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**This Week's Mass Schedule**

14/02/2024 Wednesday	8:00am
15/02/2024 Thursday	12:00pm
16/02/2024 Friday	8:30am
17/02/2024 Saturday	6:00pm
18/02/2024 Sunday	
Maryborough	8:00am
Tiaro	10:00am

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**  
February 14th : 8 am, St. Mary's  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm, starting 16/02/2024.

**Please Ensure Silence**  
**In The Church By**  
**Supporting Silent Prayer**

**READINGS**  
**6th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.610) in St Pauls Missal)**  
• 1st - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
• Psalm - 31 Resp. hymns page  
• 2nd-1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1  
• Gospel Accl. hymns page  
• Gospel - Mark 1:40-45  
**Next weekend: First Sunday of Lent - Year B (p.531)**  
• 1st - Genesis 9:8-15  
• Psalm - 24  
• 2nd - 1 Peter 3:18-22  
• Gospel - Mark 1:12-15



**NEWSLETTER 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**  
**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**  
BE MY PROTECTOR, O GOD,  
A MIGHTY STRONGHOLD TO SAVE ME.  
FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK, MY STRONGHOLD!  
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME,  
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME.

This is the fourth Sunday we have read from the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark. Mark has jam-packed his first chapter with a string of stories in which faith plays a central role. As a way to complete this event-filled chapter, Mark tells us the powerful story of Jesus's making the leper clean. The reader can almost sense Jesus's urgency to undertake his mission as well as his undiminished compassion for those in need of healing.

The leper seeks out Jesus. The leper completely disregards the rigid boundaries that exist in society. His actions are shocking. According to Mosaic Law, or the Law of Moses, in particular the Book of Leviticus, a leper is considered unclean and has to avoid contact with "the clean" of society. Lepers are to call out, "Unclean, unclean," so all those who are unafflicted can avoid them (see Leviticus 13:45). The leper of this Gospel story has the gift of faith, however, and with his clear mind reacts quickly. Boldly confident in Jesus's compassion and power, he kneels before him and asks to be made clean. He requests more than alleviation from a skin disease; he seeks re-entry into the mainstream of society. He can then be reunited with his family and live a normal life. Like the leper, Jesus also sets aside boundaries. The next move is Jesus's, and, motivated by compassion for the man, he consciously and deliberately reaches out and touches him: "Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'" (1:41). According to Mosaic Law, Jesus actually makes himself unclean by touching the man. The healing of the man's leprosy is immediate and complete. Jesus sends the man away with two directives: "Say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest" (1:44). Once again Jesus tries to hide his identity, which Scripture scholars refer to as the messianic secret.

The second directive, "Go, show yourself to the priest," is practical. The man has to present himself to a local priest, who alone has the power to declare him clean, which will allow him to re-enter society (see Leviticus 14:3). This directive also demonstrates Jesus's knowledge and love for the Law. The leper, now healed and made clean, is so jubilant that he tells everyone what happened. Word spreads! Mark tells us that Jesus "stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter" (1:45). The Master, who is quite literally mobbed by those in search of healing, moves to a more remote location but can't get away from the crowd. This passage provides an impressive conclusion to the first chapter of Mark, which introduces us to Jesus's healing power and the role of faith in opening us up to that power.





## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - 14th February 8 am - St. Mary's

*The ashes to be used come from the branches blessed for Passion Sunday last year.  
On this day, we commence the season of Lent when we give special attention to Prayer,  
Fasting and Good Deeds during the six weeks culminating in the great feast of Easter.*

**Sacred Heart Church, Tiaro:** Parishioners could receive the Ashes during Sunday Mass on 18th February  
(Those who could not attend the Mass on Ash Wednesday will have an opportunity to receive the ashes  
after the Sunday 8am Mass on 18th February at St. Mary's or during the 10 am Mass at Tiaro).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's. This is another  
commitment to make the most during the Lenten season by walking the path to  
Calvary with Jesus.



As this is Jearen's last weekend before heading off to University we just wanted to take the opportunity to  
sincerely thank him for his contribution to the music ministry over the last several years.

Playing the pipe organ would be intimidating to many so to take up the challenge and learn to play this  
beautiful organ at such a young age is truly commendable.

Jearen has played with the Filipino choir and College on a regular basis as well as playing every Sunday  
morning at Tiaro. Over the last few years he has also played at Friday afternoon Stations of the Cross.

We wish Jearen all the best for the future and hopefully when he is home over holiday periods he will  
come back and 'tickle the ivories'.

In other music news you will see a familiar face about once per month as Judith is back to assist. Therese  
Lee has also been singing along with Janette on a Saturday night. We welcome Anita onto the roster as a pianist  
and as an additional voice in the choir.

It is great to see the young members of the parish in full voice and playing a variety of instruments  
(including another young musician Cody tackling the pipe organ). A big thank you to Bong for  
getting the Childrens' Choir up and running and for accompanying them when they play on a  
monthly basis.

It is also a good opportunity to thank those who have been involved in the music  
ministry for many years and continue to provide their musical talent or voices to make  
our celebration of the Mass a spiritual, reflective and joyous experience.



Artist: Halima Aziz

## World Day of Prayer 2024 - Palestine

*The World Day of Prayer is a global  
ecumenical movement led by Christian women  
who welcome you to join in prayer and action for  
peace and justice.*

*Each year, a different country prepares the  
service. This year, The program was written by a  
group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in  
response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7.*

The theme for this year is  
"I Beg You..."

*Bear With One Another In Love" Ephesians 4:1-3.*

All are invited to join on 1st March 2024, 9:30 am at  
St. Stephen's Uniting Church, 25 Sussex St. Maryborough QLD  
4650 for the World Day Of Prayer.

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Envelopes will be available  
at the church entrances during  
the Lenten season if you would  
like to support the work of  
Caritas Australia during this  
Lenten season. Envelopes may  
be placed on the collection  
plate.

## ENTRANCE: 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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## PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

I TURN TO YOU, LORD, IN TIME OF TROUBLE,  
AND YOU FILL ME WITH THE JOY OF SALVATION.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

*Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life,  
The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert  
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread,  
Will live for ever.

If you believe and eat this bread,  
You will have eternal life.

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## THANKSGIVING: COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven;  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by My promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

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## RECESSIONAL:

## THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

### Refrain:

*Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust,  
Yet the love of the Lord will stand  
As a shelter for all who will call on His Name.  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.*

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget His love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
He will not abandon you. R./

Should you turn and forsake Him,  
He will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from Him,  
He will always take you back. R./

Go to Him when you're weary;  
He will give you eagle's wings.  
You will run, never tire,  
For your God will be your strength. 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:** Vince Dollison, Ailsa  
Wickbold, Justin Percival, Margaret Twomey,  
Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory  
Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and  
Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** Maurreen Duffy, Val  
Williams, Jan Maksimas and Brian Hodges.

**Anniversary of Death:** Jerome Parker,  
Edward James Rooney, Sheila Rooney, Brian  
Berry and Gavin Wright.