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Communion	David Marion	Con Graham	Judy Sue	Rebecca Lita
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NEWSLETTER 16TH APRIL 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

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

This Week's Mass Schedule

19/04/2023	Wednesday	8.00am
20/04/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
21/04/2023	Friday	8:00am
22/04/2023	Saturday	6.00pm
23/04/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	08.00am
	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
- 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.311 in St Pauls Missal)**
- 1st - Acts 2:42-47
 - Psalm - 117 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - 1 Peter 1:3-9
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - John 20:19-31

- Next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.316)**
- 1st - Acts 2:14, 22-33
 - Psalm - 15
 - 2nd - 1 Peter 1:17-21
 - Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

Jesus's Resurrection is significant because it confirms that Jesus is the Son of God; all his teachings are true, and new life comes forth from death. Because we now know there is life after death, the suffering and pain we endure in this life are tolerable because something far better is yet to come. Peter writes: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Jesus's Resurrection was not a return to an earthly existence; rather, it was a transformation to a reality that no longer held human limitations. It was not the same as the raisings from the dead that Jesus had performed before Easter. He restored to life Jairus's daughter, the young man of Naim, and Lazarus, but unlike them, Jesus will not die again later. Instead, he passes from death to another life beyond time and space (see CCC, number 646).

Jesus's Resurrection is a mystery we come to believe in because of the empty tomb and the witness of the disciples who encounter the risen Jesus. The mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus continues to be the source of hope for the Christian community today.

Jesus's appearance in the midst of the disciples on that first Easter Sunday renews their hope. Just three days earlier, their hopes were shattered when Jesus died on the cross. Now, in seeing the wounds in Jesus's hands and side, they know the risen Jesus is the same person as the crucified Jesus. Seeing the risen Jesus strengthens their faith. Thomas, however, wants tangible proof.

John gives us a second model of coming to believe in Christ. Last Sunday, the beloved disciple, John, experienced the empty tomb and believed. This Sunday, Thomas seeks empirical evidence so he can believe. How one comes to believe in Jesus is not important; what Jesus stresses is, "Do not doubt but believe" (20:27). Jesus challenges us not to persist in our unbelief but to simply believe! John concludes with a statement that sounds like a beatitude: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (20:29).

The early Christian community to whom John is writing, and indeed all Christian communities, are called to proclaim their belief in Jesus as the Messiah based on the faith tradition of the Church. We have not encountered the risen Jesus as the disciples did, but we are all called to believe because of their witness. Are we able to make the same profession of faith as Thomas in recognizing the true identity of Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" (20:28)?



Congratulations to Harrison, Irene, Maxwell, Andrea and Jason 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 brothers and sisters who completed their full initiation into the church, that they may remain steadfast in their faith.

THANK YOU to all who helped with various duties during Holy Week and Easter.

THANK YOU to Mary who diligently supported and took care of the work at Parish Office for a Month.

THANK YOU Andrew Keys for your loving and committed 7 years in the Altar Server Ministry. We wish Andrew all the best.



A MERCY PRAYER BY SAINT FAUSTINA

(The second Sunday of Easter is designated also as Sunday of Divine Mercy).

“O Lord. I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbour.

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 moaning.

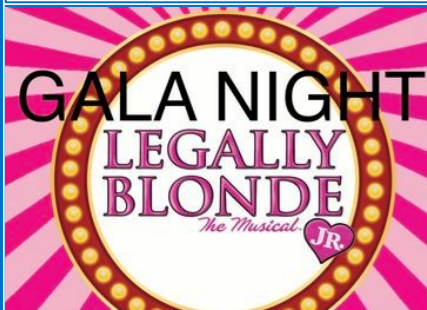
Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

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.

Sacramental Program - Confirmation: The Enrolment Form for Confirmation could be collected from the Church/St. Mary's School/College or from the Parish Office. There will be 6 weeks of preparation which starts with an information meeting on Saturday 29th April at 5pm at St Mary's. The Sacrament will be on Sunday 18th June 2023.



St Mary's College Maryborough - Musical – Legally Blonde Jr.
 The tickets for the musical are now available for purchase.
Friday 19th May – GALA night This includes food and drinks supplied.
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Saturday 20th May – Matinee and Evening Performances
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ENTRANCE: FATHER WELCOMES
Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,
 For My Kingdom is of these.
 Life and love I have to give:
 Mercy for your sin. R/

In the water, in the Word,
 In the promise be assured:
 Those who are baptised and believe
 Shall be born again. R/

Let us daily die to sin.
 Let us daily rise with Him.
 Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
 Live in the peace of God. R/

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY
 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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THANKSGIVING: TAKE AND EAT
 Take and eat, come have your fill now.
 Take this bread, come as you will.
 For the life of the world, be---,
 Be not afraid.

Take this cup, take and be filled now.
 Take and drink, come as you are.
 For the life of the world, be---,
 Be not afraid.

Take my song, come be refreshed now.
 Take and live, take and be free.
 For the life of the world, be---,
 Be not afraid

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THANKSGIVING: SUMMONED BY LOVE
 BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD.
 LISTEN TO ME AND SEE.
 YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN YOUR JOURNEY.
 TRUST IN YOURSELF AND TRUST IN ME.

REFRAIN:
SUMMONED BY YOU, SUMMONED BY LOVE WE COME.
WE ARE GATHERING TO CELEBRATE YOUR WORD, O LORD.
SUMMONED BY YOU, SUMMONED BY LOVE WE COME.
OUR LIVES WE GIVE IN OFFERING TO YOU.

BE NOT AFRAID OF THE NIGHT.
 DARKNESS SHALL NOT PREVAIL.
 MY LIGHT WILL GUIDE AND MAKE CLEAR YOUR WAY.
 TENDER AND STRONG YOUR HEART WILL STAY.

GO NOW IN FAITH AND IN PEACE.
 YOUR LIFE WILL BE MY SIGN.
 KNOW DEEP WITHIN I AM WITH YOU NOW,
 NOW AND UNTIL THE END OF TIME.

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RECESSIONAL: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD
Refrain: This day was made by the Lord,
Let us rejoice, let us be glad!
This day was made by the Lord,
Let us rejoice in salvation.

I thank You, Your love is eternal.
 You have given me life.
 You have given me life.
 I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

Your Hand raised me up in triumph.
 You have given me life.
 You have given me life.
 I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

The stone which the builders rejected
 Is the cornerstone.
 Is the cornerstone.
 I will proclaim the wonders You do. 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: 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: Greg Casey, James O'Donnell, Aroha Charles, Pedro A. Araneta Jr, Cyril Barbeler, Drew Brebner, Jerome Parker.

Anniversary of Death: Elwyn Baxter, Jed Cartmill, Merv Flavel, Hope Russell, Eileen and Michael Hogan, Daphne Colefax, Fe Nadonza, Colin Linwood, Kay Phipps, Florence Schmidt, Clarence and Agnes Mallet, Richard Hogan, John Taylor.