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ROSTER	Sat 15th July	Sun 16th July	Sat 22nd July	Sun 23rd July
Welcomer		Gail	Ron	Susan
1st Reader	Pat	Tyson	Felicity	Mary
2nd Reader	Pamella	Pat	Anne	Catherine
Communion	Marion Wayne	Con Rebecca	Gerry Sue	Con Graham
Servers	Cody Thu Han	Byron Isaac Xavier	Stazio Andre Han	Byron Gerry
Musicians	College	Rita	Justin	Bong Jearen
Singers	College	Choir	Janette	Filipino Choir
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Rebecca	Beverley Lou	Rebecca
Morning Tea		Perry		Filipinos
Floral Arrgmt	Sue Flavel, Jennifer Williams and Geraldine Ward			

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NEWSLETTER 16TH JULY 2023
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
AS FOR ME, IN JUSTICE I SHALL BEHOLD YOUR FACE;
I SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE VISION OF YOUR GLORY.

This Week's Mass Schedule

19/07/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
20/07/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
21/07/2023	Friday	8:30am
22/07/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
23/07/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacramental Program:
First Holy Communion
- Information meeting -
Saturday 22nd July 5pm at St

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

- READINGS**
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.419 in St Pauls Missal)
- 1st- Isaiah 55:10-11
 - Psalm - 64 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - Romans 8:18-23
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23
- Next weekend: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.423)**
- 1st - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 - Psalm - 85
 - 2nd - Romans 8:26-27
 - Gospel - Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus employs the use of parables often to speak about the Kingdom of God. Through parables, particularly in this Sunday's reading, Jesus invites us to become a part of the Kingdom by allowing the word of God to take root in our lives; by nurturing it to its maturity, the word of God continues to be spread (see CCC, number 546).

In the parable of the sower, once God's word has taken root in the life of a believer, the true disciple is recognized by the fruits of the maturing seed. Because God gifted human beings with free will at Creation, each person can choose to be a part of the Kingdom or not. The parables Jesus tells are to help us reflect on our lives and discern whether we are examples of Christ in the world. Being a follower of Jesus means we choose to enter into the Kingdom, allowing the word of God to be transformed into good deeds in our lives. For Jesus's disciples, a life of good deeds must be coupled with a life that makes time for prayer. Through prayer, the disciple becomes aware of the movement of the Spirit of God in her or his life—rooting the word of God more deeply in the fertile soil of her or his life (see CCC, number 2652).

The word of God, which is compiled in the Bible, serves as a source of God's Revelation. Therefore, it is essential that every believer know and read the Scriptures, because they are the source of divine inspiration. The reading of the Scriptures, in turn, will help the disciple pray more easily.

The connection between the sower in the parable and Jesus, who is spreading the seeds of God's word through his preaching, may be evident. But can you imagine yourself as the sower, the one who continues to take the good seeds of God's word and sow them in the world today? It is the disciples' task to scatter the seeds in the same fashion as the sower in the parable, with lavish abandon, scattering the seeds far and wide so the word of God can take root in the most unlikely places. Remember that before Jesus ascended into heaven, he commissioned the disciples to spread the Good News of God to the ends of the earth. This is our mission as well. The most powerful way of spreading the word of God is through the witness of our own lives, in which case we become the word of God.

"SPAMMING CONTINUES: Archdiocesan priests are the flavour of the month lately for spammers. Northside and southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedlygook email address (e.g churchcare0147@gmail.com) , but always spouting a similar urgent message:

" Dear XXXX

Can you set aside a minute? I'm trapped in a meeting and need you to perform a task for me. Cannot speak, need to meet now, so just write back here.

Sincerely,
Fr XXXX XXXX
Parish Priest

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of iTunes or Amazon cards or similar. Please be assured that the Archbishop or any clergy operating within the Archdiocese of Brisbane would never have need to approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.

Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists."

Volunteers



We are Blessed and Thankful for all the existing volunteers in our Parish. Thank you for your continuing commitment in everything you do.



We request each one who has been entrusted with a responsibility in the Parish to go through the new Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements matrix which is on the noticeboard. Please contact the Safeguarding Officer or the Parish Office if you need any clarification on your Blue Card, Police Check or other requirements as mentioned in the document.

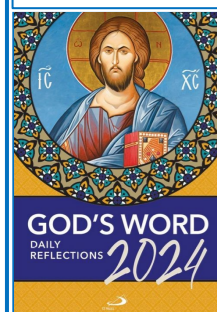
Those who are willing to volunteer are requested to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office.



We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- Mass Setup, Readings and Communion Distribution. (Especially on Sundays).
- To join the Sacramental Team and help in the Sacramental Programs.
- To help with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Otherwise, please do come forward with all your talents and willingness to serve and make a difference and there will be a place to serve, may it be decoration, gardening, groundskeeping, duties connected with Mass, administration, hospitality, prayers groups, new initiatives etc.



God's Word 2024 Pre-Orders Are Now Open. Those who need a book, please fill in your names and quantity needed before the end of August. The list is available at the Piety Stall inside the Church. Pricing is expected to be around \$15/book. Payment/s only when you collect the book.

PLANNED GIVING: Planned Giving envelopes for 2023-2024 are available for collection. Please contact Parish Office.



Two Years: Fr. Lucius completed two years as our Parish priest. Thank you father for leading and guiding us. We will continue to support and pray for your fruitful ministry and service to our parish and the Church.

ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

**Let us build the City of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one Who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
O comfort My people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him, if we hold firm we shall reign with Him. R/.

If anyone serves Me then they must follow Me;
Wherever I am My servants will be. R/.

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. R/.

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you;
Then you will be My disciples. R/.

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THANKSGIVING: PULSING SPIRIT

Pulsing Spirit, rippling river,
Source of mercy's tender might,
Gentle power, humble glory,
Subtle, ever dancing light:
Healing Wisdom in us flowing,
Now reveal our human worth.
Play beneath the muddied waters:
Come, renew the face of earth!

Spirit free, unbounded motion,
Beauty's mirror, heart's delight,
Gift abundant all around us,
Flood the world with life and light.
Fountain ancient, ever springing,
Play in new, creative ways.
Lift us, stream of lavish loving,
High on waves of joyful praise!

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RECESSIONAL: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Mary Jappe, Lawrence Wilson, Marge Byrne, Patricia Schmidt and Isma McGuckin.

Anniversary of Death: Julieta Perez, Frank Bajada, Denise Elmer, Jean, Josefina Smith, Jennifer Nayler, Michael 'Paul' Bryant, Bonnie Andersen, Maria Tran, Bradley O'Brien, Eileen Hodda, Margaret Kersnovske, Fe Linortner, Marion & Arthur Bartels and Kath Hogan.