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**OFFICE HOURS** 8.30AM TO 2.30PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY

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This Week's Mass Schedule 24/01/2024 Wednesday Rite of Distributing Holy Communion 8:00am Outside of Mass)

25/01/2024 Thursday Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) 12:00pm

26/01/2024 Friday Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) 8:30am

27/01/2024 Saturday 6:00pm 28/01/2024 Sunday Maryborough 8:00am 10:00am Tiaro

**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

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B (p.610) in St Pauls Missal) • 1st- Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm - 94 Resp. hymns page • 2nd - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel Mark 1:21-28

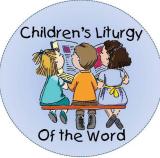
Next weekend: 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.610) •1st - Job 7:1-4, 6-7 • Psalm - 146

- 2nd-1Corinthians9:16-19,22-23
- Gospel Mark 1:29-39

feel: "They were astounded at [Jesus's] teaching, for he taught then as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (1:22). In Jesus's case, this authority is rooted in his own self, not in titles or credentials, such as those possessed by the religious authorities of his day. This reality is expressed in the phrase "not as the scribes." To further demonstrate his anointed status, Jesus, when confronted by a man with an unclean spirit, commands the unclean spirit to leave the man. "But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!'" (1:25). Jesus possesses not only superhuman authority but power too! This is Jesus's first miracle in the Gospel of Mark; it can accurately be described as an exorcism that occurs in the context of his teaching. First, Jesus commands the unclean spirit to be silent because he does not want it to further reveal his identity, something the spirit threatens to do: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God" (1:24)—that is, the Messiah. The unclean spirit, or demon, tries to thwart Jesus's mission of goodness. Throughout Mark's Gospel, we see this pattern repeated; a demon begins to disclose Jesus's identity but is silenced. Second, Jesus commands the unclean spirit to come out of the man, and thus Jesus heals the man. "And convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, [the demon] came out of him" (1:26). The people in the crowd are more than impressed; Mark tells us they are amazed. They begin to ask questions to understand the authority and power with which Jesus teaches and heals: "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him" (1:27). Those gathered around the Master watch with amazement, which is another way of saying they do not understand what is happening. Jesus's power is expressed not through dominance over others but through service to others. He renders service to people by healing them, and his ministry of healing continues.

# NEWSLETTER 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B** SAVE US, O LORD OUR GOD! AND GATHER US FROM THE NATIONS, TO GIVE THANKS TO YOUR HOLY NAME, AND MAKE IT OUR GLORY TO PRAISE YOU.

Jesus and his first disciples make their way to the synagogue in Capernaum to observe the Sabbath, which Jews refer to as Shabbat. Once inside the synagogue, Jesus begins to teach those assembled; they are more than surprised by the truth of his every word, which they seem to



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We will start Children's Liturgy from 4th February.** All the children 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.

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey who always walk with us, in this land you have blessed us with the first inhabitants of the land who have loved it through the ages: for them we give you thanks. You have blessed us in the settlers who made this land their home, and forged a nation with their toil: for them we give you thanks. You have blessed us in the many peoples of different languages and cultures who have found a new home here: for them we give you thanks. We ask that you make a home among us, so that justice and truth may flourish here and all Australians may walk together into the future you are preparing: for that we give you thanks. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

> + Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane

(The print of complete Australia Day Message from The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge is available in the Church).

#### Lenten Reflections

Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter reflection resource called

### A Resurrected Life

This book is written for individuals and for groups and is available at the Piety Stall.

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for next months which is available in the Church now.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance The enrolment is now open for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Parents/Guardians are requested to enrol the children for this sacrament through St. Mary's School or through the Parish Office.

# A Tribute to Kath Ponting

A good number of parishioners and members of local churches joined Kath's four daughters and their families at the burial service for Kath in The Garden of Rest Cemetery alongside her husband Max who died suddenly six years ago. She was well loved and cared for in her latter years when dementia took hold.

Kath dedicated her life to teaching and some of you and/or your children would have been guided through English, Geography and other subjects over her career which began at Maryborough State High School before she was offered a position by the Sisters of Mercy to join the staff at St Mary's Convent. With the introduction of co-ed in the late seventies, Kath continued her teaching at St. Mary's High School now known as St. Mary's College.

Kath was a member of the liturgy committee which included a leadership role in the music ministry for over forty years ago. She also conducted the choir and led the practices for the Easter ceremonies and other important celebrations. She played the guitar at Mass and with dear friend, Rita Lynch, organized the hymns and rosters for the weekend Masses for many, many years which were neatly hand written. The annual Songs of Praise event which incorporated a combined choir from the mainstream churches was popular in the eighties and nineties.

Kath's mission was to encourage more people to join the choir and whenever someone said to her "I can't sing.", her response would be "If you can talk, you can sing."

We were blessed to know such a lovely lady and we pray that she will now be at peace in her eternal home. (By Mary Kirkpatrick)

#### **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. Words and Music: Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA Publications All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-641948.

# **PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**

IF TODAY, YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

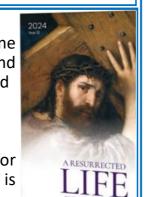
### **COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

I am the Bread of Life. You who come to Me shall not hunger; You who believe in Me shall not thirst. No-one can come to Me Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give Is My flesh for the life of the world, And you who eat of this bread, You shall live for ever, You shall live for ever. **R./** 

Unless you eat Of the Flesh of the Son of Man. And drink of His Blood And drink of His Blood You shall not have life within you. **R./.** Suzanne Toolan @ GIA Publications. All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-641948.



#### THANKSGIVING: BLEST BE THE LORD Antiphon: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day

He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night, Nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armour that I need To wage my battle with the foe

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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. R/.

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. R/. Dan Schutte © 1981 New Dawn Music OCP Publications All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-641948.

#### 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, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

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

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