

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.



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.

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NEWSLETTER 10TH MARCH 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

REJOICE, JERUSALEM, AND ALL WHO LOVE HER.
BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE IN MOURNING;
EXULT AND BE SATISFIED
AT HER CONSOLING BREAST.

Believe and Eternal Life

On the third Sunday of Lent we considered the paschal mystery in terms of Jesus' body being destroyed and raised up. This 4th Sunday we see that same mystery, now demanding a choice from us - darkness or light, unbelief or belief, condemnation, or salvation.

This gospel again takes us to the paschal mystery - to be 'lifted up' on the cross and to 'have eternal life.' The mystery lies in this: 'God so loved the world' that even though we are still 'dead through our sins' (second reading) and 'prefer darkness' (gospel) we already live in the light. This, indeed, is 'gift' but we also have our part - we are called to believe and express our belief in good works.

The first half of the gospel discusses the effects of believing and not believing. Those who believe in Jesus will be saved and have eternal life; those who do not believe in the only Son of God (3:18) are condemned. The very high stakes - eternal life or condemnation - underscore the importance of believing.

In John's gospel, believing is not an intellectual insight or a mental conviction. Believing is an activity. This is suggested by the fact that, though John uses the verb 'to believe' ninety-eight times, he never uses the noun 'faith' or 'belief.' The activity of believing is directed toward Jesus: 'believing' means 'believing in Jesus' (3:18) and is expressed in an active commitment to him. For John, both believing and not believing are expressed in actions or, to use John's word, believing and no believing are expressed in 'works' (3x in this Sunday's gospel). Those who do not believe hate the light (= Jesus); they do 'wicked things' and their 'works' are evil. To come into the light will expose their wicked deeds.

By contrast, the last sentence of the gospel describes the kind of life a believer lives. Our text says 'whoever lives by the truth'; but the Greek more literally says 'the one who does the truth,' again stressing the dynamic nature of the Christian life: truth is something one does. The believer's 'works' - the way one lives - are 'done in God.'

While it is true to say that those who believe will express their belief in works, John goes even further: 'This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent' (6:29).

The primary work of the Christian is to believe in Jesus. The one who believes must make a total commitment of self to Jesus. Thus, for John, the person and presence of Jesus require and permit only a total response - no half-hearted response is possible: the choices are either light/darkness, eternal life/condemnation, evil/truth. The fundamental choice underlying all others is this: to believe or not to believe. Either choice is expressed in the works one does .

Peace be with you!

Fr Lucius

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This Week's Mass Schedule

13/03/2024	Wednesday	8:00am
14/03/2024	Thursday	12:00pm
15/03/2024	Friday	8:30am
16/03/2024	Saturday	6:00pm
17/03/2024	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
	Tiaro	

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**
Every Friday
during Lent
at 5:15 pm.

Please Ensure Silence
In The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B
(p.539) in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st-2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
- Psalm - 136 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Ephesians 2:4-10
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 3:14-21

Next weekend: 5th Sunday of
Lent - Year B (p.548)

- 1st - Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm - 136
- 2nd - Hebrews 5:7-9
- Gospel - John 12:20-30

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Working Bee Saturday 23rd March 8am

Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden before Easter.

St Mary's Church Gardens

Each one of you who is interested in the St. Mary's Gardens Maintenance Project is invited to attend a walk around the St. Mary's grounds on Sunday 10th March at 4pm.



Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2024

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration)

Sacred Heart, Tiaro: Sunday 17th March After 10 am Mass
St Mary's: Monday 18th March 5.30 pm

Saturday 23rd March Vigil for Passion 6 pm St Mary's

Sunday 24th March Passion Sunday 8 am St Mary's
10 am Tiaro

Thursday 28th March Lord's Supper 7 pm St Mary's

Friday 29th March Stations of the Cross 10 am St Mary's
Solemn Liturgy 3 pm St Mary's

Saturday 30th March Holy Saturday Vigil 6 pm St Mary's
(including RCIA - Full Initiation)

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday 8 am St Mary's
10 am Tiaro

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

Prayer:

Jesus, write your wisdom on my heart and empower me to live the joy of the Gospel in our world.
Amen.

(from the book - *A resurrected life - Daily Reflections for Lent*)

Let's Talk about Lent

As we begin the spiritual journey towards the Easter triduum, each week we invite you to create space to hear God's voice and delve in the significant meaning of Lent and its symbols through Fr Will and Sr Theresa Maria.

Please follow the below link to watch the videos/ episodes:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/lets-talk-about-lent-with-fr-will-and-sr-theresa/>



Project
Compassion
Envelopes are

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

ENTRANCE: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain:

*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
to flood the depths of your soul.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED, IF I EVER FORGET YOU!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION:

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast'.
I came to Jesus, as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The Living Water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til trav'ling days are done.

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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: A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Antiphon:

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through Your word,
Open our eyes to Your call,
United as one for Your world.
Heighten our minds to Your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in Your name
We pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the Cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is You promising hope, promising truth. R./

Restless, the hearts who yearn for Your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased: John Devery, Exequiel Cubero, and Maureen Duffy.

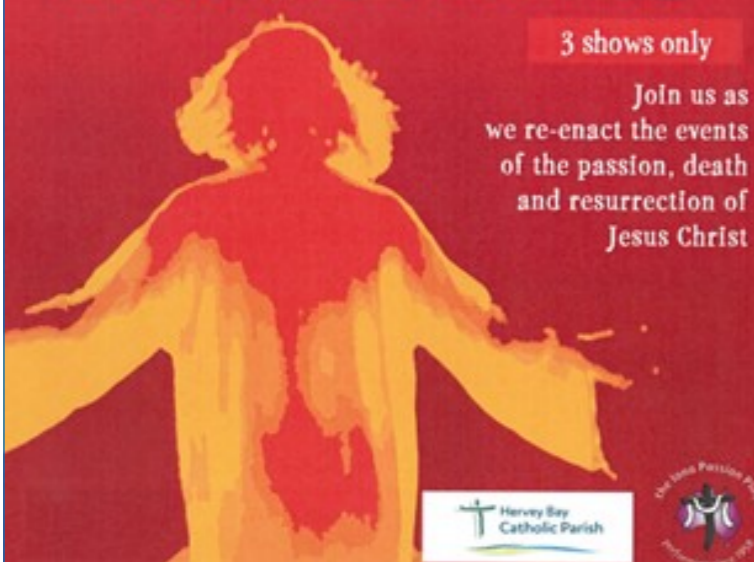
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