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2nd Reader	Tom	Tyson	Warren	Susan
Communion	Judy Wayne	Con Graham	Marion	Con Graham
Servers	Stazio Han Andre	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte		
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Justin	Robyn	Robyn
Singers	Children's Choir	Theresa	Men	Theresa
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This Week's Mass Schedule

28/06/2023 **Wednesday**
The Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass **8:00am**

29/06/2023 **Thursday**
The Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass **12:00pm**

30/06/2023 **Friday** **8:30am**

01/07/2023 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

02/07/2023 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.407)

- 1st- Jeremiah 20:10-13
- Psalm - 68 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 5:12-15
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

Next weekend: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.411)

- 1st - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
- Psalm - 88
- 2nd - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
- Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

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NEWSLETTER 25TH JUNE 2023
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF HIS PEOPLE, A SAVING REFUGE FOR THE ONE HE HAS ANOINT-ED. SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, LORD, AND BLESS YOUR HERITAGE, AND GOVERN THEM FOR EVER .

Discipleship, Mission, and opposition

This is the second of three consecutive Sundays on which we read from 'The Mission Sermon' (10:1-42; see the Introduction to Matthew's gospel at the beginning of this volume). The grim descriptions of opposition, the challenge of fidelity, the danger of infidelity, and ultimate punishment or reward are all addressed to disciples whom Jesus sends out to make known what he has taught them privately (10:27).

In these verses Matthew is addressing the situation of the Church and its missionaries in the last third of the first century. Escalating hostility and active persecution would certainly challenge and discourage disciples from leaving the relative safety of their Christian community. But the message of Jesus and the message about Jesus must not be contained. Still, Jesus acknowledges that the task will be difficult and the stakes are high: 'Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father' (10:32). Thus, success in carrying out the mission of Jesus is measured by fidelity to Jesus.

Fidelity is never easy. In the first reading and responsorial psalm two individuals (Jeremiah and the psalmist) describe in painful detail their hardships - terror, vengeance, insult, shame, being outcast. All this they suffer because of their fidelity to God: 'to you [God] I have entrusted my cause' (Jer 20:12); 'zeal for your house consumes me' (Ps 69:10). Yet, precisely because of their fidelity they turn to God in prayer: Jeremiah says, 'O Lord of hosts . . .' (20:12); and the psalmist, 'I pray to you, O Lord . . .' (69:14).

Finally, the outcome of such fidelity is as surprising as it is reassuring: Jeremiah and the psalmist move from suffering to prayer to - rejoicing! Jeremiah exclaims, 'Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord' (20:13); and the psalmist counsels others to 'be glad . . . praise him' (69:33, 35). Both state the reasons for their confidence: God 'has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked' (Jer 20:13); and 'the Lord hears the poor' (Ps 69:34). The disciples of Jesus can learn from their ancestors in faith: fidelity brings hardship but, fear not: God delivers from distress. Fidelity to God is overmatched by God's fidelity to disciples.

Peace be with you!

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Sacramental Program: First Holy Communion - Information meeting Saturday 22nd July. **1st lesson - Group 1:** 29th July 5pm at St Mary's. **Group 2:** At SMP, dates will be announced during the information meeting. Date of Sacrament 10th September.



PETER'S PENCE: 'Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the 24th and 25th June 2023. The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.'



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL: The Annual Winter Appeal will be on the weekend of 8th & 9th of July as a retiring collection. A delegate will speak on this appeal.

Help end the Homelessness Crisis devastating Older women. - Food for women and children. - You'll help pay for emergency accommodation. - You'll help her rebuild her life. Your donation will help fund our wide range of services that help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness including women over 55. This is to make certain that the disadvantaged people in our Community have the essential needs during this season.

This is also an occasion for our Parish to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible work the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers do. Those who like to be a part of St. Vincent de Paul as a volunteer please contact Wayne Lusk - 0407739120.

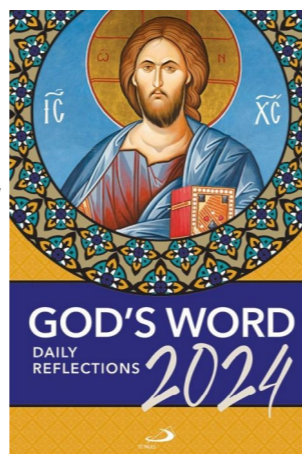
God's Word 2023 Pre-Orders Are Now Open. Those who need a book, please fill in your names and quantity needed before the end of August. The list is available at the Piety Stall inside the Church. Pricing will be announced later. Payment/s only when you collect the book.

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Congratulations: "On behalf of the parish, we offer our congratulations to Donna Suter and Michael Monsour who are worthy recipients of the Medals of the Order of Australia presented to them and three other locals recently. Donna, who is now in her nineties, is well known for her active role in many community groups throughout her lifetime and in particular as a management committee member of the Maryborough and District Committee on the Ageing now known as Madcota. Donna was Parish Secretary at St Mary's during the period that Fr Harry Bliss was Parish Priest. She also played a key role in the organization of Debutante Balls over a period of 15 years. Michael Monsour, who has a medical practice in this City where he grew up, was recognized for his services to medicine. Michael's family migrated from Lebanon and settled here where he and his siblings received a Catholic education for which he is very grateful."



Congratulations to Amaiah, Frances, Isaac, Jack, Joselyn, Josephine, Kate, Laura, Lexie, Magglio, Myles and Zoe on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let Holy Spirit continue to guide you and show you the right path.



The Maryborough Choral Society invites you to "Loving Life Living Life" and there will be a wide range of music styles up to the present. Sunday 16th July 2023 2 pm Brolga Theatre Maryborough Admission is \$20 and tea and coffee will be available at intermission.



MAX2023 Brisbane - BEHOLD: MAX is the premier Australasian Catholic Gathering of men. We celebrate 20 years of MAX this year. The theme this year is BEHOLD. To Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE>.

ENTRANCE: SING TO THE LORD

Refrain:

*Sing to the Lord! Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord, all nations!
God has made salvation known,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Praise the Holy One!
God alone is our salvation. Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Sing of wondrous deeds!
Mighty Lord of all creation! Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord! Praise God in the heights!
Faithful is God's love forever! Alleluia!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**Refrain: One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
One Cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile of Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. R./

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. R./

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. R./

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THANKSGIVING: O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise.
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life.

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RECESSIONAL: YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My Voice,
I claim you as My choice,
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
Come and rest in Me.

Refrain:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me,
I will bring you home:
I love you and you are Mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
The lame will all run free,
And all will know My Name. R./

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
Embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live! 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: Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Marge Byrne, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Patricia Schmidt, Isma McGuckin, Peter Barry and Jeannie Nolan.

Anniversary of Death: Bradley O'Brien, Eileen Hodda, Margaret Kersnovske, Fe Linortner, Marion & Arthur Bartels, Kath Hogan, Carmel Phillips, Ted Tuckwell, Ellen Bradshaw, Pepito, Ellora, Lydia Jao, Alfredo, Emily Pianta, David Hecker, Josephine Schmidt, Patrick Schmidt, Michael Quinn, Michelle & Mary Rutland.