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Servers	Andre Han Thu	Byron Gerry	Andre Thu Han	Gerry Isaac Xavier
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NEWSLETTER 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
GIVE PEACE, O LORD,
TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR YOU,
THAT YOUR PROPHETS BE FOUND TRUE.
HEAR THE PRAYERS OF YOUR SERVANT,
AND OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL.

This Week's Mass Schedule

20/09/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
21/09/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
22/09/2023	Friday	8:30am
23/09/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
24/09/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
	Tiaro	

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Multicultural Celebration
Sunday 15th October
Commencing - 10 am.

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer


READINGS
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.454)in St Pauls Missal)
• 1st- Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
• Psalm - 102 Resp. hymns page
• 2nd - Romans 14:7-9
• Gospel Accl. hymns page
• Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35
Next weekend: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.459)
• 1st - Isaiah 55:6-9
• Psalm - 144
• 2nd - Philippians 1:20-24, 27
• Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

The Church and forgiveness
Last Sunday's gospel indicated how the Church should deal with those who refuse to repent. In this Sunday's gospel the situation is reversed: the sinner (i.e., the one in debt) asks for forgiveness. In such a case Jesus instructs his disciples that they must be quick and unstinting in offering forgiveness.
Peter's proposal to Jesus sounds magnanimous: he is willing to forgive seven times! But what mentality does that reflect? Would Peter keep track of the 'brother' who sins? Does he record the number of sins so that, once the eighth sin is committed, he may seek retribution with impunity? In other words, Peter's question misunderstands the kind of forgiveness that should characterise the Church.
In the parable that follows, the servant owes the king 'a huge amount' (18:24). The Greek reads '10,000 talents' which is far more than merely 'huge' - it is beyond reckoning! A talent was the largest denomination of currency; 10,000 is the highest counting number: thus 10,000 talents is the largest of the largest. Rather than take out a calculator, the reader is invited to imagine the unimaginable. The debt, despite the servant's promise to 'pay [it] back in full' (18:26) could *never* be repaid. Nevertheless, the servant begged for patience (18:26); instead, he got forgiveness (18:27)!
The situation between him and his fellow servant is different in two ways. First, what was owed him was 'a much smaller amount' - literally, a hundred days' wages (18:28). Second, while that is still a large amount for a mere servant, it is a debt that could be paid off in time. The request, identical to his own request to the king - 'be patient with me and I will pay you back' (18:26, 29) - was reasonable. Thus, the first servant need not have been compassionate (as was the king, 28:27), merely reasonable and patient. Even in this he failed.
In the Church forgiveness isn't a matter of 'how many times must I forgive?' but simply 'how must I forgive?' The answer is clear: as God has forgiven me. Forgiveness received is the basis for forgiveness given.
Peace be with you!

St Mary's Parish Multicultural Celebration



**October 15th 2023
Commencing 10 am**

 **St Vincent de Paul Society** *good works* If you would like more information about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Maryborough there are some postcards on the table near the rear entrance. Please take one if you are interested.



Working Bee

- 1) Saturday 7th October 8am**
Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden for future events, especially Multicultural Celebration in Oct & Christmas Bazaar and Carols in Nov.
- 2) Monday 9th October:**
The SMC students will help with cleaning the benches in the Church ground.

You are invited to an
Ecumenical

St Francis Day Pet Blessing

Saturday 30th September
@ 2:30pm



Bring Your Pets!

St Paul's Anglican Church
Lennox St – front of church

Bring a blanket/chair to sit and socialise afterwards.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided.

Bring something to share if you wish!




World Mission Sunday

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

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic.

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God's Word 2024 is now available for \$15. Those who have preordered, please pay and collect from Piety Stall. If you need extra books, please 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.

Christmas Cards A new collection of cards will be available soon at the Piety Stall.

ENTRANCE: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS
Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.
Mercy He has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.
**Refrain: Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of Your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise Him with your music,
Worship him and bless His Name.**

Power He has wielded, honour is His garment,
Risen from the snares of death.
His Word He has spoken,
One bread He has broken, new life He now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high.
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
Splendour of the living God.

Praise Him with your singing, praise Him with the trumpet,
Praise God with the lute and harp.
Praise Him with the cymbals, praise Him with your dancing,
Praise God 'til the end of days.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
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: AS GENTLE AS SILENCE

Oh, the love of My Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
God has given to me,
And the giving is gentle as silence.

Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment
Have been blessed by the strength of
God's love.
At the turning of tide
God is there at my side,
With a touch that is gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from
Your presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on Your Name
In the dark of my shame,
And Your mercy was gentle as silence.

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RECESSIONAL: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain:
**We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.**

No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's house;
We are fed and we are nourished
By the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,
And we are called by the Word of the Lord;
To act with justice, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with our God.
To walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;
We will knock and the door shall be opened.
We will ask and it shall be given,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.

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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, 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: Trevor Nayler, Lucita Comandante, David Bertram, Paul Massingham, John Murphy and Anthony Joseph Raj.

Anniversary of Death: Raymond Proctor, Matthew Rahe, Don Wright, Frances Steemson, Mrs. Patricia Baker, Paterna, Alfonso, Magdaleno, Cirila, Teresita, Rustico, Sabiniana, Marie McGinley, Mrs. Moyna Caines & Mr. Nev Caines, Frank & Mollie Walker, Roslyn Wilson, Anunsacion Tuazon, Alfredo, Dionisia, Luisa Josefina, Ellora Jao, Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Leonila & Lucio Carajay, Lydia and Pabio Egina.