

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.



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.

ROSTER	Sat 16th Mar	Sun 17th Mar	Sat 23rd Mar	Sun 24th Mar
Welcomer	Beverley	Eris	John	Susan
1st Reader	Warren	Christine	Ann	Mary
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Communion	Sue Tony	Cris Anne	Beverley Wayne	Con Rebecca
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Musicians	Justin	Robyn	Amy	Bong
Singers	Theresa	Theresa	Amy	Filipino Choir
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NEWSLETTER 17TH MARCH 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

GIVE ME JUSTICE, O GOD,
AND PLEAD MY CAUSE
AGAINST A NATION THAT IS FAITHLESS.
FROM THE DECEITFUL AND CUNNING RESCUE ME,
FOR YOU, O GOD, ARE MY STRENGTH.

The "hour" Has Come".

In John's gospel Jesus frequently speaks of 'the hour' or 'an hour' that has 'not yet come' (2:4) or 'is coming' (4:21; 5:25), or 'has come' (11:53; 17:1). In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus three times speaks of 'the/this hour' (12:23, 27f). Almost always, 'the hour' refers to the time of Jesus' death and resurrection or, in John's words, 'his hour to pass from this world to the Father' (13:1).

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus' death is presented in two images: the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies and Jesus' being lifted up, which refers literally to being hoisted up and hung on a cross. As grim as this sounds - and certainly Roman crucifixion was particularly gruesome - John sees 'this hour' as a time of glory. This is stated explicitly: 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified' (12:23). But the cross-as-glory is also implied by the expression 'being lifted up.' This is an instance of John's use of double entendre: while 'lifting up' refers to the crucifixion, it also means 'being exalted.' In John's gospel, crucifixion is exaltation, and the cross is Jesus' throne of glory: on the cross his true kingship is revealed (19:19) and his mission is accomplished.

For this reason, Jesus asserts, 'No one takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again' (10:18). Jesus is never more himself than when he ascends the cross as King and exercises power to accomplish salvation. Indeed, John makes the crucifixion a world-wide proclamation of Jesus' kingship: John alone mentions that the charge, 'Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews,' was written in Hebrew (the local and sacred language), Latin (the official language of the Empire), and Greek (the common international language).

Thus, 'the hour' reveals the glory of Jesus and is the climax of his incarnation: 'For this purpose I came to this hour' (12:27). What purpose? 'When I am lifted up will draw everyone to myself.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

This Week's Mass Schedule

20/03/2024 Wednesday	8:00am
Fair Haven	10:00am
21/03/2024 Thursday	12:00pm
22/03/2024 Friday	8:30am
23/03/2024 Saturday	6:00pm
24/03/2024 Sunday	8:00am
Maryborough	10:00am
Tiaro	

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm.

Please Ensure Silence
In The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
5th Sunday of Lent - Year B (p.548) in St Pauls Missal

- 1st - Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm - 136 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Hebrews 5:7-9
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 12:20-30

Next weekend: Palm Sunday - Year B (p.191)

- 1st - Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm - 21
- 2nd - Philippians 2:6-11
- Gospel - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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Working Bee Saturday 23rd March 8am

Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden before Easter.

Please do come with some gardening gears that you may have including trailers for green waste removal. We are looking forward to doing some pruning, trimming, hedging, weeding, and cleaning.

Prayer: Jesus, write your wisdom on my heart and empower me to live the joy of the Gospel in our world. Amen. (from the book - *A resurrected life - Daily Reflections for Lent*)



Project Compassion Envelopes are available at the church entrances during the Lenten season

if you would like to support the work of Caritas Australia during this Lenten season. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate.

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hervey Bay in collaboration with the Iona Passion Play presents:

the IONA PASSION PLAY

3 shows only

Join us as we re-enact the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

FRIDAY 22 MARCH - 7PM | SATURDAY 23 MARCH - 1:30PM & 7PM

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Earlybird (Book by 5pm 4 March)
\$20 Adults \$17 Seniors/Students
Group Discount \$15 per person
(10 or more if pre-booked by 5pm, 4 March)

General admission

\$25 Adults
\$20 Seniors/Students
\$7 Children (5-14yrs)
Children under 5 FREE (if sitting on lap)

Enquiries: Parish office: 07 4124 3334
Annette: 0418 721 392

BOOKINGS: www.passionplay.org.au

Choir Practice For Easter Masses



- Tuesday 19th March at 4pm.
 - Tuesday 26th March at 4pm.
- All choir members are welcome.

All available choir members are requested to support on Monday 18th March 5:30 pm during the Communal Rite of Reconciliation.

Combined School and Parish Mass

The Combined St. Mary's School and Parish Mass will be on **Wednesday 27th March, 9:15am.**

(Please note that there will be no Mass at 8am on Wednesday 27th March).



Morning Tea on Sunday 17th March

will be dedicated to St Joseph to celebrate his Feast Day which falls on Tuesday 19th March.



Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum:

Thank you to all who already entered your names for duties. We still have more spots to be filled. If you can contribute, please enter your name so that we could complete the Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum.



Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2024

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration)

Sacred Heart, Tiaro:	Sunday 17 th March	After 10 am Mass
St Mary's:	Monday 18 th March	5.30 pm

Mass Timings

Saturday 23 rd March	Vigil for Passion	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 24 th March	Passion Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiario
Thursday 28 th March	Lord's Supper	7 pm	St Mary's
Friday 29 th March	Stations of the Cross	10 am	St Mary's
	Solemn Liturgy	3 pm	St Mary's
Saturday 30 th March	Holy Saturday Vigil	6 pm	St Mary's
	(including RCIA - Full Initiation)		
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiario

NOTE: Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 5.15pm at St Mary's.

ENTRANCE:

GRANT TO US, O LORD, A HEART RENEWED

Refrain:

*Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
Recreate in us Your own Spirit, Lord!*

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord our God, When I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. R/.

Deep within their being I will implant My law; I will write it in their hearts. R/.

I will be their God, and they shall be My people. R/.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME, O GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

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 any one 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: ASHES

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.

We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.

If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,

An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts, The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt. Give our stumblings direction, give our vision wider view, An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain, Though spring has turned to winter and sunshine turned to rain.

The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew From an offering of ashes, an offering to you?

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RECESSIONAL: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. R/.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. R/.

All praise to the Father from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. R/.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Ailsa Wickbold, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Margaret Ward-Pearson and John Devery.

Anniversary of Death: Patricia Murray, Jean & Con Deere, Brian Deere, John Taylor, Victor Sempf, Kay Phipps, Greg Casey and Sally D'cruz.