

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God

Sisters and brothers,

I am currently reading a book entitled "Sister, Soldier, Surgeon" which is a biography of Sister Deirdre Byrne POSC. Sr Dede, as she is known, captured the public imagination because of a high-profile pro-life speech she made in 2020. While the speech is certainly mentioned, most of the book is about the fascinating life of an obviously very gifted and blessed woman, who combines the three "vocations" of the book's title. I use the term "vocation" somewhat tentatively, but I contend it's an appropriate word because religious life, a career in the military, and the life of a surgeon each ask a lot of a person. Often, these callings are all-consuming. Being any of those three things is notable; being all three is quite another thing.

What has this got to do with Pentecost I hear you ask? The answer is that I immediately thought of Sr Dede when I read (one of the options for) the second reading for today:

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose" (1 Cor 12:4-7)

Sr Dede's calling is a special combination of gifts. Based on her biography, her gifts have been put to a "good purpose." She has proclaimed the truth to all people about the sanctity of life, her faith and her actions spoke to soldiers of all faiths and none, and she has brought Christ's healing to people of many nations (Haiti and Sudan to name just two). In more ways than one she has proclaimed, in the universal language of charity, "the marvels of God" (Acts 2:11).

Sr Dede has challenged me to ask myself ... Do I use the gifts I have been given? Have I given the service I have been called to give? When I am asked to give an account, can I say I have put my life to "good purpose"? While I'm not sure about the answers to these questions, what I can say is that I know the Holy Spirit is there to assist; "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you" (Jn 14:26).

Come, Holy Spirit!

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners 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

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.

Readings at Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8st June 2025

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103 (104):1-24, 29-31 34

**R/ Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
clothes in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in robe! **R/**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Bless the Lord, my soul. **R/**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R/**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.



Next Sunday Readings:

Prov 8: 22-31, Ps 8: 4-9,
Rom 5: 1-5, Jn 16: 12-15



Upcoming Events & News

Thank you Volunteers!!!



A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful working bees who gave their time and energy to help clean the hall at St Francis last Saturday.



Your hard work and community spirit made a huge difference, and we are truly grateful for your support!

We pray for the children being confirmed, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow in faith.



Siena

Xiana

Andres

Jasper

Gwen

Tamia

Jake

Aiden

Xavier

Ashton

Jack

Joseph

Deyan

Elijah

Andriamanalina

Sofia

Marina

Francine

Francis

Isla

Eva

Eve

Angela

Jobe

Arlo

Cecelia

Austin

Grace

Vinnies 2025 Winter Appeal
Running until the end of June,
this year's theme is
"Homelessness is Never a Choice."



Help those in need with practical Support and long-term assistance. Donate via envelope or bank transfer (BSB: 064-786, A/C: 100026566).
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Between January and May this year we made 366 visits. We were able to provide food to 360 individuals or families, clothing (from Vinnies shops) for 85 people and furniture for 20 people.

Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will directly support our core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty, and cost-of-living pressures.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40).

I Do - I Do - I Do - I Do

The Marriage Encounter helps couples deepen connection through private sharing and listening—no group discussions, just two people growing closer and stronger together.



Our weekends for this year are at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Starting Friday evening 4th July at 7pm and concluding approx 4pm with Mass Sunday 6th July 25. The 2nd is 17th October until Sunday 19th October 2025. Please contact Liesha and Joseph on 0481 307 821 or qldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44 or for more information go to the website: www.wwme.org.au.

Parish Amalgamation Update:

Thank You for Your Feedback



We appreciate everyone who shared thoughts on our Parish name and Mass times. To find out more, please scan the QR CODE.



Upcoming Paint, Work at
St Mary's



Please be advised that painting works will be taking place at St Mary's Church toward the end of May.

The work will include freshening up some areas of the church buildings, so you may notice scaffolding, paint equipment, and restricted access in certain spots during this time.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to keep our church looking beautiful and welcoming for all.



Don't miss our next
Youth Group!

St Ita's Primary School

20
JUNE, 2025



Come
join us!

A few notes:

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

CONFESSIONS

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.

Corpus CHRISTI Procession

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings

lead by :

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
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To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding