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**NEWSLETTER 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A**  
TURN YOUR EAR, O LORD, AND ANSWER ME;  
SAVE THE SERVANT WHO TRUSTS IN YOU,  
MY GOD.  
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD,  
FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

30/08/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
31/08/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
01/09/2023	Friday	8:30am
	Maryborough Community Aged Care	1:00pm
02/09/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
03/09/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough Tiaro	10:00am

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

**Sacramental Program:**  
**First Holy Communion**  
Session for enrolled candidates:  
Saturday 2nd September 5pm at St Mary's

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

**READINGS**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.443 in St Pauls Missal)**

- 1st- Isaiah 22:19-23
- Psalm - 137 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 11:33-36
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

**Next weekend: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.447)**

- 1st - Jeremiah 20:7-9
- Psalm - 62
- 2nd - Romans 12:1-2
- Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

**But you, who do you say I am?**

The above Jesus' question in Matthew's gospel today resonates in the heart of a young person struggling with addictions and the glamour of sin. It's a question that whispers in the minds of a couple striving to keep the right balance in their relationship. The question is pondered by the widow or single mum struggling to provide for her young children, during the time of inflation and high cost of living. It is a question contemplated by the public servant faced with the challenge of serving with integrity and compassion. The same question bothers the mind of a priest or religious struggling with the demands of his/her vocation. We all need to answer this question in our everyday decisions if we are to have the right relationship with the Lord.

An elderly man was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years, and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving and adorable pet names. "The old man scratched his head and responded very slowly "I have to tell you the truth," "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

Unlike Peter, in today's gospel, who after going through many years of tribulations and persecution with Jesus and the other disciples did not forget who Jesus truly is, as he spoke up, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' By so doing Peter acknowledged Jesus for who he really is, His mission on earth, not just because of the protections he got in following him, rather in appreciation of what he has done for us. As St Paul clearly states, "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8) in the end, Jesus was pleased with Peter's answer and finally gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

It is therefore up to each one of us to seek God's wisdom in answering this all-powerful question such that we can avoid seeing Jesus in a give-and-take mindset in our faith journey. When life is good we praise the Lord but when difficult moments arise, like sickness or death in the family, we start to grumble that God has let us down, and such questions arise as to why God would let us suffer. We've all heard statements like: "Why did God allow disease into the world? Why am I still without a child? Why did God let my wife die? Why am I still without a good job after many years of graduation? I go to Mass every day and do a lot of good works in the parish, so why is all this happening to me? This obviously calls for self-examination by each one of us!

Finally, dear friends, as we re-acknowledge today the foundation of the Church of Jesus Christ on the Rock of Peter, may we continue to pray for His Successor Pope Francis, the bishops, priests, Religious and all women and men of faith, that all may mirror the image of Jesus the good Shepherd, who offered his life as a ransom for many.  
**Peace be with you!**  
**Fr Lucius**

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**Annual Catholic Campaign:** Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. **Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.**

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. Envelopes are still available in the Church. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it in the Church on your way out after Mass. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.



## St Mary's Parish Multicultural Celebration

**October 15th 2023  
Commencing 10 am**

*How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!*  
**Psalm 133:1**

### Multi Cultural Mass and Celebration 2023

Dear Parishioners,  
The Multicultural Mass October 15<sup>th</sup> commencing 10am will bring joy and celebration to us as a Parish of Faith. Our theme for 2023 is "Our Arms Around the World."

What we would like you to be part of is:

- The choir for the Mass
- Contributing a prayer of intercession- this can be written in the language of country of origin, along with the English translation as it will appear on the screens.
- Contributing a food platter as a sample of your national treat to share, at morning tea after the mass (no large amounts of hot food please) only finger food.
- Coming dressed in your national dress and if you have a flag, please bring it along to join in the colourful celebration.
- Consider joining the committee to assist in the organising of the day.
- Setting up prior to mass on the Sunday - early 8am start as Mass will be at 10am.

**We have revisited the list from last year and we will possibly be contacting you to be a contact person for your cultural group if you are willing to do so.**

If there are any ideas that you would like to share, please contact a member of the Parish Council or Father Lucius (who will pass the idea on). We are looking forward to another wonderful day of celebration.

**Next meeting** – September 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm in Parish meeting room



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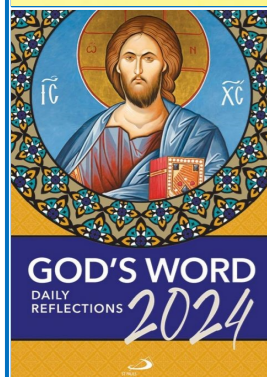
**It's MacKillop House  
Fundraising Time !**

Please drop off items to the **Parish Office until 7th September** or to **St Mary's Primary School until 8th September.**



### Choir Practice

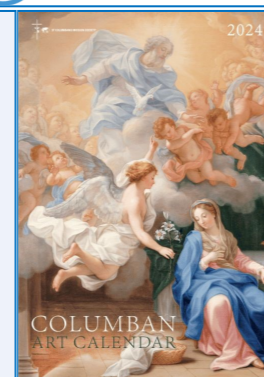
- Tuesday 5th September at 4.00 p.m. (for First Holy Communion)
  - Tuesday 10th October at 4.00 p.m. (for Multicultural Mass)
- There will be no practice for Mass of 28th October 2023



**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.

### ENTRANCE: 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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### PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### COMMUNION: 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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### THANKSGIVING: WE REMEMBER

#### Refrain:

**We remember how You loved us to Your death,  
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see You when You come,  
In Your glory, Lord,  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

Here a million wounded souls  
Are yearning just to touch You and be healed.  
Gather all Your people,  
And hold them to Your heart. R./

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### RECESSIONAL:

### THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD

#### Refrain:

**This day was made by the Lord,  
Let us rejoice, let us be glad!  
This day was made by the Lord,  
Let us rejoice in salvation.**

I thank You, Your love is eternal.  
You have given me life.  
You have given me life.  
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

Your Hand raised me up in triumph.  
You have given me life.  
You have given me life.  
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

The stone which the builders rejected  
Is the cornerstone.  
Is the cornerstone.  
I will proclaim the wonders You do. 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:** 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:** Anthony Joseph Raj, Fr. Patrick Mooney, Wendy Smith, Desmond Connors, Brian Huey and Marge Byrne.

**Anniversary of Death:** Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Leonila & Lucio Carajay, Lydia and Pabio Egina, Carmelita Garlitos, Ron & Eileen Tappin, Terry Tappin, Colin Hogan, Ursicio & Felicula Karaan, Glad & Vince Mooney, Judy Steinhardt and Greg Morris.