

## 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

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ROSTER	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April
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Communion	David Marion	Con Cris	Judy Sue	Rebecca Anne
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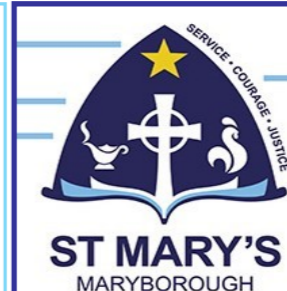
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## NEWSLETTER 07<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

LIKE NEWBORN INFANTS,  
YOU MUST LONG FOR THE PURE,  
SPIRITUAL MILK, THAT IN HIM YOU  
MAY GROW TO SALVATION, ALLELUIA.

### "MY LORD AND MY GOD"

An elderly priest looks over his large congregation on Easter Sunday morning and decides to startle them with this announcement: "My friends, realizing that I will not see many of you until next Easter, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!"

Why are many well-meaning Christians so uncommitted to attending regular Sunday masses? The answer can be given in one word: doubt or crisis of faith. I believe that people of today, like people of all times, do have hunger for God. They too search for the meaning of life. But they doubt whether solution to their problems and answers to some of their existential questions can be found within the four walls of the church. For this reason they are more disposed to spend time in social activities, in work, and in intellectual pursuit rather than in church worship. Today's gospel gives us an example of a man who felt exactly like that. His name is Thomas.

Thomas was absent from their gathering when Jesus appeared to his disciples. But, being a wise man, Thomas resolves never again to miss the common gathering of believers. And when Jesus re-appeared to them, this time Thomas had his own share of the resurrection experience. Immediately his doubt was turned into faith and he fell down and worshiped, saying, "My Lord and my God" Now let us ask ourselves, what if Thomas had stayed away again saying, "Prove it to me that Jesus is risen and then I will come," would it be possible to prove it to him by arguments alone? No! Sometimes the best argument you can give to someone out there who is in doubt and does not believe is a sentence in three letter words: "Come and see."

I am therefore saying the same thing to some of our brothers and sisters, especially our young people who are still in doubt of fully practising their faith "Come, let the risen Lord who is always present in the **word** and **sacrament** encounter you and speak to you, and I promise, your life will never ever remain the same again. May the Divine Mercy of our Risen Lord find you wherever you may be and shower you with His blessings, Amen.

**Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!**

**Fr Lucius**

### This Week's Mass Schedule

10/04/2024	Wednesday	8:00am
11/04/2024	Thursday	12:00pm
12/04/2024	Friday	8:30am
13/04/2024	Saturday	6.00pm
14/04/2024	Sunday	8.00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
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**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

**2nd Sunday of Easter - Year B (p.554) in St Pauls Missal)**

- 1st - Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm - 117 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 John 5:1-6
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 20:19-31

**Next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year B (p.559)**

- 1st - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
- Psalm - 4
- 2nd - 1 John 2:1-5
- Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

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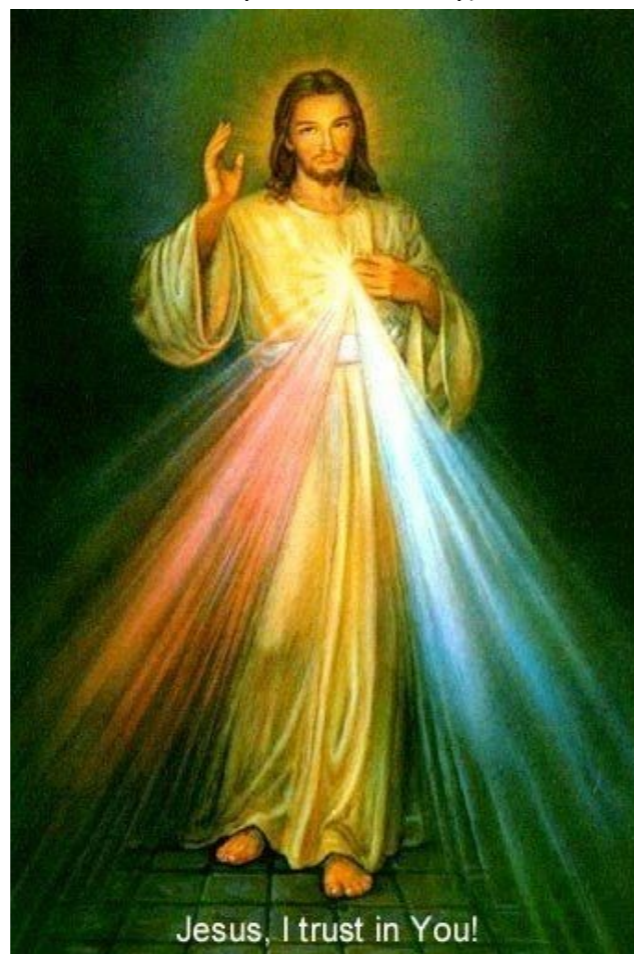
**Congratulations** to Dianne, Eboni and Rebecca who went through The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They went through many preparation sessions and during the Easter Vigil Mass accepted the invitation for reception into full communion. Thank you to each one who supported and continue to support in their journey. Let us continue to pray for our sisters who completed their full initiation into the church, that they may remain steadfast in their faith.

Thank you to Catherine and David for leading this year's RCIA program under the guidance of Fr. Lucius.



**Thank you:** Thank you to all who supported and helped with various duties during Holy Week and Easter.

**St. Faustina's Prayer to be Merciful.**  
(The second Sunday of Easter is designated also as Sunday of Divine Mercy).



Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbour's souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbour.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbour. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

Amen.

**ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG**

*Antiphon:*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
Your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,  
I know my Saviour lives.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD,  
HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**COMMUNION: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT**

*Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him,  
If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. R/.

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me;

Wherever I am My servants will be. R/.

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;  
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. R/.

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**THANKSGIVING: WASHING OF THE FEET**

A new commandment I give unto you:  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:  
If you have love one for another.  
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:  
If you have love one for another.

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**RECESSIONAL: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM**

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

*Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those in ill health:** Bohdan Pastuch, 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:** Marie O'Rourke, Helen Margaret Dunstan, Murray Denis Hale, Patricia (Pat) Norman and Margaret Ward-Pearson.

**Anniversary of Death:** Merv Flavel, Richard Hogan, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Pham, Patricia Murray, Jean & Con Deere, Brian Deere and John Taylor.



**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
**CONFIRMATION**  
**2024**

**Session Times**

**Session 1**  
**Parent Information Meeting**  
**Saturday 18th May 5pm**

**Session 2**  
**Saturday 25th May 5pm**

**Session 3**  
**Saturday 1st June 5pm**

**Session 4**  
**Saturday 8th June 5pm**

**Session 5**  
**Practice night**  
**Saturday 15th June 5pm**

**Celebration of the Sacrament**  
**8am Candidates are requested to arrive by 7.45am**  
**Sunday 16th June 8am**

This is for children who are Baptised and in grade 3 or 8 years and above.

Please complete and sign the Enrolment Form and hand in at the first session or email through to Parish Office to ensure your child's participation in the programme.

A logistics fee of \$40 is payable to cover the cost of the book, medal and certificate.