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1st Reader	Tom	Peter	Gerard	
2nd Reader	Pilar	Tyson	Pat	Christine
Communion	Marion Wayne	Con Graham	Gerry Sue	Rebecca Lita
Servers	Stazio Cody Han	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte	Thu Chet Cody	Byron Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Robyn	Bong/Jearen	Bong	Rita
Singers	Choir	Filipino Choir	Children's Choir	Janette
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This Week's Mass Schedule

03/05/2023	Wednesday	8.00am
04/05/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
05/05/2023	Friday	8:30am
06/05/2023	Saturday	6.00pm
07/05/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
Third Thursday of every month,
5.30 to 6.30pm

Please Ensure Silence In
The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.321 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 2:14, 36-41
- Psalm - 22 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Peter 2:20-25
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 10:1-10

Next weekend: 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.325)

- 1st - Acts 6:1-7
- Psalm - 32
- 2nd - 1 Peter 2:4-9
- Gospel - John 14:1-12



NEWSLETTER 30TH APRIL 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

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

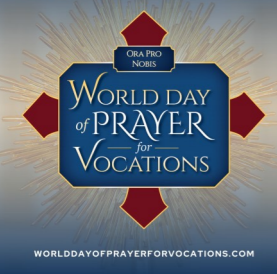
The image of the good shepherd in the Old Testament depicts the qualities of both a good king and of God. That image serves as an example for leaders at all levels in the Catholic Church. On Holy Thursday, the start of the Triduum, the ritual the Church uses is the washing of the feet to remember Jesus's example and words to his disciples. After washing his disciples' feet, Jesus tells them that they ought to wash one another's feet, just as he has done for them (see John 13:14-15). Washing the feet of guests is relegated to the slave. But Jesus's act of washing his disciples feet gives them an example of leadership for the new community he has formed: to be the servant to the servants.

We give the title pastor to those priests who lead parishes. The origin of the word pastor is a Latin word meaning "shepherd." A pastor is the ordained servant-leader of a parish. The concept of servant-leader is even reflected in one of the titles for the Pope: Servant of the Servants of God (Servus servorum Dei).

The term good shepherd is an apt metaphor for this kind of pastoral leadership. A good shepherd wants what is good for his flock. The good shepherd gives guidance and care to those for whom he is responsible. He provides not only for their physical needs but also for their spiritual needs. Ministry in the Church is characterized by service (see CCC, number 876). Just as Jesus came to give us life and to have it abundantly, those who follow Jesus as leaders in the Church are asked by Jesus to make sacrifices so that those they serve will have life and have it abundantly.

John sets forth in his Gospel the image of the good shepherd's serving the Christian community as a way to assess the present leadership. The example for leadership given to us by Jesus is one of servant leadership, placing the good of another before our own personal gain. A servant-leader washes the feet of all members of the community. A servant-leader provides pastoral care for each member of the Christian community, even if it means seeking out the lost and restoring them to the community. The model of leadership John presents in the image of the good shepherd and in the washing of the feet in chapter 13 clearly shows that leadership in the Christian community should be based on service to others and not on power over others.

SUNDAY APRIL 30th 2023



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday April 30th 2023
FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Father, increase our family's love for one another.
May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship,
bearing with one another in love, just as You love us.

In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life.

Should You call some of us to the priesthood or religious life,
help us to respond with courage and joy.

Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your grace,
to help each other on life's journey to You.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family:
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Amen

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>

**Confirmation preparation classes:
(for enrolled candidates)
Saturdays 5pm at St Mary's.**

- 6th May
- 13th May
- 20th May
- 27th May
- 3rd June
- 10th June



The Sacrament will be on Sunday 18th June 2023.



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.

Some notes on the opening of St Mary's in 1872

(The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933) Thu 22 Feb 1872 Page 7 MARYBOROUGH)

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(Thank you Pamela for the giving the details and link for this article)

SewPNG annual appeal will be held on Mother's Day weekend on Sat 13th and Sun 14th May. There will be a small talk /appeal. Collectors will be at exit doors on the conclusion of Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

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 6th. Usually the counting happens along with collection.

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ENTRANCE: EASTER ALLELUIA

(R) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Call us, Good Shepherd we listen for you
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through :
Alleluia! **(R)**

Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay:
Alleluia! **(R)**

If we have love then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword
Fill us with love and the peace of his word:
Alleluia! **(R)**

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

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, Alleluia

COMMUNION: YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My Voice,
I claim you as My choice,
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
Come and rest in Me.

Refrain:

**Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me,
I will bring you home:
I love you and you are Mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
The lame will all run free,
And all will know My Name. R./

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
Embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live! R./

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THANKSGIVING: 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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RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

**Sing to the Lord! Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, all nations!
God has made salvation known,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness!
Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation. Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing of wondrous deeds!
Mighty Lord of all creation! Alleluia!

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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: Brian Hodges, Marge Byrne, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Bill Pronger, Jed Cartmill, Greg Casey, and James O'Donnell.

Anniversary of Death: Agustin, Gertrudis, Carlos, Alfredo Martino, Pepito Jao, Jennifer, Alexander May, Barry Coleen, Daryl Nayler, Jim Deem, Chita Bodmer, Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel, Hope Russell, Eileen and Michael Hogan, and Daphne Colefax.