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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 13TH AUGUST 2023
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
LOOK TO YOUR COVENANT, O LORD,
AND FORGET NOT THE LIFE
OF YOUR POOR ONES FOR EVER.
ARISE, O GOD, AND DEFEND YOUR CAUSE, AND
FORGET NOT THE CRIES OF THOSE WHO SEEK YOU.

This Week's Mass Schedule

14/08/2023	Monday	9:15am
(The Feast of the Assumption - Combined Mass Parish, SMP and SMC)		
16/08/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
17/08/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
18/08/2023	Friday	9:15am
(Combined Mass Parish, SMP year 4)		
19/08/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
20/08/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
	Tiaro	

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacramental Program:
First Holy Communion
Session for enrolled candidates:
Saturday 19th August 5pm at St Mary's

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.436 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st- 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
- Psalm - 84 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 9:1-5
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Next weekend: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.439)

- 1st - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
- Psalm - 66
- 2nd - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
- Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of Peter as being of "little faith" but then reveals to him and the disciples his true identity as the Son of God by having power over the stormy sea. Jesus, the manifestation of God made human, walks among human beings as friend and continues to invite people into a relationship of love through which he makes the invisible God known.

In this story, Jesus's command to "come" to him on the water challenges Peter to completely submit himself to the will of God. In obedience, Peter leaves the boat and walks on the water. Peter's obedience is based in a growing faith in Jesus. God asks all who profess belief in Jesus to totally dedicate their intellect and will to God (see CCC, number 143).

Why do we believe? Because we have come to know and understand that all has been revealed to us through the Scriptures, in the person of Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, who comes from God. It is God who reveals these truths, and God would never deceive us. We come to understand the truth of our faith through our personal relationship with Jesus and through our intellect (see CCC, number 156).

If we believe Jesus is the Son the God, then we need to place our faith in him. Encouraged by Jesus, Peter is able to step out of the tiny boat and walk on the stormy water. Peter's "little faith" is strong enough to enable him to begin the walk toward Jesus. Peter's faith allows him to be open to God's presence and power in his life. As long as Peter keeps his focus on Jesus and does not allow the other stormy things around him to be a distraction, Peter does not falter. Is this not our story as well? In faith, we begin to walk toward Jesus, but we also encounter distractions that cause us to lose our focus. It is precisely in this moment that Jesus reaches out to us and catches us. God stands with us on the journey of life, asking us to place our faith in God. Each of us is challenged to respond to Jesus's invitation to "come." We must leave our safe places as Peter leaves the boat, believing that God's love will conquer every fear. During those times when we may be afraid or overcome by doubts, Jesus is there reaching out to us, strengthening us for the journey toward the light.



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
(Revelation 12:1)

All are welcome for the Mass on

**Monday
14th August
at 9:15 am.**

This will be a combined Mass with St. Mary's College and Primary School celebrating their Feast Day.

Visiting Vinnies invites 'Seniors- Young at Heart'

to come along for a morning tea of freshly baked homemade scones, tea / coffee and a chinwag on
Friday 25 August 9:30 - 11:00.
Mass is at 8:30 in the church if you would like to attend before the social morning. If you are able to attend, please contact Robyn 0407 156 959.

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for August, September and October which is available in the Church now.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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



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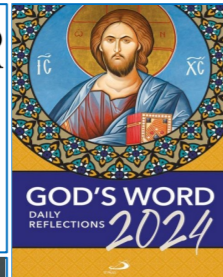
"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me" John 15:4

Guided Women's Retreat - September 2023
by Evangelisation Brisbane

Friday, 8 September 2023 - Sunday, 10 September 2023

Register at

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatSept23>



God's Word
2024 Pre-Orders Are Now Open.

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.

2023 Annual Catholic Campaign 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the weekend of 19-20 August 2023.



Your support provides bursaries for students whose families are facing financial hardship and at times even homelessness. You ensure these students have access to a quality Catholic education through our Brisbane Catholic Education schools.



ENTRANCE: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me,
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I can't clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind,
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

**Refrain: So I leave my boats behind,
Leave them on familiar shores,
Set my heart upon the deep,
Follow you again my Lord!**

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days,
Dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION:

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

**Refrain: Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied.

O Lord, You feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life.

The bread You give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world.

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
A light for my path of life.

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THANKSGIVING: A TRUSTING PSALM

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him.

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RECESSIONAL: 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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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: David Bertram, 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: Desmond Connors, Brian Huey, Kerry Mahony, John Kelman, Geoffrey Walburn, Jeremy Martinus and Marge Byrne.

Anniversary of Death: Carmelita Garlitos, Ron & Eileen Tappin, Terry Tappin, Colin Hogan, Ursicio & Felicula Karaan, Glad & Vince Mooney, Judy Steinhardt, Greg Morris, Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan, Barney Baxter and Bill Bartels.