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NEWSLETTER 20TH AUGUST 2023
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
TURN YOUR EYES, O GOD, OUR SHIELD;
AND LOOK ON THE FACE
OF YOUR ANOINTED ONE;
ONE DAY WITHIN YOUR COURTS
IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

23/08/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Chelsea	10:00am
24/08/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
	(Combined Mass Parish, SMP year 3)	
25/08/2023	Friday	8:30am
26/08/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
27/08/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
	Tiaro	

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacramental Program:
First Holy Communion
Session for enrolled candidates:
Saturday 26th August 5pm at St Mary's

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.439 in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st- Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
• Psalm - 66 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Next weekend: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.443)
• 1st - Isaiah 22:19-23
• Psalm - 137
• 2nd - Romans 11:33-36
• Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

OUR PERSISTENCE AND DEEP FAITH CAN CHANGE THE MIND OF GOD

In our own generation we could picture Jesus walking down a downtown street and some poor Middle Eastern woman begging for food and Jesus looking at her and saying, "We collect our food for Christians, not for dogs like you!". Can this be our Jesus! Our meek and mild Jesus? Our good shepherd? Let's look at this a little more carefully!

As you may have noticed by now, in the last few weeks the readings have been looking at the concept of "faith" and what it means in our lives. In today's Gospel we see that having faith can even change the mind of God.

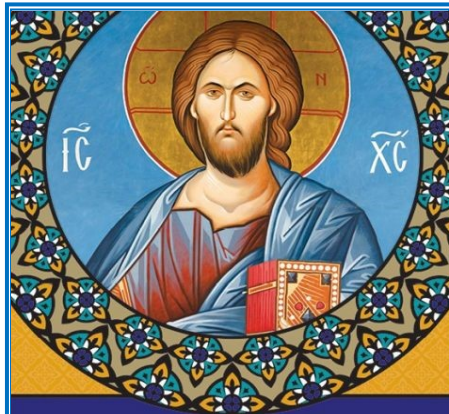
Jesus' mission, by his own admission, is to redeem the Jews. He states this clearly and simply. That is the reason he seems so cold and uncaring to the Gentile woman who asks for his help. It is unusual for us to see a picture of Jesus that seems that closed and uncaring. Perhaps Jesus is making this statement so that the Apostles can witness his change of heart, so that they too, later, will spread the Gospel to the non-Jews and the whole world. Nevertheless, in this Gospel passage today, Jesus seems unwilling to help the Canaanite woman and her daughter.

But the woman's belief and deep faith in Jesus is so great that she will not let him say no. She even lowers herself in order to make a point to Jesus. She picks up on his shocking metaphor in which Jesus calls her nothing more than an animal - a dog, and turns it around - almost making a joke of it. And Jesus does indeed recognize her faith, he gets the joke, and as a reward for her cleverness and deep faith in him, changes his mind and cures the woman's daughter. She becomes an example to the Apostles of how faith can make God relent from his punishments on us and show mercy.

And so, it is really through faith like this, through role models like this woman that the movement of the Christian faith spread to the whole world and the Apostles accepted it and proclaimed it with their lives. But before then, the prophet Isaiah, predicted it. In the first reading today Isaiah states very clearly that foreigners will be accepted at God's altar, if they embrace the faith of Abraham's Lord.

My dear friends in Christ, how many of us have persistently embraced this faith? How many of us are willing to humble ourselves that much in order to prove our faith? What do we do to show Jesus our belief in him? How deep is our faith?

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

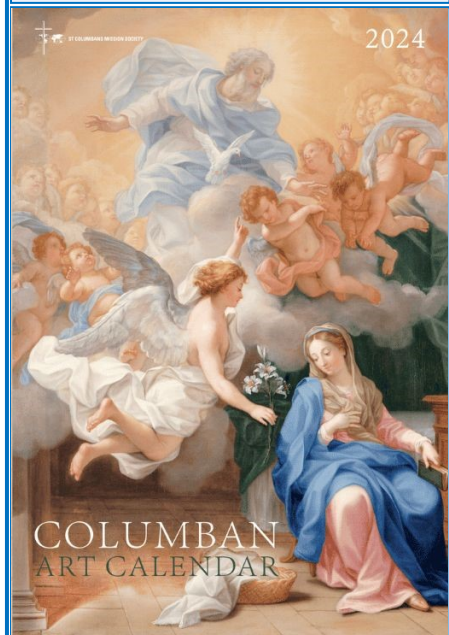


GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2024

God's Word 2024
is now available for \$15.

