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Communion	Gerry Marion	Rebecca Graham	David Sue	Con Rebecca
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**NEWSLETTER 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**  
LET THE HEARTS THAT SEEK THE LORD REJOICE;  
TURN TO THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH;  
CONSTANTLY SEEK HIS FACE.

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

01/11/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
02/11/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
03/11/2023	Friday	8:30am
	Maryborough Community Aged Care	1:00pm
04/11/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
05/11/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough Tiaro	10:00am

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm**  
**•Christmas Bazaar & Carols:**  
Friday - 5pm - 24th November.  
**•November Memorial Mass:**  
12pm Thursday - 30th November.

*Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer*

**READINGS**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.480)in St Pauls Missal)**  
•1st- Exodus 22:20-26  
•Psalm - 17 Resp. hymns page  
•2nd -1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
•Gospel Accl. hymns page  
•Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40  
**Next weekend: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.483)**  
•1st - Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10  
•Psalm - 130  
•2nd - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13  
•Gospel - Matthew 23:1-12

**Covenant and love**  
'Covenant' provides the background for both the first reading and gospel. The reading from Exodus is part of 'The Covenant Code' (Exodus 20:22 - 23:33) which scholars identify as the oldest collection of laws in the Bible. In Exodus 19 God makes a covenant with the Hebrews. A covenant is a standard instrument of international diplomacy by which kings established formal ties. The most important features of covenants were exclusive loyalty and the obligations that the lesser king owed the greater.  
The obligations required by the biblical covenant begin with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-21) which are followed by 'The Covenant Code,' a wide-ranging collection of laws, all understood to be required by Israel's covenant with God. In this Sunday's excerpt the Lord reminds the people of their bitter experience of oppression in Egypt. In effect, God says, 'You didn't like being oppressed: don't oppress others' (see Exodus 22:20). This is the inverse of the second great commandment, 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Leviticus 19:18). In the same way that God delivered the Hebrews when they were oppressed, God will deliver the poor who are badly treated. In both cases God's motivation is the same: 'I am compassionate' (22:26).  
Jesus' quote from Deuteronomy 6:5 (= Matthew 22:37) is a succinct summary of the Book of Deuteronomy which, in its final form, is structured as a standard covenant. The requirement to 'love' was 'boilerplate' language in covenants. It meant not affection or emotional commitment but exclusive loyalty to the king. Deuteronomy uses this language to reinforce its core teaching: Israel shall serve no other god but Yahweh. Idolatry - worshiping other gods - was the most serious breach of the covenant and triggered the harshest sanctions; conversely, 'loving the Lord' guaranteed blessing and prosperity.  
The command to 'love God and neighbour' was thus a summary of the people's covenant identity. But more: Jesus says the 'the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments' (Matthew 22:40). More than embodying covenantal obligations, the command to love summarises God's entire self-revelation in both the Law and in the Prophets.  
**Peace be with you!**

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith.

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith that passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual.

- Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?
- Have you been away, and want to come back to the church and not sure how?

We request all the interested candidates to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office by the end of this month.



**Rosary:** October is designated as the month of Holy Rosary. We encourage all to join as we have **Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass.**

**Parish Council meeting:** The last Parish Council meeting for 2023 will be on 9th Nov. at 4pm.

- ◇ **God's Word 2024** is now available for \$15.
- ◇ **Columban Art Calendar 2024** is now selling for \$10.
- ◇ **Christmas Cards:** A new collection is now available.

**Thank You:** We would like to thank you for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a mission partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

**STAMP COLLECTION** for the Missionary works of the Sister's of St. Joseph. A reminder notice that Joan Massingham will be sending away POSTAGE STAMPS you have collected for the Missionary Work of the Sisters of St. Joseph in November. You can give them to Joan Massingham or leave them at the Parish Office.

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS



There will be a Memorial Mass on Thursday 30th November 12pm at St. Mary's.

This is specifically for November Mass offerings. All names given through the November Mass Offerings will be added to the list in the Church. The envelopes are available at the main Church entrances.

Fr. Lucius will celebrate the Mass to honour and remember your loved ones.

## 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.

**Music & Roster:** The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for November, December 2023 & January 2024 which is available in the Church now.

## ENTRANCE: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE LORD,  
WHO ABIDE IN HIS SHADOW FOR LIFE,  
SAY TO THE LORD: 'MY REFUGE,  
MY ROCK IN WHOM I TRUST!'

**Refrain:** *And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

THE SNARE OF THE FOWLER WILL NEVER CAPTURE YOU,  
AND FAMINE WILL BRING YOU NO FEAR,  
UNDER HIS WINGS YOUR REFUGE,  
HIS FAITHFULNESS YOUR SHIELD. R./

YOU NEED NOT FEAR THE TERROR OF THE NIGHT,  
NOR THE ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY,  
THOUGH THOUSANDS FALL ABOUT YOU,  
NEAR YOU IT SHALL NOT COME. R./

FOR TO HIS ANGELS HE'S GIVEN A COMMAND  
TO GUARD YOU IN ALL OF YOUR WAYS:  
UPON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP,  
LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE. R./

**FINAL:** *AND HE WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS,  
BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,  
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN,  
AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.  
AND HOLD YOU, HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.*

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## PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

## 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: 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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## 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.

John 13:34-35. Public Domain.

## RECESSIONAL: BE THOU MY VISION

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART;  
NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME, SAVE THAT THOU ART.  
THOU MY BEST THOUGHT, BY DAY OR BY NIGHT,  
WAKING OR SLEEPING, THY PRESENCE MY LIGHT.

BE THOU MY WISDOM, AND THOU MY TRUE WORD;  
I EVER WITH THEE AND THOU WITH ME, LORD;  
THOU AND THOU ONLY, FIRST IN MY HEART,  
GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY TREASURE THOU ART.

GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY VICTORY WON,  
MAY I REACH HEAVEN'S JOYS,  
O BRIGHT HEAV'N'S SUN!  
HEART OF MY OWN HEART, WHATEVER BEFALL,  
STILL BE MY VISION, O RULER OF ALL.

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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:** Amanda Plumb, Ted Anderson, Brian Hawken, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** John Green and Colin Alison.

**Anniversary of Death:** Maria Vu Thi Nhu, Gordon Leck, Suzy Tuckwell, Fr. Joseph Vu, Fr Guildford Lyons and Fr. Brian Curran C. M.

**ST MARY'S PARISH** Christmas CAROLS ON THE LAWN

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