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NEWSLETTER 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.
O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING, FULL OF MERCY TO ALL WHO CALL TO YOU.

This Week's Mass Schedule

06/09/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
07/09/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
08/09/2023	Friday	8:30am
09/09/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
10/09/2023	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough	10:00am
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1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacramental Program: First Holy Communion - Final Session: Saturday 9th September 5pm. First Eucharist: 10th September 8am Mass.

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

- READINGS**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.447 in St Pauls Missal)
- 1st- Jeremiah 20:7-9
 - Psalm - 62 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - Romans 12:1-2
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27
- Next weekend: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.451)**
- 1st - Ezekiel 33:7-9
 - Psalm - 94
 - 2nd - Romans 13:8-10
 - Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20

From Suffering to Deliverance

This Sunday's first reading from Jeremiah is one of several passages in which he prays to God and describes the suffering he endures for being a prophet. These passages have been traditionally called 'The Confessions of Jeremiah' but are now referred to as his 'complaints' or 'laments.' This Sunday's portion is the first part of one such complaint (20:7-9); on Sunday 12 we read the second part (20:10-13). Dividing the lament in this way served the interests of the Lectionary, using the first reading to highlight aspects of the gospel of the day. This Sunday, for example, the suffering of Jeremiah (rejection and persecution) illuminates the suffering and rejection that Jesus (and disciples) will encounter. Breaking up Jeremiah's lament in this way, however, obscures the overall structure of this prayer-form.

Typically this prayer (common in the psalms, e.g., 3, 6, 13, 22) contains the following elements: address to the Lord (Jer.20:7); a description of the individual's complaint ('I am an object of laughter . . . derision . . . reproach,' 20:7, 8); sometimes the complaint uses the language of physical illness ('like fire in my heart, imprisoned in my bones,' 20:9); a request for help (20:12); expression of confidence (20:11); hymn of thanks or praise for the deliverance which will surely come (20:13).

The prayer-form in its entirety is important to our understanding its theology. While the individual is frank in describing suffering, the individual is equally confident that deliverance is assured. In other words, for those who are faithful, suffering is not the whole story for God will rescue those who trust in God.

This theology is evident in this Sunday's gospel. Though Jesus is not praying, he describes how he will 'suffer greatly . . . and be killed' but he will also 'be raised' on the third day (Matthew 16:21). This pattern - from suffering to deliverance, from death to new life - will also be true for disciples. Jesus instructs Peter and all would-be disciples that they must take up the cross and lose their life but in so doing, they will find their life (16:25). This is the paschal mystery.

Peace be with you!



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: Every first Thursday we have Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday 10th September at 8am: All are requested to pray for the First Holy Communion candidates. The Children went through preparations over the last six weeks and will receive the Holy communion for the first time on Sunday 10th September at 8am Holy Mass. All are invited to come and bless this moment.

- **Final Session for Candidates:** Saturday 9th September 5pm.
- **Choirs:** Choir practice on Tuesday 5th September at 4pm.
- **Welcome & Readings:** Please note that welcome & Readings will be coordinated by the Sacramental team and will not be as per the normal roster.

Freedom of Entry Ceremony: "Maryborough | **Sunday, 3 September 2023** at 10am - Marching from the Cenotaph, Queens Park to City Hall. Cheer on the crew of the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Maryborough II when they parade through the streets of Maryborough as part of a special Freedom of Entry ceremony."

Road closures are scheduled on Bazaar, Sussex, Adelaide and Kent Streets. Rolling closures will commence from 8:30am with all barriers removed prior to 12-midday.

St Mary's Parish Multicultural Celebration



**October 15th 2023
Commencing 10 am**

Prayer

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and
adults at risk
who have been abused, neglected or
exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been
destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose
lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those
wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon
our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and
resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever
and ever.
Amen

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\$15. Those who have preordered,
please pay and collect from Piety Stall.
If you need extra books, please contact
Parish Office.

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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: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain:

**Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer
Come! Listen! Live!**

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your father and know I am near!
I will be father to you!

Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
Just as a seed becomes bread,
My word upon you can never return
Until my longing is filled!

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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Refrain:

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the
ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.**

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him,
If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. R/.

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me;
Wherever I am My servants will be. R/.

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. R/.

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you;
Then you will be My disciples. R/.

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THANKSGIVING: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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RECESSIONAL:

AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING

As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the Church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbours ev'rywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the Heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morn-
ing tea. Please join us. Meet and talk
to your fellow parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Brian Hawken, Lucita Comandante, Da-
vid Bertram, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges,
Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird,
Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, Anna Pecar and
Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: David Brettell, Paul Massingham,
John Murphy, Anthony Joseph Raj, Fr. Patrick Mooney and
Wendy Smith.

Anniversary of Death: Mrs. Moyna Caines & Mr. Nev
Caines, Frank & Mollie Walker, Roslyn Wilson, Anunsacion
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Abraham, John D'cruz, Leonila & Lucio Carajay, Lydia and
Pablo Egina, Carmelita Garlitos, Ron & Eileen Tappin, Terry
Tappin, Colin Hogan, Ursicio & Felicula Karaan, Glad &
Vince Mooney, Judy Steinhardt and Greg Morris.