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OFFICE HOURS
 8.30AM TO 2.30PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY

(FROM 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 TO 28TH MARCH 2023,
 THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE AS BELOW)
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY :
 8.30 TO 12.30

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This Week's Mass Schedule

01/03/2023	Wednesday	08.00am
02/03/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
03/03/2023	Friday	08:30am
04/03/2023	Saturday	06.00pm
05/03/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	08.00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
 EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
 (Starting from Thursday April 20th). Third
 Thursday of every month, 5.30 to 6.30pm .

Please Ensure Silence in The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer


STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday
 during Lent at 5:15 pm at St Mary's

READINGS
1st Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.163)

- 1st - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
- Psalm - 102 Resp. in hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
- Gospel Accl. in hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

Next weekend's: 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.168)

- 1st - Genesis 12:1-4
- Psalm - 32
- 2nd - 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9



NEWSLETTER 26TH FEBRUARY 2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

WHEN HE CALLS ON ME, I WILL ANSWER HIM;
 I WILL DELIVER HIM AND GIVE HIM GLORY,
 I WILL GRANT HIM LENGTH OF DAYS .

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. As a journey that will last for about 40 days, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent, starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, forgiveness, salvation and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our fathers in faith. Through our participation this Lent God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

This season therefore, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in Matthew's gospel, but did not succeed, so will the devil not succeed with us too if we do not give him any opportunity in our lives.

Above all, dear brothers and sisters, we must allow the Holy Spirit to be in charge of our lives by being docile to Him. Because trusting in the arm of our own flesh will not help us this season. Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Wishing you all a spiritually refreshing Lenten Season! Fr Lucius**

WHO IS AN INSTALLED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (ACOLYTE)?

The word "Acolyte" derives from a Greek term, akolouthos, which means "server," "companion," or "follower." In the Roman Catholic Church, a person is installed in the ministry of Acolyte in order to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharistic Liturgy. Besides the deacon and the priest, the acolyte is the one closest to the altar. Originally, in order to be instituted an Acolyte, you must be a seminarian who has received a lectorate, which means he has to be at least five years in formation. This tradition indicates the significance of the Acolyte's ministry, which is linked closely to the sacred ministry of the priesthood. However, after the Second Vatican Council and due to the shortage of candidates for the ministerial priesthood especially in some of the first world countries, the Church decided to include lay people to receive special training in order to become extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The acolyte plays an essential role in the celebration of the Holy Mass. The General Instructions of the Roman Missal clearly indicates his duties (no. 178-193). Two of them that are of special significance: setting up the altar and distributing Holy Communion. Both St. John Chrysostom and St. Augustine speak of the angels surrounding the altar and helping the priest when he is celebrating Holy Mass. Therefore, after many years of closeness to the altar as the trainer of our altar servers and facilitator of the parish liturgical activities, and upon completion of his training, Mr Gerry Donoghue will be installed today as an extraordinary minister of Communion in our St. Mary's parish. His role is to preside over a communion service without a priest, and also to distribute Holy Communion to God's people, especially during the weekdays. Mr Donoghue is very experienced regarding the liturgical compliances of his new ministry and has been equipped with the practical manual - book for the celebration.

Let us pray for Mr Gerry Donoghue that he may live up to the calling of his new ministry with humility and reverence. As St John Chrysostom says, "I will place the Blessed Host before each communicant and say, "The Body of Christ." Waiting for their "Amen," I will remind myself of my own "Amen" in silence: Do I simply look at the veil of the bread or fix my eyes on the hidden reality, who is my God? Do I truly believe that I am holding Christ, my Lord, in my hands? Do I hold my Lord with proportional appreciation? Do I believe that this bread can save and transform human hearts?

Dear parishioners, though these questions may not be answered satisfactorily each time, they deserve constant contemplation. The mystery of the Real Presence of the Lord, who is transcendent yet exists in the form of bread, is always the endless inspiration for men and women of all ages, and particularly for Gerry as an installed extraordinary minister of Holy Communion in our parish.

Thank you for your generosity Gerry - Congratulations. Fr Lucius

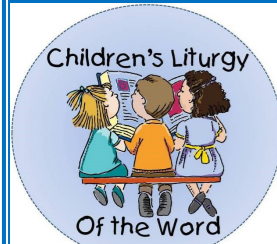


EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: Every first Thursday we have Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS from 28th February 2023 to 28th March 2023 will be 8.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.



PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES are available at the church entrances if you would like to support the work of Caritas Australia during this Lenten season. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate.



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



Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2023

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration)

Sacred Heart, Tiaro: Sunday 26th March After 10 am Mass
St Mary's: Wednesday 29th March 5.30 pm

Mass Timings

Saturday 1 st April	Vigil for Passion	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 2 nd April	Passion Sunday	8 am 10 am	St Mary's Tiara
Thursday 6 th April	Lord's Supper	7 pm	St Mary's
Friday 7 th April	Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy	10 am 3 pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Saturday 8 th April	Holy Saturday Vigil	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 9 th April	Easter Sunday	8 am 10 am	St Mary's Tiara

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

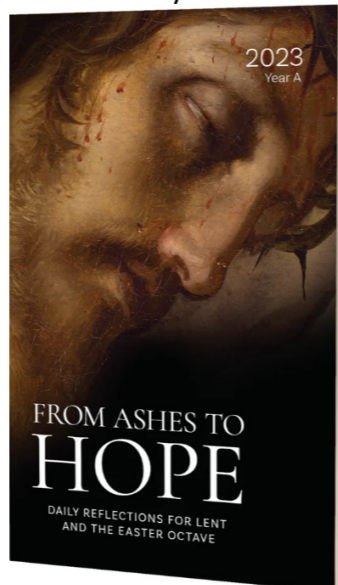
LENTEN REFLECTION FROM "FROM ASHES TO HOPE"

FOR REFLECTION:

What stands out for me in the gospel or the reflection? Jesus' actions in the wilderness show me what direction to take when confronted with the tempter. How do I respond in situations in my life when I am in the wilderness? Or tempted? Did these experiences change me? Are my eyes on Jesus, who shows me the direction to take?

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Ever present God, I come to you in prayer, open my heart and hold me close to you. Help me to know I am your beloved child and that you are with me in all things. Help me to respond as Jesus does, with love and trust in you. Amen



ENTRANCE: "HOSEA"

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
So must we to others call.

Refrain:

**Long have I waited for your coming
Home to me and living
Deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness
You shall know. R./

You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy. R./

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PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life,
The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread,
Will live for ever.

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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 HYMN: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust!'

Refrain:

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear,
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. R./

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Paul Massingham, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Vic Sempf, Aileen Manthey, Jesus Zanoria, Brian Berry, and Germelina Basubas.

Anniversary of Death: Sally D'Cruz, Phan Dieu My, Kevin Blair Moore, and Gavin Wright.

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