

# Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter

SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
16th February 2025



## How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

You can come across a lot of things online, but I happened to stumble upon a criticism of the Catholic Church by another Christian who claimed that Catholics teach falsehoods within the Church, especially around prayers for the dead. So, the question he explored was do Catholics pray to the dead?

Let it be written that Jesus himself, when talking about the afterlife, said in Luke's Gospel "And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive (Lk 20: 37-38)."

The final destination of our prayer is not to the dead but to God. Catholics do not pray **to** the dead but **for** the dead. Furthermore, we believe the saints and the angels dwell with the heavenly Father eternally, so they are alive in God as are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, so we do not pray **to them** but ask **them to pray for us**. Much like we would ask someone in the congregation to keep in prayer our aunty who is unwell or our neighbour who suffers depression. The saints and the angels are **on our side** interceding to God on our behalf.

Our Second Reading this weekend from the first letter to the Corinthians provides the spiritual logic of the resurrection. The concluding remarks of St Paul's letter leave the reader challenged by one of the fundamental beliefs of Christianity; that our sins have been forgiven in Christ and that there's new life beyond death.

Although I cannot say with certainty, I do think this 'Christian' who has criticized the Church must believe in the forgiveness of sins and life beyond death. For if that is the case, then by the logic of one of our earliest brothers in Christ, St Paul, this 'Christian' is incorrect.

Every Mass, we pray for the dead, and we seek the intercession of the saints and the angels. This is not some séance or magical communication, it's an acknowledgment that God is Lord of all souls. This is an acknowledgment that we are all members of the Body of Christ. This is an acknowledgment that after our earthly pilgrimage is done, our life is changed and not ended. May we then, one day, be found worthy to sing in the halls of heaven with the saints and the angels and seek the intercession of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are **alive** in the Lord.

*Fr William*

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.

### Parish Administration

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### Parish Staff

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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

# Readings at Mass

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## First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:  
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in  
the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.  
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the  
Lord, with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4, 6

### R/ Happy are they who hope in the Lord

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicket;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. **R/**

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. **R/**

Not so are the wicket, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away but the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicket leads to doom. **R/**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been  
preached, how can some of you be saying that  
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the  
dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in  
your sins. And what is more serious, all who have  
died in Christ have perished. If our hope in  
Christ has been for this life only, we are the  
most unfortunate of all people.  
But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped  
at a piece of level ground where there was a  
large gathering of his disciples with a great  
crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and  
from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of  
Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his  
disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the  
kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be  
satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you  
out, abuse you, denounce your name as  
criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice  
when that day comes and dance for joy, for  
then your reward will be great in heaven. This  
was the way their ancestors treated the  
prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having  
your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall  
go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn  
and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!  
This was the way their ancestors treated the  
false prophets.'



## Next Sunday Readings:

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15: 45-49, Luke 6: 27-38



# Upcoming Events

## Lenten Reflection

Commencing 11th March

Then every Tuesday until the 8th April

6pm St Francis Meeting Room

A START ANEW IN CHRIST BOOK will be used

The book is \$5 each.

please remember to purchase after mass or collect from our Parish Office between: Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

We hope to see you there!



## St Mary's Prayer Group

We are blessed to resume our gatherings in faith and prayer on: Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:00 pm.

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.



Your support this Lent can help drive lasting change for communities living in poverty.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Ash Wednesday Masses: 5th March 2025



St Mary's Church: 7am

St Francis of Assisi Church: 6pm

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

Commences  
Friday 7 March  
ST MARY'S  
CHURCH



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Just a couple of notes:

## St Mary's

Some of you may have seen the new signs at St Mary's. These signs will help with directing traffic especially on the weekends.



The flow of traffic will be enforced on Saturday and Sunday but I am aware it's practically difficult to follow during the week, especially when delivery trucks cover the roadway.

With that in mind, we ask that as much as possible, parishioners follow the traffic signs on weekdays unless there's a delivery truck in the way. In those moments, carefully use the Merivale entrance.

We thank you for your continued support and participation.

-Fr Will

## St Francis Table Invites you to celebrate:

17th March  
9am - 1pm at:  
St Francis Hall  
See you all there!





## Community News

A few notes:



# This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity*,  
I was at the point where I'd given up."

At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:  
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**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: 10.00am

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.

**St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.**

**To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550**

For more information visit:

[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding)