that the love of Christ is real when they see us living in love with each other: unconditionally, generously, with a servant's heart (see Acts 2:42-47).

We are the light of Christ for each other. We are seasoning for each other. Without each other, our light dims, our flavor fades, and we become useless to God's kingdom.

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Welcome to New Parishioners

Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

MASS TIMES

- St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 - Sunday: 9am and 5pm
- St Francis of Assisi** (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)
- Sunday: 9am
- St Ita's** (Pope St, Dutton Park)
- Saturday (Vigil): 5pm
 - Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian)

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
(Victoria St, Fairfield)

- Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

St Mary's Church
Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm

St Ita's Church
By appointment (contact parish office)

More information:

Websites: - www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au
- www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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Email: walka@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Coordinator: Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI

Parish Secretary: Niken Westerman

Finance Officer: Kevin Bhasin

Parish Youth: southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.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: Vania Lobo (0435 935 925)

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READINGS AT MASS

First reading:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 111(112):4-9

R: A light rises in the darkness for the upright

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R/**

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R/**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R/**

Second reading:

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways have you over-salted someone by trying too hard or too often to evangelize?
What were the results?
What will you do to rectify this?
What obstructs the light of Christ within you?
What in you needs to change so that the people around you can see him better?

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 6th: Memorial (St Paul Miki)

May the Lord be glad in his works.

Tuesday 7th:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Wednesday 8th:

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Thursday 9th:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Friday 10th: Memorial (St Scholastica)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Saturday 11th:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 February 2023

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA
Sunday, 5 February after 9am Mass



We'd like to invite and welcome everyone for our monthly morning tea in February.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate David Dekker's birthday. Our warm congratulations are extended to

David who is celebrating his 90th birthday on Wednesday.

David has been a long term member of our Parish Community and valued friend. He has generously offered his many gifts through the years - as Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister to the homebound, Church Cleaner, Flower Arranger, SVDP member (& continuing), offering transport and more. David will appreciate your prayers.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Spread across the Archdiocese of Brisbane
Our 24/7 prayer engine for the world

St Mary's has joined with other Churches within the Archdiocese in sharing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Each Church exposes the Blessed Sacrament on a set day of the week for a continuous 24 hour period. St Mary's period commences following the 8.00am Mass on Saturdays until 8.30 am on Sundays. The Church is open until 6.00 pm on Saturday and from 6.30 am on Sunday. After-hours access by arrangement.

You are encouraged to become a Dedicated Adorer - having a regular hour(s) on roster, or as a Casual Adorer - helping to fill vacancies. Both are vital for the continuation of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

If you wish to be included in the roster, please complete the registration sheet at St Mary's.
 Enquiries: Dianne Ezzy - 0411869017



7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

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



SCAN FOR MORE INFO
 & TO PURCHASE YOUR
 \$20 (+BF) TICKETS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 2023
ENROLMENT IS CLOSING SOON!



If you have a child who is currently in Year 5 or older and has received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, and would like to enroll for this sacramental program, please complete the enrolment forms and **return to the Parish Office by Monday, 6 February 2023.**

Information evening:
Wednesday, 8 February at 6pm
St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

Please download the forms from our websites:
www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au or
www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au

ST FRANCIS' TABLE - Ministry for the Elderly
Resume: Monday, 6 February 2023 - 10am:
St Francis' Hall

This is a fantastic ministry for the elderly and they enjoy coming to meet up with friends and spend a little time in prayer together.

Please invite your family, neighbours and anyone in our Parish who would benefit from this Ministry.

ST FRANCIS TABLE KITCHEN GARDEN

The St Francis Table Ministry and Volunteer Team have started a Herb and Vegetable Garden at the rear of the St Francis' Hall.



This long term project will greatly assist in the preparation of meals (dine in & deliveries) to our most vulnerable elderly and families in need in our community.

We seek your generous support through donations and help to procure and install a rain water tank to effectively sustain this long term project.

For more information please approach Sr Salvacion or contact the Parish Office.



Plant Vouchers Welcomed



Brisbane City Council offers free native plant vouchers per household each year. If you have spare vouchers, consider donating these towards the Garden Project.

See the Council website on how to access these:
<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/clean-and-green/green-home-and-community/sustainable-gardening/free-native-plants-program#apply>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Francis of Assisi Church

- Flower Ministry
- Power Point Operator

St Mary's Church

- Children Liturgy Facilitator (urgent)
 (This liturgy is starting this weekend)

If you are interested to be involved in these ministries or for more information, please contact the Parish Office stitarpar@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3844 2744.

FRIENDS WHO STITCH

A hobby group for sewing, embroidery, patchwork, knitting/crochet.
 Meeting Thursday - every fortnight.
 From 9.30am - 12.30pm
 At St Francis meeting room, West End



Enquiry: Kathleen Gurr on 0405 470 036

Fr. Joshy Parappully
Ph: (07) 3844 2744

FRANSISCAN & MARIAN PILGRIMAGE 2023
12TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023



A spiritual journey of the St. Mary's, parish accompanied by Fr. Joshy Parappully (Parish Priest)

9-Day Europe Tour
Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima Burgos / Nevers / Lourdes Paris

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Itinerary: Franciscan and Marian Pilgrimage

Group Director: Father Joshy Parappully, St. Mary's Parish, West End, Queensland

Destinations: Portugal, Spain and France

Tour Dates: 12 September 2023 – 21 September 2023

Inclusions:

- All air fares and taxes flying Emirates Airlines economy class departing from Brisbane
- All airport transfers and assistance at airport
- All tour transfers and visas for Australian passport holders
- All accommodation in 3-star and 4-star hotels on a Twin Share basis
- Meals provided on a Half-Board basis (Breakfast and Dinner included)
- Services of English-speaking Tour Director
- Services of professional guides as indicated in the itinerary

Group Size	Price Per Adult (Double Occupancy Room)
25-29	A\$6990
30-34	A\$6890
35-39	A\$6790
40-44	A\$6690
45-49	A\$6500

Single Supplement is an additional \$1150 to the prices listed above.

When was the last time you reviewed your will?
HopgoodGanim Lawyers is a Brisbane-based law firm which was founded in 1974. We can help you with:

- wills & estate planning; and
- estate administration & disputes.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2023

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Saturday of the Month - 9.30am: St Mary's (Booking is essential.)

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)

- Saturday - 5.00pm: St Ita's Church (Vigil Mass)
- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

FAMILY MASS (School term only)

- 4th Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 10am -1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

Your continued support for our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please download one of the form below, complete and email back to the parish office directly.

St Mary's Parish download:
[St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

Dutton Park Parish download:
[Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

Other ways of giving 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: 100 022 825
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** see Church Coordinator at Mass.

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

