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OFFICE HOURS
8.30AM TO 2.30PM TUESDAY - FRIDAY

(FROM 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 TO 28TH MARCH 2023
THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE AS BELOW)
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY :
8.30 TO 12.30

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
Ron Wroe 0455 433 335

This Week's Mass Schedule

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| 15/03/2023 Wednesday | Liturgy | 08.00am |
| | no Mass at Fairhaven | |
| 16/03/2023 Thursday | | 12:00pm |
| 17/03/2023 Friday | | 08:30am |
| 18/03/2023 Saturday | | 06.00pm |
| 19/03/2023 Sunday | Maryborough | 08.00am |
| | Tiara | 10:00am |

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Please Ensure Silence in
The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday
during Lent at 5:15 pm at St Mary's

READINGS
3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.171 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Exodus 17:3-7
- Psalm - 94 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Next weekend: 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.177)

- 1st - 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
- 2nd - Ephesians 5:8-14
- Gospel - John 9:1-41

ST MARY'S
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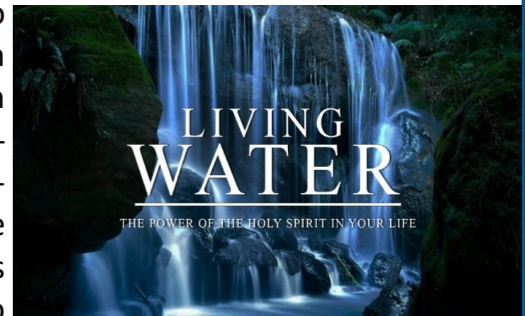
NEWSLETTER 12TH MARCH 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

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.

Living water

Jesus and the Samaritan woman engage in a wide-ranging discussion-water, marriage, worship, belief. In the course of this discussion the woman comes to a progressively deeper understanding of who Jesus is: 'a Jew' (4:9), possibly 'greater than our father Jacob' (4:12), 'a prophet' (4:19), possibly 'the Christ' (=Messiah'; 4:25,29), 'truly the Saviour of the world' (4:42). This journey of faith begins with the innocuous request for a drink of water.

Jesus, who is in the awkward position of asking the woman for water, is in the privileged position of being able to offer the woman 'living water.' The Greek expression is deliberately ambiguous. 'Living water' can refer either to 'flowing water' as from a stream (as opposed to standing water in a pond or cistern) or to 'life-giving water.' The woman understands the first meaning while Jesus intends the second. This misunderstanding allows Jesus to elaborate (4:13-24).



The immediate context doesn't explicitly explain what Jesus means by 'living water.' It is somehow linked to 'the gift of God' (4:10) but that, too, isn't entirely clear. Later in the gospel Jesus explains: 'Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'" John explains: 'He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive' (John 7:38-39). Thus, 'living water' is the Spirit which is how Jesus himself remains in his disciples after his resurrection-ascension.

'Living water' as a metaphor for the divine presence is attested in Jeremiah. The prophet compares idolatry to trying to draw water from a cracked cistern: just as there is no water in an empty cistern (Jer 2:13), there is no power in idols because they are not gods. The Lord, however, is as refreshing and reliable as fresh flowing 'living water.' In 17:3 Jeremiah is more explicit when he says that 'living water' is 'the Lord.' To have living water as an internal spring means that believers will never thirst for God, for the Spirit is in them (14:17, 20) leading them to 'eternal life' (4:14).

Enjoy the water.

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SOUP MAKERS WANTED: The Maryborough Community Kitchen, formerly known as the Soup Kitchen, is in urgent need of people to make and supply home made soup for serving at their weekly meals located at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall. Our Wolfgang is responsible for providing the soup to feed at least 25 patrons twice a week so if 2 or 3 people don't take up this offer, he will be spending more time in the kitchen than he would like. This community service has been operating for over 25 years and is a lifesaver for those who need a decent meal and some social interaction. The volunteers who attend to the organisation of the meals are worth their weight in gold and we thank them for the service they provide and their generosity of spirit. Wolfgang is waiting to give you the details you need to become a 'soup chef' so please call him on 0408 968 284 asap.

