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NEWSLETTER 4TH FEBRUARY 2024
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
O COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD
AND BOW LOW BEFORE
THE GOD WHO MADE US,
FOR HE IS THE LORD OUR GOD .

This Week's Mass Schedule

31/01/2024 Wednesday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:00am
01/02/2024 Thursday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	12:00pm
02/02/2024 Friday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:30am
03/02/2024 Saturday		6:00pm
04/02/2024 Sunday	Maryborough Tiaro	8:00am 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
First Session: Saturday 10th February 5pm at St. Mary's

*Please Ensure Silence
In The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer*

READINGS
5th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.610) in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st - Job 7:1-4, 6-7
• Psalm - 146 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd-1Corinthians9:16-19,22-23
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - Mark 1:29-39
Next weekend: 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.610)
• 1st - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
• Psalm - 31
• 2nd -1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1
• Gospel - Mark 1:40-45

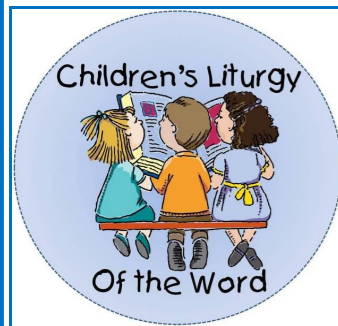
Coping with illness and suffering has always been a major challenge, through which we come to know our limitations as well as our greatest potential. Accepting the reality of a painful situation and taking the steps to cope with it can transform a person. Dependence on God as well as hope in God brings maturity (see CCC, numbers 1500-1501).

Jesus sought to heal the whole person—body, mind, and soul. He eradicated ailments afflicting one's body and mind, and forgave sins tormenting one's soul. Jesus's compassion for the sick can be described as intense. As his disciples and baptized members of the community, we must cultivate the same concern for those who are ill or suffering. As a Church, the success of our healing ministry depends on it (see CCC, number 1503).

In the Gospel, we hear time and time again of Jesus's being touched in a profound way by people's suffering and pain. We hear the Gospel writers say that Jesus makes their miseries his own. Through the Paschal mystery (Jesus's Passion, death, and Resurrection), Jesus gives new meaning to suffering and brought profound hope into the world. His redemptive Passion unites all human suffering to his own, which shows us how to bring hope out of pain. Christ continues to be touched by the suffering of the sick, making their miseries his own.

Throughout the Gospel that bears his name, Mark focuses on Jesus's great compassion for the sick, the poor, and the broken-hearted. The healer of healers translates his heartfelt compassion into action. Jesus teaches through word and deed that caring for one another is important. Compassion and service are the hallmarks of Christian discipleship.

Mark reminds us that healing the sick, serving the poor, and comforting the broken-hearted are integral to the ministry of Jesus and therefore integral to the ministry of his followers. Our ready compassion and service, or lack thereof, may be a good indication of our willingness to take on the mind of Jesus. Talk is cheap. We must act, now more than ever. Our service to others is a key step in our own faith growth. Can we see the face of God in those in need of compassion, mercy, and love? If not, we are advised to do something for one who is sick, poor, or broken-hearted.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All the are encouraged to join the entrance procession on Sunday 8am Mass. Children will join the entrance procession. The Priest ill give them the Bible and the Cross and children will leave the congregation with the Children's Liturgy Team to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding. They will join the congregation after the Creed. We request all parents to support and encourage the Children for this celebration.



Flower Arrangement: Margaret Morgan who has been in the team for around seven years and Erica Lunn who has been in the team for around 25 years have decided to retire from active participation in the Flower Arrangement team.

"Both ladies remarked on how it was an enjoyable and uplifting experience doing the Flowers for St. Mary's Church."

Thank you Erica and Margaret for your dedication to the Flower Ministry over the years. (Sue Flavel)

Thank you to the Flower Arrangement Team (Sue Flavel, Anne Gilbert, Jennifer Williams, Harry Rackemann, Geraldine Ward) for your continuing support and commitment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance

The enrolment is now open for this year's Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. This is open for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

The first session will be on Saturday 10th February 5pm at St. Mary's. The Parents/Guardians are requested to enrol the children for this sacrament through St. Mary's School or through the Parish Office.



GROTTO: We are looking for someone who is willing to take care of the Grotto, to keep it clean and tidy and maintain the adornments. If interested, please contact the parish office.



In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter Aperuit Illis. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year -- February 4 in 2024. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to
others.

You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the
vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.



ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness, vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame,
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for Your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION:

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast'.
I came to Jesus, as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The Living Water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;

And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til trav'ling days are done.
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THANKSGIVING: THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

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**RECESSIONAL:
COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

**Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.**

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's house;
We are fed and we are nourished
By the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord;
To act with justice, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with our God.
To walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;
We will knock and the door shall be opened.
We will ask and it shall be given,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our 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: Ailsa Wickbold, Justin Percival, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Val Williams, Jan Maksimas, Kathleen Ponting, Albert Cream and Brian Hodges.

Anniversary of Death: Brian Berry, Gavin Wright, Vanessa Grace Kaarsberg, John Phillips and Alan Jones.