



Prayer for Rain: Almighty and eternal Father, Give your blessing of rain to our land. May your rain fall gently on our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage, strength and hope to our farmers and graziers and their families and to our rural townspeople as we wait patiently for your providence. This prayer we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Thank you dear Lord for the rain we have received.

ROSTER	Sat 20th Jan	Sun 21st Jan	Sat 27th Jan	Sun 28th Jan
Welcomer	Ron	Gail	Mary	Susan
1st Reader	Anne	Tyson	Pilar	Johnamae
2nd Reader	Felicity	Mary	Warren	Catherine
Communion	Beverley Wayne	Cris Anne	Gerry Tony	Con Rebecca
Servers	Han Thu Stazio	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte	Han Thu Andre	Byron Xavier
Musicians	Amy	Bong Jearen	Robyn	Rita
Singers	Amy	Filipino Choir	Janette	Choir
Mass set up	Sophie Janette	David Rebecca	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca
Morning Tea		Filipinos		Perry
Floral Arrgmt	Jennifer Williams and Harry Rackemann			



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NEWSLETTER 21ST JANUARY 2024
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD;
SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
IN HIS PRESENCE ARE MAJESTY AND SPLENDOUR,
STRENGTH AND HONOUR IN HIS HOLY PLACE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

24/01/2024 Wednesday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:00am
25/01/2024 Thursday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	12:00pm
26/01/2024 Friday	Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:30am
27/01/2024 Saturday		6:00pm
28/01/2024 Sunday	Maryborough Tiaro	8:00am 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
First Session: Saturday 10th February 5pm at St. Mary's

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.606) in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
• Psalm - 24 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - Mark 1:14-20
Next weekend: 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.610)
• 1st - Deuteronomy 18:15-20
• Psalm - 94
• 2nd - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
• Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

Mark emphasizes that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a call to repentance, or conversion. Jesus's call to follow him, should we answer it, will result in our undertaking a journey of conversion. As Catholics, we believe conversion is not a one-time event but an ongoing process of growing in holiness. For us, Baptism is the point of initiation, the point at which we begin proclaiming our belief in the Good News, which involves continually renouncing evil and embracing holiness.

The Church provides the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation so that we can further the ongoing conversion in our lives. In the sacrament, the individual is asked to have a contrite heart and the resolve to sin no more. The repentant asks for the mercy of God for the forgiveness of past transgressions as well as the grace to be able to live more completely the values and virtues of the Gospel. Through the mercy of God, we know we are loved by God; this realization makes it possible to approach God and seek forgiveness (see CCC, number 1428).

Peter, the first disciple whom Jesus calls in the Gospel of Mark, is a premier example of one who trusts in the mercy of God and places one's trust and confidence in the ongoing process of conversion. After Peter denies Jesus three times, Jesus gives Peter an opportunity to express his love for him after the Resurrection in the form of a threefold affirmation. The Scriptures and the lives of the saints abound in examples of conversion—conversion of water, Baptism, and conversion of tears, Penance and Reconciliation.

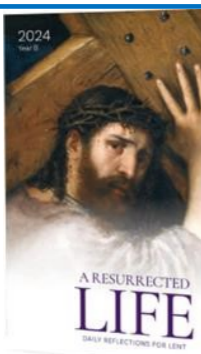
Mark shows us that Jesus's call to follow him can be powerful and direct. Regardless of the nature of that call, we are still forced to make a choice between Gospel values and our own, which are often the values of the dominant culture, the values of corporate media. "Buy, buy, buy" or "Me, me, me" are not Gospel values espoused by the followers of Jesus Christ. Receiving a call from Jesus to follow him will more than likely mean that attitudes, values, and priorities will change. This transformation makes it possible for us to become fishers of people. Fishers of fish are focused on the material, and fishers of people are focused on the spiritual. To fish for people is to create opportunities to share the Good News with others.

Lenten Reflections

Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter reflection resource called

A Resurrected Life

This book is written for individuals and for groups and is available at the Piety Stall.



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.

Columban Calendar for 2024 is now selling for \$10.

God's Word 2024 - Daily Reflection: Last copies are now selling for \$15.00.

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

Liturgy & Liturgical seasons

"A well-known word that is close in meaning to 'liturgy' is the word 'worship'. But while worship can be done privately, 'liturgy' is always a public, group activity."

Please follow the link to understand more about Liturgy & Liturgical seasons in the Roman Catholic Church. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/liturgy/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance

The enrolment is now open for this year's Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance. This is open for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The first session will be on Saturday 10th February 5pm at St. Mary's. The Parents/Guardians are requested to enrol the children for this sacrament through St. Mary's School or through the Parish Office.



Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to
others.

You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the
vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.



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!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near. Believe the Good News.
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.

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THANKSGIVING: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:
*Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night
And the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation
To the glorious mountain of fire?

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RECESSIONAL: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me,
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I can't clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind,
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

Refrain: *So I leave my boats behind,
Leave them on familiar shores,
Set my heart upon the deep,
Follow you again my Lord!*

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days,
Dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in!

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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: Ailsa Wickbold, Justin Percival, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Jan Maksimas, Kathleen Ponting, Albert Cream and Brian Hodges.

Anniversary of Death: Vanessa Grace Kaarsberg, John Phillips and Alan Jones.

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

If you are interested in ordering a niche or plaque for yourself or for your dear ones, please contact the parish office. Brochure is available at the Parish Website - [https://](https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/columbarium_brochure.pdf)

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