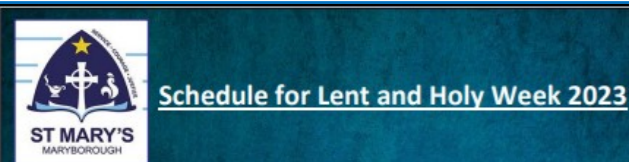
ROSTER FOR PALM SUNDAY PASSION READING AND TRIDUUM: Readers and Communion Ministers are asked to put their names down in the relevant spots so that we are well organized for the Masses and Liturgies over this period. The roster will be on the sign-in table so please attend to this at your earliest convenience.

PERRY'S DELIGHT: Thanks to everyone who stayed after Mass last Sunday. Perry hadn't seen so many happy smiling faces in a long while. We hope that you make a habit of joining fellow parishioners to have a chat and welcome any new faces to our parish. Catherine is making up a roster with groups willing to serve morning tea after the 8am Mass every Sunday. It is not necessary to put on a big spread...a cuppa and biscuit will suffice but this is left up to the hosts for the day.

PHOTO SHOTS: Thanks to the few people who have sent photos in already to add to the album for Fr George. If you would like to be included, please email through a JPEG image as these are the easiest to copy. Otherwise, give me a call and I will come to your home to take a happy snap. Put this on your 'to do' list today.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP: Sincere thanks to Sue Welsh for advertising her business in 2022. Fran Hackett has just come on board with not one but two businesses so we welcome Toast and Portside to our sponsor page for 2023. To date, seven out of nine of our other faithful businesses have confirmed that they will continue. The income from this sponsorship is very much appreciated by the Parish. We encourage parishioners to support them these businesses in return.

ENVELOPE 42: Could the person using this number please contact the parish office to confirm his/her contact details.



The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration).
 Sacred Heart, Tiaro: Sunday 26th March After 10 am Mass
 St Mary's: Wednesday 29th March 5.30 pm

| Mass Timings | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 1 st April | Vigil for Passion | 6 pm | St Mary's |
| Sunday 2 nd April | Passion Sunday | 8 am 10 am | St Mary's Tiara |
| Thursday 6 th April | Lord's Supper | 7 pm | St Mary's |
| Friday 7 th April | Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy | 10 am 3 pm | St Mary's St Mary's |
| Saturday 8 th April | Holy Saturday Vigil | 6 pm | St Mary's |
| Sunday 9 th April | Easter Sunday | 8 am 10 am | St Mary's Tiara |

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

**WORKING BEE SATURDAY
1ST APRIL FROM 7AM**

- Trimming of shrubs
- Weeding of gardens
- Removal of rubbish (if you have a trailer please bring)
- Equipment available BYO if preferred
- Morning tea provided



**LENTEN REFLECTION FROM
"FROM ASHES TO HOPE"**

FOR REFLECTION: What is my response to the encounter with Jesus and the Samaritan woman? In what ways does today's Gospel highlight my own interaction with people who are on the margins?
PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Lord Jesus, I give thanks for each encounter with you and for transforming my life with your loving presence. I pray that like the Samaritan woman I may come to know your hope, courage and compassion and experience your light.

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ENTRANCE: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain

**Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer
Come! Listen! Live!**

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your father and know I am near!
I will be father to you!

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world
Give me living water that I may never thirst again.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION: 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?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you
All will be well, just come as you are.

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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: STRONG AND CONSTANT

I will be God Who walks with you!
You will be always within My Hand!
Take your heart and give it all to me!

Refrain:

**Strong and constant is My love!
Strong and constant is My love!**

Should you wander far away from Me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call, then you will truly know: **R./**

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover me! **R./**

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DATE CLAIMER

**COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION—2ND RITE
SACRED HEART, TIARO AFTER 10AM MASS 26 MARCH
ST MARY'S WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 5.30PM**

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Cyril Barbeler, Drew Brebner, Brian Berry, Jerome Parker.

Anniversary of Death: John Taylor, Vic Sempf, Patricia Murray, Con, Jean and Brian Deere.