

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th July 2024 - Year B

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ offers a few insights that connect to our Gospel today. He says, "Today's Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role – its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practices – will largely be in proportion to the 'lightness' with which it travels, its trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people, and the lack of self-seeking its clergy present to the world." Let's unpack this a little.

The effectiveness of our prophetic role will largely be in proportion to our lightness, hospitality and lack of self-seeking clergy.

Since we are members of the Church, we are, by nature of our membership, assumed into the prophetic role of Christ. This role includes, although is not limited to, things like truth-speaking, living life with integrity, avoiding hypocrisy and being a tolerant but firm teacher. Sure, we can deny our prophetic role as a Church and as individuals but we do so at the risk of our future. As Church and as baptised, our prophetic role is a nonnegotiable element of our gifting from Christ. Simply put, it's necessitated that we're open, and responsive, to how it plays a role in our lives.

Jesus gives us ways to live out this prophetic role, what Fr Byrne call **lightness** and **hospitality**. But what does he mean here? We see in the Gospel that Jesus instructs the Twelve to leave without bread, bag or copper. Essentially the prophetic disciple is not self-sufficient but in deep surrender to the providence of God. We need only to look at history and see the prophetic saints who exemplified this abandonment. St Anthony of the Desert, St Benedict the Abbot and St Francis of Assisi. What does it mean for me to live life with a **lightness**? Do I hoard items that I haven't used in years, does my grip cling to my skills, talents and gifts not being conscious of how I can generously offer these to the community and the mission of Christ? Regarding **hospitality**, Fr Byrne speaks about trusting in the goodness of ordinary people, which might seem archaic and optimistic with the world as it is now, but to assume the best of every person has its foundation in the goodness of God. Now this is not an invitation to be mates with everyone because we still need to use our discernment and intuition, but to hold this belief helps you to receive that goodness/**hospitality** when it's on offer. The other side of accepting **hospitality** is offering **hospitality**. How am I hospitable to my neighbour? Do I reject the person who does not have the same skin colour as me? Am I welcoming to the stranger, or the regular person I see on Sundays?

Fr Byrne also mentions the clergy. Throughout my journey toward priesthood, many teachers and experienced clergy would often say, *the people will make you into the priest they want/need*. At the core of what these teachers conveyed to us as seminarians was this sense that our lives would be out of our hands. My life belongs to the Church of Christ. My life belongs to you, the people of God. Please pray that this becomes truer for all clergy. Please pray that our words, actions and thoughts be Christ centred and self-sacrificial.

Perhaps in the coming week, we'd do well to reflect on the call to live prophetically for Christ. May we surrender to the providence of God and live our lives with **lightness**. May our actions reflect our belief in the goodness of God expressed in our brother and sister, that we may be ready to receive **hospitality** and offer **hospitality**. Finally, may we pray for our leaders both clerical and non-clerical, that our gaze may be fixed on the Lord and those around us, that in all things, we may give glory to God.

Fr William

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: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.""

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**/

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraces. faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**/

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**/

Second reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope of which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 15th: St Bonaventure To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Tuesday 16th: Ordinary Time 15 *God upholds his city forever.*

Wednesday 17th: Ordinary Time 15 *The Lord will not abandon his people.*

Thursday 18th: Ordinary Time 15 From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Friday 19th: Ordinary Time 15 You saved my life, O Lord, I shall not die.

Saturday 20th: Ordinary Time 15 *Do not forget the poor, O Lord!*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

2nd reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

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

(68 Victoria St, Fairfield)Sunday: 7am

CONFESSION

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

BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Delve into the richness of God's Word. This week we will be reflecting on chapters Genesis 5 and 6. If you have a Bible, bring it along.

17th and 31st July 6pm at St Francis' Hall RSVP via the Parish Office





The annual Quo Vadis Weekend is for men between 18-35 who are interested in exploring the call to the priesthood. Whilst staying on-site at the Holy Spirit Seminary, participants will experience opportunities for study, prayer and discernment through dynamic talks, small group discussions, and experiences such as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and personal prayer. It's an opportunity to spend time with those on the same journey of discernment and enjoy good food, conversation, and sporting activities.

WHO: Men, 18 - 35 years

WHEN: COST: **RSVP:**

5 pm, Friday 2 Aug -2 pm, 4 Aug 2024 \$100 Email expression of Interest

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IGNITE CONFERENCE

If you are a high schooler or young adult, there is still room to go to Ignite Conference with the Parish Group. Don't miss out! Contact the Parish. Ignite Conference: 19-22nd September 2024 St Laurence's College

ST ITA'S EVENING TEA

During the First Holy Communion Sacramental Program, evening tea will be on every week after the 5pm Vigil Mass. A plate to share would be most welcome.



PETER KEARNEY CONCERT

PETER KEARNEY is an Australian singer, songwriter who has travelled Australia and overseas since 1985 to share his music. His best-known compositions include 'The Beatitudes', 'Fill My House', and 'Where is your Song, my Lord'. Fifteen albums of Peter's songs have been published. Several of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.

SALISBURY: Sunday 21st July, 11.15am St. Pius X Hall, 69 Golda Ave, Free admission. RSVP Parish Office 3324 3967

COMMUNITY PICNIC IN THE PARK

We are looking forward to having our second Community picnic in the park on **Saturday 27th of July.**

Last month was a great opportunity to meet families and parishioners across the four Churches, and we hope to see more of you this month! We will have a sausage sizzle and some drinks. Please bring a picnic rug or chair and a plate to share. Rsvp with the Parish Office.



When: Saturday 27th July 10:30am Where: Orleigh Park, West End

JOIN US IN BUILDING A VIBRANT YOUTH GROUP

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of our youth and help young people grow in faith?

Next month we will be launching a youth group for high schoolers. We are looking for volunteers who could lead activities, discussion and journey with our young people. If you are interested, contact Fr Will or the Parish Office.



Leaders intake night: 26th July

QUILTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you to all who have donated hand-stitched quilt blankets for vulnerable children and sets of knitted beanies, scarves and gloves for our vulnerable grandparents and elderly.

Project Linus Brisbane is a group of volunteers who have been making quilts for sick children, and those with special needs for over 20 years! Sr Salvacion and Holly have packed these gifts to be delivered next week.



A MORNING'S PRAYER RETREAT

Individuals and groups are warmly invited to attend our A Morning's Prayer Retreat, which will be held on Saturday 3 August at Santa Teresa

Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The theme is "I am the bread of life". Come along to rest and be filled. Date: Saturday 3 August 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street,





Happy Anniversary to Fr Mantianns!

On Sunday, Fr Mantianus will celebrate 25 years as a Capuchin! Fr. Mantianus has been an inspiring and joyful presence in our parish, especially to the Indonesian Catholic Family. We are grateful for his steadfast witness to the call of vocation and faith.



For more information visit <u>brisbanecatholic.org.au/s afeguarding</u>