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1st Reader	Felicity	Christine	Pilar	Christine
2nd Reader	John	Gail	Mary	Pat
Communion	David Wayne	Rebecca Lita	Marion Sue	Con Graham
Servers	Thu Chet Cody	Byron Isaac Xavier	Stazio Andre Han	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte
Musicians		Bong Jearen	Justin	
Singers		Filipino Choir	Majella	Amy
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita Rebecca		Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea		Filipinos		SMP
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This Week's Mass Schedule

24/05/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Chelsea	10:00am
25/05/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
26/05/2023	Friday	8:30am
27/05/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
28/05/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	
	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

The Ascension Of The Lord - Year A (p.333 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm - 46 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Ephesians 1:17-23
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

Next weekend: Pentecost Sunday - Year A (p.339)

- 1st - Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm - 103
- 2nd - 1Corinthians12:3-7,12-13
- Gospel - John 20:19-23



NEWSLETTER 21ST MAY 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY GAZE IN WONDER AT THE HEAVENS?
THIS JESUS WHOM YOU SAW ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN
WILL RETURN AS YOU SAW HIM GO, ALLELUIA.

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord celebrates what we are and will be as the Church. The focus is on Jesus's presence, through the Holy Spirit in the midst of the Church, rather than on Jesus's departure and return to the Father. The risen Jesus is no longer limited by space or time. Jesus returns to the Father so he can be present through the Holy Spirit and in the sacraments.

The mandate of the Church, which is missionary in nature, is based on these words of Jesus: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (28:19). The Catechism explains that the mission of the Church is to ensure that all people share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son (see number 850).

It is the Holy Spirit that guides and directs the Church on its missionary path. This mission unfolds as each member of the Church gives witness to this mission through the witness of his or her life (see CCC, number 863). The purpose of the Christian vocation, affirmed in Baptism, is to assist God in the plan of salvation. God desires to save all people and will provide us with the strength and the enthusiasm to carry out God's plan.

Therefore, at the close of every Mass, the presider commissions those in attendance to go forth to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world. The assembly responds in thanksgiving for the opportunity to do so.

Matthew's community is most likely a group of Christian converts from Judaism. Perhaps some members of the community wish to be exclusive rather than inclusive, making it difficult for non-Jews to convert to Christianity and join their community. In a dynamic way, Matthew presents the risen Jesus as the true Messiah that has been given complete authority over heaven and earth. It is this glorified Jesus that declares that his salvation is for all people—Jew and Gentile alike. In fact, Jesus commands his disciples to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Jesus's discipleship is one of inclusion not exclusion.

The Church is presented with the same challenge today. How can we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all peoples everywhere? We are called to be evangelizers by our Baptism. It is our Christian vocation to be focused outward and to share the salvation of Jesus Christ with all nations. We have such Good News that everyone deserves to hear it and to encounter Jesus, the Christ.


PLANNED GIVING: We are in the process of preparing to order the new sets of envelopes for Planned Giving for 12 months (weekly donation) from July 2023 to June 2024. We are unable to meet the day-to-day expenses without your assistance. We encourage more people to participate in this essential financial support of our Parish. If you would like to have a set of envelopes or prefer to give by direct debit (weekly/fortnightly/monthly), please contact/visit the Parish Office.

THANK YOU Fr. Jim for being a blessing and being with us for a month to care for the Parish and our community. Fr. Jim went back to Brisbane on Thursday 18th after the midday Mass to participate in the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 2023, Summit 23.

THANK YOU all for your generous contributions towards:

- **Good Friday Holy Land Collection:** "On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to sincerely thank you and your parishioners, for your contribution of \$690 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2023." (Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia).
- **Caritas Australia - Project Compassion:** Parishioners donated a total of \$1897.65 during six weeks of Lent towards *Project Compassion - For All Future Generations*.
- **SewPNG:** Thank you. SewPNG is grateful for the ongoing support from generous community of St. Mary's. Contribution of \$1436.60 received through Mother's Day SewPNG appeal.

Apologies. Last Sunday 14th May, Parish Council was ready with morning tea after morning Mass at the Parish Hall. Sorry for the announcement saying no morning tea before the Mass. Even though our normal place of Morning tea is outside opposite to the Grotto, when the temperatures dip, we may need to look into having the morning tea at the Parish hall.




THE CHANGE MAKERS

#NVW2023 #TheChangeMakers

Thank you to all volunteers for your presence.

Your support and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Your generous efforts and contribution makes our Parish to move forward.



Thank you

for being a Change Maker

Work Health & Safety
We had the WHS Audit for this year on 16th and 17th for St. Mary's, Maryborough and Sacred Heart, Tiaro.

CATHOLIC MISSION

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Safeguarding Audit: We will be having the Safeguarding Audit on June 15th.

PENTECOST PRAYER

Spirit of Christ, stir me;
Spirit of Christ, move me;
Spirit of Christ, fill me;
Spirit of Christ, seal me.

Consecrate in me Your Heart and Will,
O Heavenly Father.

Create in me a fountain of virtues.
Seal my soul as Your own,
that Your reflection in me
may be a light for all to see.
Amen.

**ENTRANCE:
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL
BLESSINGS FLOW**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ryone.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
'Til suns shall rise and set no more

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION:

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Refrain: We come to share our story,
We come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising from the dead.**

We come as Your people,
We come as Your own,
United with each other, love finds a home.

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry at our door.

Bread of Life and Cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising, may Your
Kingdom come.

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**THANKSGIVING:
I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU**

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

**Refrain: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you**

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch

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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: 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 and Bill Pronger.

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