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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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Musicians	Amy	Justin	Robyn	Rita
Singers	Janette	Theresa	Janette	Choir
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NEWSLETTER 30TH JULY 2023
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
GOD IS IN HIS HOLY PLACE,
GOD WHO UNITES THOSE
WHO DWELL IN HIS HOUSE;
HE HIMSELF GIVES MIGHT
AND STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

02/08/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
03/08/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
04/08/2023	Friday	8:30am
	Maryborough Community Aged Care	1:00pm
05/08/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
06/08/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

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

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

- READINGS**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.428 in St Pauls Missal)
- 1st- 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 - Psalm - 118 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - Romans 8:28-30
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Matthew 13:44-46

- Next weekend:**
The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A (p.1008)
- 1st - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 - Psalm - 96
 - 2nd - 2 Peter 1:16-19
 - Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew once again uses parables to speak about the Kingdom of heaven. There are over fifty references to the Kingdom in the Book of Matthew. Matthew speaks about the Kingdom often because he wants to make sure the early Christian community understands the difference between the Jewish concept of the Kingdom of God and what Jesus is teaching about the Kingdom of God.

According to Jewish thought, the establishment of the Kingdom of God is directly tied to the coming of the Messiah. The Messiah, predicted to be a direct descendant of King David, would be a wise, just, moral, and courageous leader. He would come to re-establish the Jewish kingdom in the land of Israel, thus allowing the exiled Jews to return. This kingdom would be reminiscent of Israel's golden years when David ruled as king. Through the use of parables, Matthew helps his community understand that Jesus, as the Messiah, is not a worldly leader who will re-establish the kingdom of Israel but a spiritual leader who will strengthen the Kingdom of God (heaven).

In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew compares the Kingdom of heaven first to a lost treasure and then to a fine pearl of great value. In both cases, the person who discovers the treasure or the fine pearl joyfully sells everything she or he owns to gain possession of the treasure or pearl. This single-minded response to finding the Kingdom is what Jesus is calling his disciples to. In Jesus's time, it was common for people to bury their valuables to protect them from invading armies. Because Palestine was located at the crossroads of three continents, it was a prime piece of real estate, and many wars were fought there. Also, during this time in history, pearls were in great demand and ranked as high as gold as symbols of wealth. Jesus uses the hidden treasure and the fine pearl—both valuable earthly possessions—to emphasize the value of the Kingdom of heaven. It makes no difference whether one learns about the Kingdom by accident, as in coming upon a buried treasure, or after a long time of searching, as in the merchant's search for fine pearls. When one finds the Kingdom of heaven, he or she feels great joy and sacrifices everything to attain it. In using these two parables, Jesus illustrates for the disciples the zeal they should have in pursuing the Kingdom and asks them to wholeheartedly embrace the Kingdom of heaven. Matthew closes chapter 13(verses 51-52) by emphasizing that the disciple who understands the value of the Kingdom of heaven must take responsibility for sharing it with others.

In this Sunday's parables, Jesus points out that the two individuals sell everything to gain the buried treasure and the fine pearl, and that they do it with joy. Sacrificing everything for the Kingdom of heaven brings the disciple great joy because it restores hope—hope in the happiness of eternal life. Eternal life is promised to every believer who lives a life dedicated to Jesus and his teachings. This hope creates within the believer a desire or longing for the Kingdom of heaven. Through the grace of God, the believer begins living the reality of the Kingdom here on earth.

Emboldened by the hope of eternal life, believers live in a way that empowers them to follow Jesus's teachings—to love God and others. Believers allow every circumstance in their lives to be influenced by the conviction that they are living as members of the Kingdom here on earth. Committed to lives of holiness, believers are filled with joy and perseverance because they are intimately connected to Jesus, here and now, and look forward to the promise of eternal life and happiness (CCC, no.1821).

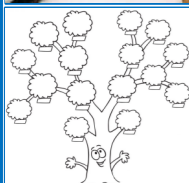


Visiting Vinnies invites 'Seniors- Young at Heart'
to come along for a morning tea of freshly baked homemade scones, tea / coffee and a chinwag on
Friday 25 August 9:30 - 11:00.
Mass is at 8:30 in the church if you would like to attend before the social morning. If you are able to attend, please contact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



August 8th marks the **Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** – our first Australian saint and patron saint of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

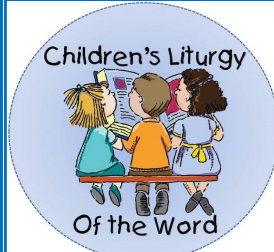
“Let us show love in our acts, bearing with one another. Forgiving and forgetting.” St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



FAMILY HISTORY INQUIRIES: We often receive inquiries from those who are working on their Family History or preparing a Family Tree to go through the old parish registers. We are happy to inform you that a previous initiative by Brisbane Archdiocesan Archives already have created a microfiche copy of the old available registers. One could approach The Genealogical Society of Queensland <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/catholic-parish-registers/> and follow the process to get the transcriptions



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: Every first Thursday we have Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All the children are encouraged to join the entrance procession on Sunday 8am Mass. Children will join the entrance procession. Fr. Lucius will give them the Bible and the Cross and children will leave the congregation with the Children's Liturgy Team to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding. They will join the congregation after the Creed. We request all parents to support and encourage the Children for this celebration.



“CALLING ALL SINGERS:

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for singers to be part of a

CHOIR PRACTICE

Tuesday 1st August at 4pm.

massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral in September.

On Friday 29 September at 5:30pm, a special Mass will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane.”

Interested Choir members can find more information on the noticeboard or please contact your Coordinator or Parish Office.



Think Tank

A community Recovery Initiative

• Thursday 3rd •
August

• 1:00 – 2:30 PM •
Afternoon Tea Provided

• Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre •
25 Ellena Street Maryborough
RSVP: 4121 2141 or lobrien@maryboroughnc.org

It is so often the Faith based community that is first on the ground during a crisis. Please join the Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre in a think tank on ways we can all collaborate together during times of need and natural disasters.



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

MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND
Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.

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Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.

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THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION
Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.

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ENTRANCE: 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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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
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: MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:

**Hear, then what [God] asks of you:
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.**

I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. R./

Ask and you shall receive;
Knock and it shall be yours. R./

Father, Your Kingdom come,
May Your will be done. R./

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**RECESSIONAL:
LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. 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: Kerry Mahony, John Charles Edward Kelman, Geoffrey Walburn, Jeremy Martinus, Mary Jappe and Lawrence Wilson.

Anniversary of Death: Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan, Barney Baxter, Bill Bartels, Frank Bajada, Denise Elmer, Julieta Perez, Jean, Josefina Smith and Jennifer Nayler.