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1st Reader	Gerard		Ron	Susan
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Communion	Gerry Sue	Rebecca Lita	Marion Judy	Con Graham
Servers	Thu Chet Cody	Byron Isaac Xavier	Stazio Andre Han	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte
Musicians	Bong	Rita	College	Rita
Singers	Children's Choir	Janette	College	Choir
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This Week's Mass Schedule

10/05/2023 **Wednesday** 8.00am

11/05/2023 **Thursday**
(Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) 12:00pm

12/05/2023 **Friday** 8:30am

13/05/2023 **Saturday** 6.00pm

14/05/2023 **Sunday**
Maryborough 8.00am
Tiara 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
Third Thursday of every month,
5.30 to 6.30pm

Please Ensure Silence In
The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.325 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 6:1-7
- Psalm - 32 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Peter 2:4-9
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 14:1-12

Next weekend: 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.329)

- 1st - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- Psalm - 65
- 2nd - 1 Peter 3:15-18
- Gospel - John 14:15-21



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NEWSLETTER 7TH MAY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

**O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD,
FOR HE HAS WORKED WONDERS;
IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS
HE HAS SHOWN HIS DELIVERANCE, ALLELUIA**

Jesus speaks about his returning to the Father from whom he came. Each Christmas we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus: God's taking on full humanity to live among God's people. Jesus's descent from heaven made the will and love of God the Father known to the world. As Jesus approached the time when he would ascend to the Father, he wanted to prepare the disciples for his departure. There is a strong link between the Ascension of Jesus and the Incarnation: Jesus can return to the Father because he "came from the Father" (CCC, number 661).1

Jesus shares with the disciples that his whole reason for coming into the world is so humankind can come to know God the Father in a definitive way. Christ's whole life on earth is Revelation of the Father (see CCC, number 516).

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray to God our Father who is in heaven. In doing so, we recognize God's love for us as God's children. In the New Covenant, we become God's people and hence adopted children of God. The Catechism speaks about the symbol of the heavens as God's dwelling place and our homeland, explaining that sin has exiled us from our true home, but that heaven and earth are reconciled in Christ (see CCC, number 2795).

We, the disciples of Jesus, are invited to step out in faith to trust the mystery of God: the unity of the Father and the Son. It is through Jesus that we come to dwell with God the Father in heaven. In First Corinthians, Paul writes, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" (2:9).

Just as the disciples are troubled about Jesus's departure, so is John's community. So John writes to help them gain perspective on Jesus's return. Jesus tells the disciples he will come back to take them with him to the Father. The early Christian community hopes this will happen in their lifetime. John's Gospel is written near the end of the first century, and Jesus has not yet come again. Rather than focus on the timing of the Second Coming, John has his community focus on what needs to happen in the in-between time. Jesus does not leave without giving the disciples an understanding of how to get to the Father. The original disciples are told they must continue the good works of Jesus the Christ through faith in Jesus the Christ. Through his life, teachings, and actions, Jesus presents a way of life to his disciples. If individuals, as well as a whole community, would live as Jesus did, they would definitely encounter God, who is love. For John it is a matter of believing in Jesus as the Christ and modeling one's life after his. "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these" (14:12).

Jesus's departure should not be a cause of sorrow and despair; rather, it is a cause of hope and comfort because he is preparing a permanent dwelling place for those who are in communion with God the Father. On earth, the glory of God, once seen in the works of Jesus, can now be seen in the works of the believing disciples.

Confirmation preparation classes have started with an information meeting last Saturday. Let us keep all the Candidates, Sacramental Team Members, Parents and Sponsors in our prayers.

Classes for enrolled candidates: Saturdays 5pm at St Mary's.

- 6th May
- 13th May
- 20th May
- 27th May
- 3rd June
- 10th June

The Sacrament will be on Sunday 18th June 2023.



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May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Sydney time
12 pm Perth time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayers>

Meeting ID: 885 9061 9139
Password: 855274

All Are Welcome!

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

Harp and Flute Recital

The Maryborough Regional Arts Council Inc. is presenting a Harp and Flute Recital at St. Stephens Uniting Church on Sunday, 21st May at 2pm. The performers are coming from Brisbane where they teach and perform including with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and are very well regarded. (Tickets available at the door).

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be Choir Practice on Tuesday 9th May at 4pm.

SewPNG annual appeal will be held on Mother's Day weekend on Sat 13th and Sun 14th May. There will be a small talk /appeal. Collectors will be at exit doors on the conclusion of Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Mass Attendance Count: The annual mass attendance count happens in the month of May for the Parish church, other Churches in the parish or Mass centre. The mass attendance count is taken for four consecutive weekends starting from May 6th. Usually the counting happens along with collection.

THE LORD'S DAY

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

(Some copies of the full correspondence from the Archbishop will be available in the Church)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All the children are encouraged to join the entrance procession on Sunday 8am Mass. Children will join the entrance procession. Fr. Jim will 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.

ENTRANCE: SUMMONED BY LOVE

Be still and know I am God.
Listen to me and see.
You're not alone in your journey.
Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Refrain: Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.

We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.

Summoned by you, summoned by love we come. Our lives we give in offering to you.

Be not afraid of the night.
Darkness shall not prevail.
My light will guide and make clear your way.
Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.
Your life will be my sign.
Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me .

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: A TRUSTING PSALM

Refrain:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
So let us place our trust in him.

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THANKSGIVING: WITHOUT SEEING YOU

**Refrain: Without seeing you, we love you.
Without touching you, we embrace.
Without knowing you, we follow.
Without seeing you, we believe.**

We return to you deep within,
Leave the past to the dust,
Turn to you with tears and fasting;
You are ready to forgive. (R)

The sparrow will find a home,
Near to you O God;
How happy we who dwell with you,
Forever in your house. (R)

Forever we sing to you
Of your goodness, O God;
Proclaiming to all the world
Of your faithfulness and love. (R).

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RECESSIONAL: WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands or side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
In full and endless sight.

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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: Brian Hodges, Marge Byrne, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: John O'Donoghue, Bill Pronger, Jed Cartmill and Greg Casey.

Anniversary of Death: Agustin, Gertrudis, Carlos, Alfredo Martino, Pepito Jao, Jennifer, Alexander May, Barry Coleen, Daryl Nayler, Jim Deem, Chita Bodmer, Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel and Hope Russell.