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| Musicians | Bong Jearen | College | Rita | Justin |
| Singers | Filipino Choir | College | Choir | Theresa |
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NEWSLETTER 22ND OCTOBER 2023
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
TO YOU I CALL;
FOR YOU WILL SURELY HEED ME, O GOD;
TURN YOUR EAR TO ME; HEAR MY WORDS.
GUARD ME AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE; IN THE
SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS PROTECT ME.

This Week's Mass Schedule

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|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 25/10/2023 Wednesday | (Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) | 8:00am |
| 26/10/2023 Thursday | | 12:00pm |
| 27/10/2023 Friday | | 8:30am |
| 28/10/2023 Saturday | | 6:00pm |
| 29/10/2023 Sunday | Maryborough Tiaro | 8:00am 10:00am |

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

•Christmas Bazaar & Carols: Friday - 5pm - 24th November.

•November Memorial Mass: 12pm Thursday - 30th November.

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.476)in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st- Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
- Psalm - 95 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd -1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

Next weekend: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.480)

- 1st - Exodus 22:20-26
- Psalm - 17
- 2nd - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
- Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

Follow your conscience: God or Caesar?

The most important part of a ship is the rudder. Without the rudder it could not be steered. It would simply sink. The most precious thing we possess is our conscience. Without a conscience we could not steer the barque of our lives towards the harbour of truth and right.

Today there are so many forces vying for control of our conscience. In our modern world today, it is easy to sell one's conscience or to hand it over to someone else. But as Christians God must always have the first claim on our conscience. As Christians, most importantly as modern time Catholics, we are often faced with difficult decisions about our faith. But we have been given an inner voice to guide us, namely, the voice of conscience. How well do we listen to this voice? For instance, am I at peace with my conscience right now?

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1.4-6). The return of the people from exile under King Cyrus is seen not merely as a sign of God's love for his people but of his lordship over all people.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 111-5). This contains the opening lines from Paul's first letter to the community of Christians he founded at Thessalonica. His concern for them shines through.


Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21). To trap Jesus into saying something incriminating, his enemies ask him whether it is right for a Jew to pay taxes to Caesar.

Jesus replied, give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God'. Today I suppose you could say that Caesar's place is taken by the secular State, that is, the State which is not so much against God as without God. It is a State which no longer bases its law on God's laws but have a complete separation between Church and State.

At times this can pose serious dilemmas for us as Catholics involved in public office. As we cannot impose our own moral values and beliefs on others, yet we must not take part in what, from a Christian/ catholic viewpoint, is morally wrong. But it's not only those in public office that must face difficult situations. Every Christian living in the modern world is faced with them. There are so many little 'Caesars' vying for a piece of our conscience. There is the party, the company, the club, etc. All clamour for our loyalty, all are eager to claim a piece of our conscience.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us resist these forces and be strong in following our consciences, so that we may always give God the first and highest claim of our loyalty and fidelity.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

 **Rosary:** October is designated as the month of Holy Rosary. We encourage all to join as we have **Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass.**

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



Multicultural Team would like to thank you for your contribution and prayers in making the Multicultural Event a lovely day among parishioners, invited guests, performers and friends from near and far.

Thank you Fr. Lucius, Parish Office, Parish Council, All Parishioners and students from SMC who helped with Working Bee, All parishioners for attending, participating in the mass, sharing their yummy delicious food and for the use of their marquees, Gerry and altar servers. Performers, Amaiah Osborne (Welcome to Country), SMP, SMC, All choir members for the beautiful music played and sung, Perry for being the official photographer, Tom Hagan as the MC, Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre, French Hot Bread & All volunteers and anyone who helped in one way or another.



Please follow the below links or visit the Parish website for more pictures.

<http://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/recent-pictures.html>

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

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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

◇ **Columban Art Calendar 2024** is now selling for \$10.

◇ **Christmas Cards:** A new collection is now available.

STATEMENT ON THE VOTE

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

ENTRANCE: PULSING SPIRIT

PULSING SPIRIT, RIPPLING RIVER,
SOURCE OF MERCY'S TENDER MIGHT,
GENTLE POWER, HUMBLE GLORY,
SUBTLE, EVER DANCING LIGHT:
HEALING WISDOM IN US FLOWING,
NOW REVEAL OUR HUMAN WORTH.
PLAY BENEATH THE MUDDIED WATERS:
COME, RENEW THE FACE OF EARTH!

SPIRIT FREE, UNBOUNDED MOTION,
BEAUTY'S MIRROR, HEART'S DELIGHT,
GIFT ABUNDANT ALL AROUND US,
FLOOD THE WORLD WITH LIFE AND LIGHT.
FOUNTAIN ANCIENT, EVER SPRINGING,
PLAY IN NEW, CREATIVE WAYS.
LIFT US, STREAM OF LAVISH LOVING,
HIGH ON WAVES OF JOYFUL PRAISE!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

GIVE THE LORD GLORY AND HONOUR.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
SHINE ON THE WORLD LIKE BRIGHT STARS;
YOU ARE OFFERING IT THE WORD OF LIFE.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: 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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THANKSGIVING: BE STILL AND KNOW

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD,
THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD,
AND THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.

I AM THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU MY FRIENDS,
THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD,
AND THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.

I AM THE ONE WHOSE LOVE NEVER FAILS, AND
THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD,
AND THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME.

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RECESSIONAL: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

REFRAIN:

**GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD,
WHO ALONE GIVES LIGHT TO OUR DAYS.
MANY ARE THE BLESSINGS HE BEARS
TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIS WAYS.**

WE THE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF HIM
WHO BUILT THE VALLEYS AND PLAINS,
PRAISE THE WONDERS OUR GOD HAS DONE
IN EVERY HEART THAT SINGS. R./

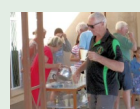
IN HIS WISDOM HE STRENGTHENS US,
LIKE GOLD THAT'S TESTED IN FIRE.
THOUGH THE POWER OF SIN PREVAILS
OUR GOD IS THERE TO SAVE. R./

EV'RY MOMENT OF EV'RY DAY
OUR GOD IS WAITING TO SAVE,
ALWAYS READY TO SEEK THE LOST,
TO ANSWER THOSE WHO PRAY. 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: John Green, Colin Alison and Michael Clancy.

Anniversary of Death: Gordon Leck, Suzy Tuckwell, Fr. Joseph Vu, Fr Guildford Lyons, Fr. Brian Curran C. M., and Vince Walker.