

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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th October 2024 - Year B

It seems to me that there's an amusing moment in our Gospel today, namely, the astonishment of the disciples at Jesus' teaching on riches. It's unclear whether they were astonished by the freshness of this teaching or it's difficulty. Nonetheless, the Greek says they were *thambeo* (astonished) after hearing it the first time. Then, they were *ekplesso* (struck with panic or shock) after Jesus famously said, 'it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle (Mk 10:25)'.

Money is so deeply entrenched in the movement of our society. We need money for the essentials in life. Things like food, shelter and drink. Having money then, is not a bad thing in and of itself. In fact, the Church needs people who are good with money to support its mission and assist in the work of the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. The danger we must avoid with money is that it doesn't become something we worship, something of which we make an idol.

In the early Church we see that St Paul supported himself through his business as a tentmaker (2 Thess 3: 7-8), and there were other people who supported his endeavours as well (Acts 18:2-3). Here is a clear example of how money supports the work of the Church.

Throughout history we've heard from our own leaders about the distribution of money. Pope Leo XIII once said, "But, when what necessity demands has been supplied, and one's standing fairly taken thought for, it becomes a duty to give to the indigent out of what remains over." Of that which remaineth, give alms." It is a duty, not of justice (save in extreme cases), but of Christian charity - a duty not enforced by human law (Rerum Novarum par. 22). Essentially, once every payment has been met, the rest is for almsgiving. This is done not as a matter of justice but as a matter of charity.

Jesus presents to us the cost of discipleship. He teaches the disciples not to rely on the riches of this world to secure them a place in the Kingdom of God. God's Kingdom is not of this world. Aspire rather, for things like generosity of heart. Aspire for a detachment from the things of this world. Aspire for the following and imitating of Jesus, the Son of Man, 'who has no where to lay his head (Lk 9:5-8)'.

In doing so, we learn the true value of discipleship and its wealth. Much like the treasure of Wisdom described in our first reading, the imitating and following of Christ is more valuable than any gold, silver or precious gem. Eternal life and the eternal presence of God outweighs all of these combined. May we fix our eyes on the eternal realm and be sold on high gifts and treasures, that the true value of heaven may capture our minds, hearts and souls and be the thing we dedicate our time and effort to pursuing.

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: Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**/

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R**/

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**/

Second reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

THIS WEEK'S PSALM RESPONSES

Monday 14th: Ordinary Time 28 Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Tuesday 15th: St Teresa of Jesus Let your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.

Wednesday 16th: Ordinary Time 28 Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Thursday 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch *The Lord has made known his salvation.*

Friday 18th: St Luke Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Saturday 19th: Ordinary Time 28 *You gave your Son authority over all your creation.*

MASS TIMES

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
- Sunuay: 7am

St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End)Sunday: 9am

- **St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sunday: 9am and 5pm

CONFESSION

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE & FLOCKNOTE

Starting from November, our weekly newsletter will be sent through Flocknote. Please take some time today to register. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Your info is kept secure and private. If you have any questions, please see a priest, or speak with the Parish office.



STATE ELECTION

As you may be aware, the Queensland State Election is due to be held later this month. The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have collaborated on a statement urging those seeking election to speak the truth and those who vote to use their ballot for the good of all. Copies of the Statement are available at the back of the Church or you can view online on the Archdiocese Facebook page.

The State Election will be happening on **Saturday 26 October.** St Francis Hall will be used for voting and St Francis Table will be hosting a sausage sizzle and cake stall. If you are available to support on the day or donate bake goods please contact the office.

HEALING MASS OF THE FAMILY TREE

All are invited to attend a Healing Mass of the Family Tree. Come and offer the Mass and pray for the healing of your ancestors. Genograms can be downloaded from the CCR Bardon website (ccrbardon.org.au), which will be brought forward during Mass. Anointing and prayer for each person will be available.

Where: St Mary Magdalene's Church Bardon When: Friday 1st November Time: 7:30pm Contact Len: lenpatairey@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MISSION PARISH APPEAL

October is World Mission Month, and Catholic Mission will be visiting our Parish next weekend 19 and 20 October to share how we can support the work of the Church in Mongolia.



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS QLD Fundraising Dinner

Last weekend, The Knights of the Southern Cross Branch 61 held a fundraising dinner for St Francis Table Ministry. Over 60 people were in attendance. Volunteers from the Parish made Christmas decorations to sell. The Knights of the Southern Cross Branch 61 wish to give heartfelt thanks to all who attended, and to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the night a truly wonderful evening. God bless you all.



MEMORIAL MASS St MARY'S CHURCH

In Remembrance – Gone but not Forgotten A Memorial Mass at St Mary's in memory of our loved ones, family member/s, relatives or friends, especially those who have died during 2023/2024, will be celebrated on: **Saturday, 2 November at 8 am.** A book is available at St Mary's for you to include the names of those whom you wish to remember during the Mass.

CONFESSION AT ST MARY'S During the month of October, there will be no Confession at St Mary's on Fridays. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next youth group is on the 18 October! Come along for a great evening of friends, games, faith and prayer. From 6:00—8:00pm at St Ita's Primary School. For grades 7-12, all are welcome!



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

- Saturdays 10.00am
- (Booking is essential contact Parish Office)

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
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Sunday 9.00am: St Mary's Church
- ST FRANCIS TABLE Ministry to the Elderly
- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am 1pm • St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form
- Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form

or 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: 100 023 601 Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have Tap n Go at the back of the Church



BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE



You are My Flesh and Blood The Ecology of God

7:00pm to 9:30pm | The Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street parking available

\$10 in person | \$5 livestream

GUEST SPEAKER:

Archbishop Mark Coleridge



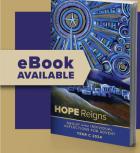
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact the Parish Office.

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/s afeguarding