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**NEWSLETTER 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**  
MY EYES ARE ALWAYS ON THE LORD,  
FOR HE RESCUES MY FEET FROM THE SNARE.  
TURN TO ME AND HAVE MERCY ON ME,  
FOR I AM ALONE AND POOR.

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

06/03/2024 Wednesday	8:00am
07/03/2024 Thursday	12:00pm
08/03/2024 Friday	8:30am
09/03/2024 Saturday	6:00pm
10/03/2024 Sunday	8:00am
Maryborough	10:00am
Tiaro	

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm.

Please Ensure Silence  
In The Church By  
Supporting Silent Prayer

**READINGS**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B (p.539) in St Pauls Missal)**  
• 1st - Exodus 20:1-17  
• Psalm - 18 Resp. hymns page  
• 2nd - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
• Gospel Accl. hymns page  
• Gospel - John 2:13-25  
**Next weekend: 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B (p.539)**  
• 1st-2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
• Psalm - 136  
• 2nd - Ephesians 2:4-10  
• Gospel - John 3:14-21

**LENT A TIME TO RETURN TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE**

There is a touching story told of a humble, consecrated Anglican pastor, whose young son had become very ill. After the boy had undergone an exhaustive series of tests, the father was told the shocking news that his son had a terminal illness. The youngster had accepted Christ as his Saviour, so the minister knew that death would usher him into glory; but he wondered how to inform one in the bloom of youth that soon he would die. After earnestly seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit, he went with a heavy heart through the hospital ward to the boy's bedside. First he read a passage of Scripture and had a time of prayer with his dear child. Then he gently told him that the doctors could promise him only a few more days to live.

"Are you afraid to meet Jesus, my boy?" asked his devout father. Blinking away a few tears, the little fellow said bravely, "No, not if He's like you, Dad!"

The Old Testament shows us that history was working out God's plan but the highpoint in God's plan for us was the resurrection. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." So If we live we live for the Lord: and if we die we die for the Lord". (Rom 14:8) **Lent** is therefore a wonderful opportunity for us to journey towards the new life of Easter.

Let us therefore ask ourselves: What is the purpose of life? What is our goal in life? Where is our heart in life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare us for the next life. And if we truly trust and believe in God as our loving father, then like the little boy in the above story, we would not be afraid to go and meet him whenever we are called. But this can only happen when we are ready to learn from our past, support one another and repent of our sins, and there is no better season for us to achieve this than now. Pray, Fast, Give and Forgive!  
**Peace be with you.**  
**Fr Lucius**

**Prayer:**  
**Jesus, write your wisdom on my heart and empower me to live the joy of the Gospel in our world. Amen.**

(from the book -  
*A resurrected life - Daily Reflections for Lent*)

**Iona Passion Play**

This coming March Hervey Bay Parish is proudly sponsoring the Iona Passion Play.

The Play depicts the last days of Christ on earth: from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, through His trial, agony and death, to His Resurrection. The script, based on the four Gospels, has been adapted to suit the large cast and the multi-stage setting used in the production.

The Iona Passion Play community will be performing 3 shows at Star of the Sea School 33 Hughes. RD Torquay



Performance sessions are as follows:

- **Evening session: Friday 22 March 2024 at 7pm.**
- **Matinee session: Saturday 23 March 2024 at 1:30pm.**
- **Evening session: Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm.**

Ticket sales are managed online at <https://www.passionplay.org.au/> or at the door.

Early bird offers are available. The poster is on the notice board.

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**

Every first Thursday at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

**Notes:**

**Newsletter Sponsorship:** We are in the process of requesting to renew the existing Newsletter Sponsorship.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter.

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 5th March.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday 7th March at 4pm.



Envelopes are 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:**

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR**

*Refrain:*

*Praise to You, O Christ, our Saviour,  
 Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
 Son of God Who leads us to freedom:  
 Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word Who calls us out of darkness;  
 You are the Word Who leads us into light;  
 You are the Word Who brings us through the desert:  
 Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

You are the One Whom prophets hoped and longed for;

You are the One Who speaks to us today;  
 You are the One Who leads us to our future:  
 Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

You are the Word Who calls us to be servants;  
 You are the Word Whose only law is love;  
 You are the Word-made-flesh Who lives among us:  
 Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ! R./

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**PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**

LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

**COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES**

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see Your Face.  
 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear Your Voice.  
 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like You.  
 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.  
 I live within you. Rest now in Me.

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**THANKSGIVING: ASHES**

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.  
 We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.  
 If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,

An offering of ashes, an offering to you.  
 We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,  
 The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.  
 Give our stumblings direction, give our vision wider view,  
 An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,  
 Though spring has turned to winter and sunshine turned to rain.  
 The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew  
 From an offering of ashes, an offering to you?

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**RECESSIONAL: BLEST BE THE LORD**

*Antiphon:*

*Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
 The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
 I shall not fear the dark of night,  
 Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
 He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
 Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
 To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
 Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
 No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,  
 No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,  
 I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.  
 His faithful love is all the armour that I need  
 To wage my battle with the foe.

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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, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** John Devery, Exequiel Cubero, and Maureen Duffy.

**Anniversary of Death:** Victor Sempf, Kay Phipps, Greg Casey, Sally D'cruz, Brian O' Duffy, Jerome Parker, Edward James Rooney and Sheila Rooney.



**Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2024**

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration)			
Sacred Heart, Tiaro:	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	After 10 am	Mass St Mary's
St Mary's:	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30 pm	
<b>Mass Timings</b>			
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Vigil for Passion	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Passion Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiario
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Lord's Supper	7 pm	St Mary's
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross	10 am	St Mary's
	Solemn Liturgy	3 pm	St Mary's
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Saturday Vigil	6 pm	St Mary's
	(including RCIA - Full Initiation)		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiario

**NOTE:** Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 5.15pm at St Mary's.