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This Week's Mass Schedule

17/05/2023 **Wednesday** 8:00am
Fair Haven 10:00am

18/05/2023 **Thursday** 12:00pm

19/05/2023 **Friday** 8:30am

20/05/2023 **Saturday**
(Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) 6:00pm

21/05/2023 **Sunday**
Maryborough
(Mass/Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) 8:00am
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

6th Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.329 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- Psalm - 65 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Peter 3:15-18
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 14:15-21

Next weekend: The Ascension Of The Lord - Year A (p.333)

- 1st - Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm - 46
- 2nd - Ephesians 1:17-23
- Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

ST MARY'S
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NEWSLETTER 14TH MAY 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

PROCLAIM A JOYFUL SOUND AND LET IT BE HEARD;
PROCLAIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:
THE LORD HAS FREED HIS PEOPLE, ALLELUIA.

This Sunday's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel. Jesus is still responding to Philip's request: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied" (14:8). Remember that Jesus told his disciples they already know the Father because they know him: "I [Jesus] am in the Father and the Father is in me" (14:11). So when Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15), he speaks of the love the disciples should have for him and the Father. The love of God is the reason for keeping God's Commandments. We learn that Jesus and the Father will not abandon the disciples because of their love for the disciples. In fact, Jesus promises this: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (14:16). In 1 John 2:1, John refers to Jesus as the disciples' first advocate with the Father. Jesus wants his disciples to know that when the time comes for him to return to the Father, they—Jesus and the Father—will send another Advocate to be among them. This Advocate, this mediator, this Paraclete, is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity.

Jesus's departure does not result in God's absence; rather, it is a continuation of his presence through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the first mediator, but through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will come back as promised and remain. The disciples who love Jesus will be loved in return by the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit: "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them" (14:21). Jesus continues to reveal himself through his love relationship with his followers who keep the Commandments. In the future, after Jesus returns to the Father, this will be mediated by the Holy Spirit. All disciples can hope to dwell with Jesus in the future. He will remain with them through the Holy Spirit's dwelling in each disciple. The Spirit among us is a source of hope.

Obedience to Jesus is the way the disciples show their love for Jesus. This Sunday's Gospel begins and closes with an urging to keep Jesus's Commandments. Obeying Jesus is both the proof of love and the condition necessary for receiving the Holy Spirit. The word *obedience* comes from two Latin words: *ob* meaning "toward" and *audire* meaning "to hear." Obedience is turning one's ear toward the Commandments of Jesus to hear them clearly and to allow them to set the direction for one's life. Jesus prepares the disciples for the time when he will no longer be among them in a physical body. He desperately wants them to understand that he has not abandoned them, even though he is gone: "I will not leave you orphaned" (14:18). The physical absence of Jesus will be overcome by the never-ending presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus's going away will usher in a new era marked by the gifts of the Holy Spirit present among the believing community. This new era will be made manifest through love—the keeping of Jesus's Commandments—and the hope that God the Father and God the Son will abide forever with the faithful disciples, as he promised.

Confirmation preparation classes for enrolled candidates:

Saturdays 5pm at St Mary's.

- 13th May
- 20th May
- 27th May
- 3rd June
- 10th June

The Sacrament will be on Sunday 18th June 2023.

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. 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.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The latest Catholic Leader is available at the Church now for \$4. Please leave payment in container/envelope provided.

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

The Seven Priorities:

1. Teaching Prayer
2. Reshaping Parish Communities
3. Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre
4. Responding to Abuse and the Abused
5. Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples
6. Implementing Integral Ecology
7. Embedding Synodal Governance.

(A copy of the complete document is available at each entrance of the church. Please contact Parish Office if you like this document by email or if you need a print. Please use the link below to access this document online).

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/assets/uploads/lamps-ablaze-a4-doc-e.pdf>



BLESSED AND HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

A Prayer for Mothers

"All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.



We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love." Amen

The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023

Thursday, 18 May 2023 - Saturday, 20 May 2023

"In this change of era we need our lamps to burn brightly as we go out to meet him who is the light... This Summit is for everyone, I hope to see you there!"

+Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

(Please use the below link for more details and Registration. Individual Tickets are available for Full Summit/Friday Only/Saturday Only).

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ENTRANCE: HOW SHALL I CALL YOU?

How shall I call You? Maker of Heaven,
Poet of sunset and painter of sky;
Father Almighty Who's running to find us.
Giving His Son Who must suffer and die.

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.**

How shall I call You? Lover of children,
Shepherd and teacher and brother and friend;
Healer of blind man and healer of leper:
You are beginning and middle and end. R/.

How shall I call You? Spirit of comfort,
Cloud in the daytime and fire in the night;
Guide as we wander, protector in danger,
List'ner and helper and giver of sight. R/.

How shall I call You? Master and servant,
Lord of the seasons and Lord of the years;
Faithful and constant in loving and mercy,
Giver of laughter and taker of tears. R/.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: COMMUNION SONG

We see bread and wine before us,
But hidden there from our view
Lies the Flesh and Blood of Jesus,
Now sacrificed for us anew.

Refrain: *Jesus, we bring to You our bodies.*

Jesus, we bring to You our souls.

Needing nourishment,

Needing healing,

Seeking peace.

On the night before He suffered,
He took the bread into His Hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
Saying, "Take and eat, this is My Body." R/.

And when supper was then ended,
He took the wine, again gave thanks,
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.
This is My Blood, to be shed for you." R/.

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THANKSGIVING: A NEW COMMANDMENT

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 (2X)

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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: Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Marge Byrne, 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: John O'Donoghue, Bill Pronger and Jed Cartmill.

Anniversary of Death: Marion Pratt, Juanito Garlitos, Philip Bertram, Margaret Hogan, Agustin, Gertrudis, Carlos, Alfredo Martino, Pepito Jao, Jennifer, Alexander May, Barry Coleen, Daryl Nayler, Jim Deem, Chita Bodmer, Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel and Hope Russell.