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ROSTER	Sat 8th July	Sun 9th July	Sat 15th July	Sun 16th July
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1st Reader	Mary	Christine	Pat	Tyson
2nd Reader	Tom	Peter	Pamella	Pat
Communion	Judy Sue	Rebecca Graham	Marion Wayne	Con Rebecca
Servers	Thu Han Andre	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte	Cody Thu Han	Byron Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Justin	College	Rita
Singers	Filipino Choir	Theresa	College	Choir
Mass set up	Gerry	Rebecca	Janette Sophie	Rebecca
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NEWSLETTER 09TH JULY 2023
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE, O GOD, WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE MIDST OF YOUR TEMPLE. YOUR PRAISE, O GOD, LIKE YOUR NAME, REACHES THE ENDS OF THE EARTH; YOUR RIGHT HAND IS FILLED WITH SAVING JUSTICE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

12/07/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
13/07/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
14/07/2023	Friday	8:30am
15/07/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
16/07/2023	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 Mary's

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.415 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st- Zechariah 9:9-10
- Psalm - 144 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 8:9, 11-13
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

Next weekend: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.419)

- 1st - Isaiah 55:10-11
- Psalm - 64
- 2nd - Romans 8:18-23
- Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

"Come to me and rest"

Right from the fall of Adam and Eve humanity have known the yoke of suffering and pain. More so, recently, the world saw the emergence of the novel Corona virus pandemic which brought the existence of the world to a stand-still. Anxieties and fears have become the order of the day, fears about our health, economy, the cost of food and fuel, our home values, and mortgages, what's happening to our children, their mental health, addictions, terrorism, our national debt, and so on. The list seems both overwhelming and endless. A lot of couples are working on stressed marriage relationships with fear of breaking up. A lot of people are either unemployed or under-employed and are looking for a better job that will give them a reliable and adequate source of income.

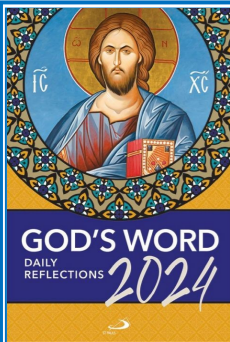
Others are waiting for their medical results on certain abnormal cells that are growing in their bodies, filled with fear that they may have cancer. Some others are labouring on how to provide for and shape the characters of their children, children that are so influenced by all that is immoral and degrading in our modern-day culture. Many parents feel they are taken for granted, not appreciated, and that they are simply being used while getting nothing back out of life for what they've put into it.

All of us are labouring under one burden or another, and yet today Jesus is saying to us: **"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest."** How could any of us not be attracted to what Jesus offers us? Why are we still not listening to him? The Christian faith is not magic. Christ's life was not painless and totally free of burdens. But what he does offer us is his invitation to share our yoke with him, to pull our burdens and tasks through life with him, drawing on his strength, and letting him help us while we help him accomplish his mission. Christ doesn't do things *for* us; He does things *with* us.

Finally, a story was told of a man who had a dream. In the dream he was walking along a sandy beach with Jesus, and they were replaying all the important moments of his life. The man noticed that for each scene there were two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him and the other to Jesus. But he also noticed that when they came to the most difficult and trying moments of his life there were only one set of footprints to be seen. The man could not understand this, so he asked Jesus: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. Why is it then that during the most difficult periods of my life when I needed you the most you would leave me?" Jesus replied. "My child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the most difficult moments of your life, when you see only one set of footprints, those were the times I carried you."

Dear friends, as we continue to battle against principalities and powers in our world, let us always remember that we are carrying our yoke with Jesus who promised to make it light for us. All he asks of us is simply to come to him. May I now invite you to start each day with this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I come to you today, help me to remember that there is no problem I am going to face today that you and I together cannot handle." This is how the yoke becomes easy and the burden light.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius



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 in the Church, near to Piety Stall. Please use only the new set of envelopes from July 2023. Others can still participate. We encourage more people to participate in this essential financial support of our Parish. If you would like to have a set of envelopes or prefer to give by direct debit (weekly/fortnightly/ monthly), please contact/visit the Parish Office

CHOIR PRACTICE: Tuesday 11th July at 4pm.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
The latest Catholic Leader is available at the Church now for \$4. Please leave payment in container/envelope provided.

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.

St Mary's Activities Group - Every Wednesday - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Hall Meeting Room

Safeguarding: We had our Safeguarding Audit on 15/6/2023. We have received the Safeguarding Audit Report and is reflecting on the aspects that needs attention.

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.



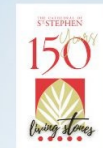
ROSE PRUNING

Thank you Con, Beverley, Stephen and others for your devoted care of the garden. Expecting to see the colourful roses within three months.

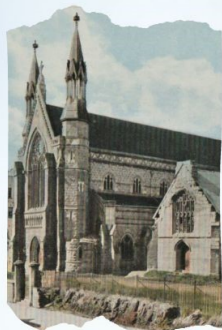


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Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.

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by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
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Church Pipe Organ: We had the Winter tuning of the pipe organ on 22/06/2023.

"Tuned all Flutes and Reeds, Adjusted action as required to repair cyphers, Filled water buckets, Removed Oboe B4 pipe for repair and Checked all functions."

The issues with the floor that are destabilizing the alignment of the organ still remain, but they are not reported to have worsened.

ENTRANCE:

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain:

*Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God Who leads us to freedom:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word Who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word Who leads us into light;
You are the Word Who brings us through the desert:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

You are the One Whom prophets hoped and longed for;
You are the One Who speaks to us today;
You are the One Who leads us to our future:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

You are the Word Who calls us to be servants;
You are the Word Whose only law is love;
You are the Word-made-flesh Who lives among us:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom .

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: 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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THANKSGIVING: COME TO ME

Refrain:

Come to me, all who labour
And are heavy burdened,
And I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me,
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy
And my burden is light.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows
Where he gives me rest. R./

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RECESSIONAL: 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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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, Isma McGuckin, Peter Barry and Jeannie Nolan.

Anniversary of Death: 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, Kath Hogan, Carmel Phillips, Ted Tuckwell, Ellen Bradshaw, Pepito, Ellora, Lydia Jao and Alfredo.