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**NEWSLETTER 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**  
IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES,  
LORD, WHO COULD STAND?  
BUT WITH YOU IS FOUND FORGIVENESS,  
O GOD OF ISRAEL.

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

18/10/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
19/10/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
20/10/2023	Friday	8:30am
21/10/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
22/10/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

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

**Christmas Bazaar & Carols**  
Friday - 5pm  
24th November 2023

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

**READINGS**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.472)in St Pauls Missal)**  
• 1st- Isaiah 25:6-10  
• Psalm - 23 Resp. hymns page  
• 2nd -Philippians 4:12-14,19-20  
• Gospel Accl. hymns page  
• Gospel - Matthew 22:1-10  
**Next weekend: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.476)**  
• 1st - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
• Psalm - 95  
• 2nd - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
• Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

**Banquets: Abundance of food and drink**

The first reading, psalm, and gospel for this Sunday all present banquets. In general banquets feature abundant food of the highest quality. They are usually associated with times of security and joy. All these features lend themselves to seeing banquets as metaphors for divine blessings, and ultimately for the great heavenly banquet.

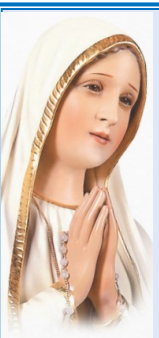
In Psalm 23 (22) the psalmist is dwelling in the house of the Lord (= Temple); the Lord, acting as the gracious host, spreads the table and fills the wine cup until it overflows (23:5).

In the first reading the banquet takes place 'on this mountain' (Isaiah 25:6a), namely, Mount Zion, home of the Temple. Again, the Lord, acting as host, provides 'juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines' (25:6b). There are two noteworthy features of this banquet. First, this passage comes from 'The Little Apocalypse of Isaiah' (Isaiah 24 - 27). These chapters are among the very last portions of the book to have been written and their overall subject matter is the end times which bring final judgment - reward to the righteous and punishment to the wicked. Thus, this is not just any extravagant feast; it is the feast God provides in the Age to Come when death is destroyed forever, sorrow is no more (25:8), and people are saved (25:9). Second, it is a feast which God will provide 'for all peoples' (25:6, 7), not just faithful Israelites.

In the gospels Jesus is often presented at table, sometimes for private affairs with wealthy friends such as Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42), sometimes with powerful people of note such as Zacchaeus (Luke 19:2-10) or religious notables such as Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36ff.); most often, however, he eats with 'tax collectors and sinners' (Matthew 9:10; 11:19). These meals are parables-in-action for them, too, tell us what 'the kingdom of heaven is like.'

This Sunday's parable uses the banquet as a metaphor for salvation history. Those initially invited (Israel) reject the servants of the king (prophets), are judged (their city is destroyed), and everyone else (Gentiles) is invited in. These, too, will be judged according to their deeds (proper garments).

**Peace be with you!**  
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October is designated as the month of Holy Rosary. We encourage all to join as we have **Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass.**

**ST MARY'S PARISH** 

*Christmas*

**CAROLS ON THE LAWN** 

CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
MARKET STALLS  
HAM WHEEL & RAFFLES  
FOOD



**FRIDAY ~ 5PM**  
**24 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**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.

**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 will soon start a formation program to understand and experience the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church.

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



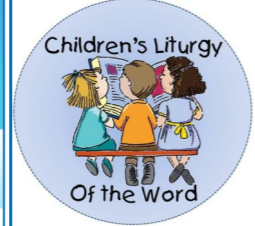
**World Mission Sunday**  
The World Mission Sunday parish appeal will be on 21st and 22nd of October 2023.

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

 **Free call: 1800 257 296**  
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** All the children are encouraged to join the entrance procession on Sunday 8am Mass. Children will join the entrance procession. Fr. Lucius will give them the Bible and the Cross and children will leave the congregation with the Children's Liturgy Team to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding. They will join the congregation after the Creed. We request all parents to support and encourage the Children for this celebration.

**ENTRANCE: FATHER WELCOMES**  
Refrain:  
Father welcomes all His children  
To His family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,  
For My Kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give:  
Mercy for your sin. R/  
In the water, in the Word,  
In the promise be assured:  
Those who are baptised and believe  
Shall be born again. R/  
Let us daily die to sin.  
Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. R/  
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**PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**  
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**PSALM: (ON MULTICULTURAL MASS 15TH OCT)**  
**PSALM 23: MY SHEPHERD IS THE LORD**  
**Antiphon:**  
*My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.*

Lord, you are my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where you give me repose.  
Near restful waters you lead me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

You guide me along the right path;  
You are true to your name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY**  
**Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!**  
**Come to the table of plenty!**  
**God will provide for all that we need,**  
**Here at the table of plenty.**

O, come and sit at my table,  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,  
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,  
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,  
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
Your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
Will send my rain on the soil.

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**THANKSGIVING: GIVE THANKS**  
Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
*(Repeat)*  
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
Let the poor say, 'I am rich',  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
*(Repeat)*

Give thanks.  
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**RECESSIONAL:**  
**LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE**  
Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.


**Refrain:**  
Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. 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:** 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:** Colin Alison and Michael Clancy.

**Anniversary of Death:** Suzy Tuckwell, Fr. Joseph Vu, Fr Guildford Lyons, Fr. Brian Curran C. M., Vince Walker, Ma Dulce Obina, Shelly Rutland, Josefina & Jean Smith, Jennifer Nayler, Alan Bartels and Raymond Proctor.