Those who have preordered,
please pay and collect from
Piety Stall.

We do have additional books and
we request others who need one
and those who inquired about
extra books to contact Parish
Office.



Columban Art Calendar 2024

is now available at Piety Stall
and is selling for \$10. Please
consider purchasing soon so
that if needed we could
order for more calendars in
time.

Annual Catholic Campaign weekend (19 – 20 August).

Through the Annual Catholic Campaign, the parishioners and the faithful have an opportunity to provide critical support for four vital ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The ministries are Centacare, Priests Foundation, Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund, and Holy Spirit Seminary. The Campaign brochure and giving envelopes are available at the main entrances. We request each one to take an envelope this weekend with you and return the envelopes next weekend.

Visiting Vinnies invites 'Seniors- Young at Heart'

to come along for a morning tea of freshly baked homemade scones, tea / coffee and a chinwag on

Friday 25 August 9:30 - 11:00.

Mass is at 8:30 in the church if you would like to attend before the social morning. If you are able to attend, please contact Robyn 0407 156 959.



It's MacKillop House Fundraising Time !

We are seeking donations of stationery items and sporting goods in support of this Terms Charity SEW PNG. Each year level has been assigned an item for donation as a guide. Should you wish to donate any of these items it would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off items
to the Parish Office or
to St Mary's Primary
School.

- Prep Coloured pencils
- Year 1 Lead pencils
- Year 2 Biro any colour
- Year 3 A4 Exercise Books
- Year 4 Skipping Ropes or Frisbees
- Year 5 Tennis Balls or Footballs
- Year 6 Soccer Balls or Basket Balls

St Mary's Primary School and the children of the Village Tufi in Papua New Guinea wish to Thank You so much for your generosity and kindness.



Safeguarding Commitment

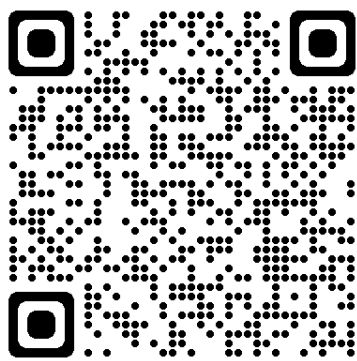
The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge

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Archbishop of Brisbane

St Mary's Parish-Facebook Page

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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: SUMMONED BY LOVE

Be still and know I am God.
Listen to me and see.
You're not alone in your journey.
Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Refrain:

**Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.
Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
Our lives we give in offering to you.**

Be not afraid of the night.
Darkness shall not prevail.
My light will guide and make clear your way.
Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.
Your life will be my sign.
Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: COMMUNION SONG

We see bread and wine before us,
But hidden there from our view
Lies the Flesh and Blood of Jesus,
Now sacrificed for us anew.

**Refrain: Jesus, we bring to You our bodies.
Jesus, we bring to You our souls.
Needing nourishment,
Needing healing,
Seeking peace.**

On the night before He suffered,
He took the bread into His Hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
Saying, "Take and eat, this is My Body." R./

And when supper was then ended,
He took the wine, again gave thanks,
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.
This is My Blood, to be shed for you." R./

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THANKSGIVING: MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:

**Hear, then what [God] asks of you:
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.**

I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. R./

Ask and you shall receive;
Knock and it shall be yours. R./

Father, Your Kingdom come,
May Your will be done. R./

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RECESSIONAL: WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands or side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
In full and endless sight.

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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: Brian Hawken, Lucita Comandante, David Bertram, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Fr. Patrick Mooney, Wendy Smith, Desmond Connors, Brian Huey, Kerry Mahony, John Kelman, Geoffrey Walburn and Marge Byrne.

Anniversary of Death: Leonila & Lucio Carajay, Lydia and Pabio Egina, Carmelita Garlitos, Ron & Eileen Tappin, Terry Tappin, Colin Hogan, Ursicio & Felicula Karaan, Glad & Vince Mooney, Judy Steinhardt, Greg Morris and Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan.