



Prayer for Rain: Almighty and eternal Father, Give your blessing of rain to our land. May your rain fall gently on our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage, strength and hope to our farmers and graziers and their families and to our rural townspeople as we wait patiently for your providence. This prayer we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Thank you dear Lord for the rain we have received.

ROSTER	Sat 13th Jan	Sun 14th Jan	Sat 20th Jan	Sun 21st Jan
Welcomer	John	Eris	Ron	Gail
1st Reader	Gerard	Christine	Anne	Tyson
2nd Reader	Pat	Peter	Felicity	Mary
Communion	Judy Sue	Rebecca Anne	Beverley Wayne	Cris Anne
Servers	Thu Han Andre	Byron Gerry	Han Thu Stazio	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Robyn	Amy	Bong Jearen
Singers	Filipino Choir	Men	Amy	Filipino Choir
Mass set up	Gerry	David Rebecca	Sophie Janette	David Rebecca
Morning Tea		Perry		Filipinos
Floral Arrgmt	Jennifer Williams and Harry Rackemann			



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NEWSLETTER 14TH JANUARY 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B
ALL THE EARTH
SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU, O GOD,
AND SHALL SING TO YOU,
SHALL SING TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH!

This Week's Mass Schedule

17/01/2024 Wednesday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:00am
18/01/2024 Thursday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	12:00pm
19/01/2024 Friday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:30am
20/01/2024 Saturday		6:00pm
21/01/2024 Sunday	Maryborough Tiaro	8:00am 10:00am

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
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.602) in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st - 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
• Psalm - 39 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd-1Corinthians6:13-15,17-20
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - John 1:35-42


Next weekend: 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.606)
• 1st- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
• Psalm - 24
• 2nd - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
• Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

In this Sunday's Gospel, two very determined individuals seek out Jesus to join him, to be close to him. It is important to put their actions into the larger context of the whole chapter to fully appreciate the message of this Gospel passage. Earlier, in verses 29-34, we read of Jesus's being baptized by John the Baptist, an event we recall at the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After his baptism, according to the Gospel, Jesus inaugurates his public life by proclaiming a message of forgiveness of sins. People begin to notice him. Two disciples of John the Baptist seek Jesus out in earnest, a development unique to the Gospel of John; in the other three Gospels, Jesus seeks the disciples out by calling them to follow him. John's rendering more than likely reflects the then common practice of searching for a distinguished rabbi to hear his teachings with hopes of becoming his disciple. In this account, John the Baptist gives his two disciples a little help in locating the one they should now follow by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God" (1:36). When Jesus notices these disciples of John following him, he asks them, "What are you looking for?" (1:38). The disciples respond by addressing Jesus as rabbi. What they go on to ask is both interesting and revealing: "Where are you staying?" (1:38). They most definitely want to learn more about this rabbi Jesus because they want to be physically close to him. Jesus in turn offers them an invitation: "Come and see" (1:39). After being with Jesus a whole day, which for Jews begins at sunset and ends at the following sunset, Andrew, who is one of the two disciples of John the Baptist, goes to find his brother Simon. Andrew's words, "We have found the Messiah" (1:41), convince Simon to return with him to see and listen to Jesus himself. What Jesus says to Simon upon meeting him suggests that Jesus already knows him: "You are Simon son of John" (1:42). The Gospel writer lets us know that Jesus already has special plans for this brother of Andrew. In fact, Simon's role will be so significant that Jesus changes Simon's name: "You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)" (1:42), which means "rock."

This Gospel offers us a clear model of evangelization that we can use in our everyday lives. One could call it the invitation model; that is, we bring Jesus to others by inviting them to encounter him. As previously mentioned, John the Baptist follows this model by inviting his disciples to follow Jesus. We know that Andrew employs the same model; he invites his brother Simon to meet Jesus for himself. Evangelization is encounter—that is, having a personal encounter with Jesus that sets the stage for a more intimate relationship with him.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance: The enrolment is now open for this year's Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. This is open for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The first session will be on Saturday 10th February 5pm at St. Mary's. There will be a total of four sessions including the last session and the celebration on Saturday 2nd March 4pm. The Parents/Guardian are requested to enrol the children for this sacrament through St. Mary's School or through the Parish Office.



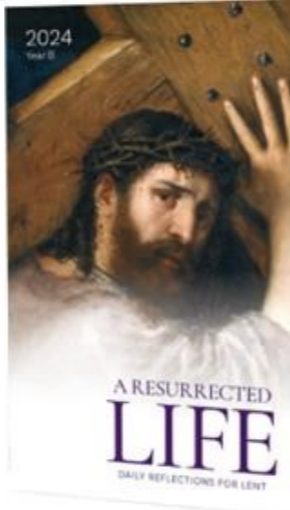
Christmas Offering  **Thank you** all for the Christmas Offerings over the last weeks. The amount collected will be used to support the Parish Youth Group.

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

A Resurrected Life

"This Resource A Resurrected Life is subversive. It challenges our conventional way of thinking and invites us to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears. This is a hope ground not on vapid promises, but on the fact of a God who takes flesh, entering even our woundedness and brokenness, so that life may come from death and strength from weakness. This is a God who transfigures our wounds, even the cosmic wound of death, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world" Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

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



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FUNDRAISER: If you like to contribute to Parish through Containers For Change, the recycling centre is on Kingston Drive off Walker St. Quote ID C10151538 for the funds to be paid directly to the Parish.

Prayers

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." Mother Teresa

"Prayer is a human expression of our attempt to relate to God. Praying is a devotion to and desire to communicate with the mystery that gives meaning to our lives. For Catholics, this mystery is God, revealed to us in the person of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We can engage with this mystery by being open to feeling the presence of God in a joyful moment, sitting quietly alone and 'spending time' with God in daily prayer or joining with others to pray. Our day to day activities, if done with God in mind and with good intentions, are prayer. There are different styles of prayer."

Please follow the link for more information and for the list of prayers - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/prayer/prayers/>

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

If you are interested in ordering a niche or plaque for yourself or for your dear ones, please contact the parish office. Brochure is available at the Parish Website - https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/columbarium_brochure.pdf

ENTRANCE: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I Who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, My love will lead.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of Mine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.

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THANKSGIVING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(Repeat)*

Give thanks.

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RECESSIONAL:

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain: *Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God Who leads us to freedom:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word Who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word Who leads us into light;
You are the Word Who brings us through the desert:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! **R./**

You are the One Whom prophets hoped and longed for;
You are the One Who speaks to us today;
You are the One Who leads us to our future:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! **R./**

You are the Word Who calls us to be servants;
You are the Word Whose only law is love;
You are the Word-made-flesh Who lives among us:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! **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: Ailsa Wickbold, Justin Percival, Marceline & Gabriel Burton, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Kathleen Ponting, Albert Cream, Alfredo Delos Cientos and Brian Hodges.

Anniversary of Death: Vanessa Grace Kaarsberg, John Phillips, Alan Jones and Dick Cumming.