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.

PIETYSTALL

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.

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Welcomer	Ron	Tyson	Pilar	Mary
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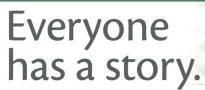
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This Week's Mass Schedule

24/04/2024 Wednesday 8:00am 10:00am Chelsea

25/04/2024 Thursday 8:00am

26/04/2024 Friday 8:30am

27/04/2024 Saturday 6.00pm

28/04/2024 Sunday

Maryborough 8.00am Tiaro 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION **EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm**



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 St. Mary's.

Confirmation:

1st Session and Parent Information Meeting: Saturday 18th May 5pm

First Holy Communion:

1st Session and Parent Information Meeting: Saturday 10th August 5pm.

READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter - Year B (p.563) in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st Acts 4:8-12
- Psalm 117 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd 1 John 3:1-2
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel John 10:11-18

Next weekend: 5th Sunday of Easter - Year B (p.567)

- 1st Acts 9:26-31
- Psalm 21
- 2nd 1 John 3:18-24
- Gospel John 15:1-8



NEWSLETTER 21ST APRIL 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF THE LORD FILLS THE EARTH; BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE MADE, ALLELUIA.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The title "shepherd" in the Hebrew Bible refers primarily to God who shepherds His people. This is brought out in Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd" (responsorial psalm). Here God is portrayed as a faithful and good shepherd who leads the flock into well-being and abundance ("green pastures") and keeps them safe from every danger, such that they lack nothing and fear no evil even as they are surrounded by their foes.

Kings, as God's anointed, were also referred to as shepherds. But some of them only got the title and not the qualities of a shepherd. Instead of feeding the sheep entrusted to their care they fed on them. And so, God raised up prophets like Ezekiel to denounce such shepherds, by that, God differentiates between an ordinary shepherd and a Good shepherd. Before Jesus left the world, he commissioned Peter to feed his lambs and tend his sheep (John 21:15-16). The work of shepherding God's flocks is an ongoing task that is entrusted to the church and to each and every one of us, with Peter as head.

As we continue to face enormous challenges in our world today, may we never lose sight of Jesus, the Good Shepherd per-excellence, whose entire earthly ministry was one of service and care for others. At these uncertain times, we may have to ask ourselves some questions; How am I responding to the needs of others who are in much greater need? How am I helping the church in her mission to spread the good news of the Resurrected Jesus? For me to be a Good shepherd, I must be a faithful servant of God's flock. Remember it's only those sheep who follow the guidance of the shepherd could ever hope to arrive at the green pastures or be safe from the ravenous wolves.

Finally, dear sisters and brothers, how could we participate more closely in the work of shepherding God's flock? Bishops, priests, Prime ministers etc., as well as parishioners – all of us are called to participate in various ways of shepherding God's flock, to become better shepherds in our various families - reaching out with understanding and compassion to the weak and misguided dropouts of church and society, so that through us they may find their way back to Jesus the true gate, who says "Anyone who enters through me will be safe: she/he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pastures" (John 10)

Peace be with you!

Fr Lucius

YOU ARE INVITED

The Maryborough Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to celebrate with us at the grand opening of our Family Assist/ Welfare office 89 - 91 Adelaide Street on Saturday 27 April commencing at 8am with the blessing of our premises. See firsthand how our conference, inspired by our Catholic values, support our community. We are very grateful for the support from this parish, and we would love to show you how your generosity makes a difference.

Thank you



Anzac Day Mass

The Anzac Day Mass on Thursday 25th April will be at 8am. (There will be no Mass at 12 noon).

Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day



Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day is celebrated by the Catholic Church on May 13th, the first day in 1917 on which the Blessed Mother appeared to the three shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal.

We will have a Mass at 1:30 pm on Monday 13th May at St. Mary's to mark this day.

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 4th. Usually the counting happens along with collection.

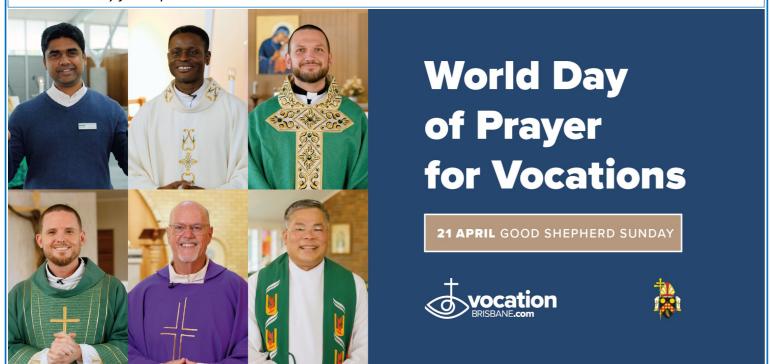
SewPNG Mother's Day Appeal

The SewPNG annual appeal will be held on Mother's Day weekend on Sat 11th 6pm Mass and Sun 12th May 8am Mass. There will be a small talk /appeal. Collectors will be at exit doors on the conclusion of Mass on Saturday 11th 6pm Mass and Sun 12th May 8am Mass.

The St Mary's community has been very supportive over the 16 years that this small group of volunteers has been sending school supplies, clothing to the Tufi region in Oro Province, PNG.

The area is isolated and remote. The people struggle to get by, but are fully aware that education is the key for their children to escape poverty.

Our small group does what it can. There are around 20 ladies who sew garments in their own homes for PNG village women and children. Every Wednesday morning another 4-6 ladies help to sort, store and pack the donations ready for shipment.



ENTRANCE: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain:

Like a shepherd He feeds His flock
And gathers the lambs in His arms,
Holding them carefully close to His heart,
Leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:
'Prepare the way of the Lord.'
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:
'Jerusalem, here is your God.' R./

I Myself will shepherd them, For others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds And pasture them, giving them rest. R./

If you are heavily burdened,
And take My yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest. R./.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS BECOME THE CORNER STONE.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me .
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes. Over the mountains, the waters and byways, Valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet Him there, To lay myself down in His love. The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going, He promised to be there to help us along. And over the mountains we'll walk on together, To know all the wonders He's given to me.

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THANKSGIVING: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

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RECESSIONAL: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD

Refrain:

This day was made by the Lord, Let us rejoice, let us be glad! This day was made by the Lord, Let us rejoice in salvation.

I thank You, Your love is eternal.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

Your Hand raised me up in triumph.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

The stone which the builders rejected Is the cornerstone.
Is the cornerstone.

I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./
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Please remember in your prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased: Margaret Twomey, Fr Martin (Marty) Larsen, Marie O'Rourke, Helen Margaret Dunstan, Murray Denis Hale, and Patricia (Pat) Norman.

Anniversary of Death: Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel, Richard Hogan, Joseph Nguyen and Peter Pham.