

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MARK PERCIVAL:

I especially want to thank you for thinking of me as my home City and Parish celebrates yet another milestone, the 150th anniversary since the first Mass in St. Mary’s church. I will always be attached to Maryborough and St. Mary’s Catholic Church. It is where my father Wal was received into the Catholic faith, where my mother Carmel and her parents worshiped for all of their lives, where Mum and Dad were married and where I was baptised, celebrated all of the Sacraments and was Ordained on 15th February 1985 by Archbishop Francis Rush. It is also where I celebrated my 1st Mass on Saturday 16th February 1985 and I add, where my only sibling and brother, Justin, was also schooled in his faith.

Sadly, I have to decline attending the 150th Anniversary celebrations on Friday 4th February this year due to my commitments here in Corinda Graceville Parish. I will offer my Mass on the morning of 4th February for the Priest, people and Catholic community of my home town with thanksgiving in my heart. Perhaps you could communicate to those gathered at St. Mary’s my special greetings and prayers on this occasion.

I wish every possible success and blessing in honouring this great anniversary.

OTHER APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM Fr George Joseph, Fr David Pascoe, Fr Paul Kelly, Fr Anthony Mellor and Bishop Brian Heenan who were unable to be with us but sent their prayers and best wishes.

THANKS to everyone involved in the planning of and participation in the liturgy for Friday night’s celebration. As with all events, teamwork is essential and we commend your efforts to recognise yet another 150 milestone in our Parish. Special thanks to those who provided family photos and to Stephen McGinley for taking charge of putting the slideshow together. Not all photos made it onto the screen for last night’s presentation and with more coming in, updates will be included in the weeks ahead and there will be opportunities for viewing the slideshow through other means which we will keep you informed about.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM-PENANCE WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 5.30PM IN THE CHURCH. Facilitator Cecilia Antony has sent invitations to the schools in the district inviting families to take part. **TO BE ELIGIBLE, CHILDREN MUST HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION.** At this meeting, details of the program will be explained and enrolments taken for the compulsory weekly sessions on the following three Wednesdays at 5.30 for approx. 40 minutes duration. A parent, guardian or responsible family member must accompany the child to each session. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday 5th March at a time which will be advised at the Parent meeting.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ALSO KNOWN AS CANDLEMAS. It’s customary on this day to bring candles from home to church for a blessing. Our tradition is scattered with blessings like this which are a concrete way of linking our lives out here in the world to the Body of Christ. It’s also a reminder that what Jesus gives us - the peace, the grace, the joy and, yes, the light - isn’t given to us to keep to ourselves but to take out into the world so that we can see the light and know that peace as well. Lord, may your light shine through me today. (taken from Living Faith.....written by Amy Welborn who has a blog. Go to Bit.ly/AmyWelborn for more good articles)



We have parishioners whose cultures place a lot of emphasis on this celebration so perhaps we should mark our Parish calendar for next year’s Candlemas to share our light around.

SPRUCED UP: A good clean and a coat of paint has given Our Lady and the rooster a new lease of life which may take some of us a while to get used to. Artist Willy Paes spent a long time on the scissor lift over a number of days paintbrush in hand under the watchful eye of people who came and went checking on progress. Luckily, there was no rain but the heat took its toll and Willy is glad the job is finished. Thanks to Barry for organising the hire of the lift and for being on hand a lot of the time to supervise along with Fr Lucius and parishioners. The Catholic Leader has just printed an article titled ‘St Mary’s Church 150th anniversary something to crow about’ in its weekly eNews report which is free to view online @ catholicleader.com. Copies are available in the church for you to take home. **Local leadlight artist, Paul Bradford made use of the opportunity to cover the section of the stained glass window that was damaged and measure up for a new piece to be manufactured in Brisbane.**

ENTRANCE: HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte. © Dan Schutte; New Dawn Music

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I Who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R/.**

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COMMUNION: THE SUMMONS

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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me.

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

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THANKSGIVING: LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

John 6; Michael Herry © Michael Herry

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied.

O Lord, You feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life.

The bread You give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world.

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RECESSIONAL: AS FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING

Ruth Duck © GIA Publications

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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If you misplaced a face mask adorned with butterflies, you may collect it from the table at the front entrance.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: David Brettell, Fay Shields, Anna Pecar, Margaret Twomey, Ame Cox, Laurel Dingle, Fay Richards.

The Recently Deceased: Gilbert Deem, Anunsacion Orion, Win Cordie, Patrick Berrell, Patricia Claxton, Jim Kirk.

Anniversary of Death: Clare Morris, Ada Jane Howell, Sally Marshall D’Cruz, Shereen Liao, P. Dieu My.

Roster Date	Sat 5th Feb	Sun 6th Feb	Sat 12th Feb	Sun 13th Feb
Welcomer	Pamella	Peter	Martin	Kristin
1st Reader	Mary	Frank	Cecilia	Tyson
2nd Reader	John	Christine	Gerard	Eris
Communion	Marion	Con	Sue	Graham
Servers	Sarah Byron Georgia	Andrew Sophie Nicholas	Thu Han Stazio	Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong Jearan Filipino Choir	Justin	Justin	Rita
Singers		Majella	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca

Welcome to new sponsor Sue Welsh who has the business mentioned below and invites enquiries re the particular support services on offer.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wed 9th February Reconciliation Information 5.30pm Church
Thurs 10th February Pastoral Council 5.00pm Presbytery
Thurs 24th February Parish Finance Council 5.30pm Presbytery

This month's Catholic Leader features include:

- Interview with Archdiocese of Brisbane Bishop-elect Tim Norton - Ordination will take place on Feb 22 at St Stephen's Cathedral.
- Tribute to actor Sidney Poitier who died recently at age 94.
- More water wells for Uganda.
- The late Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu had contemplated the Catholic Priesthood before making decision.

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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

09/02/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
10/02/2022	Thursday	12 noon
11/02/2022	Friday	8.30am
12/02/2022	Saturday	
	Maryborough	6.00pm
13/02/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
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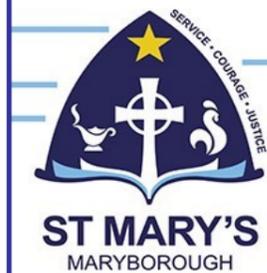
RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This week's Readings
(page 850 St Pauls Missal)
1st - Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm Response:
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.
2nd - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Come follow me, says the Lord and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11

Next weekend's Readings:

6th Sunday Ord Time Year C
1st - Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Psalm 1
2nd - 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel - Luke 6: 17, 20-26



NEWSLETTER 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us for he is the Lord our God.

Put out into the Deep!

In Luke's Gospel today, Peter had every reason to be sceptical and hesitant about the Lord's command to "Put out into deep water." He was very exhausted having worked all night to no avail; he knew that the best time for fishing was at night and that the sea tide was not favourable at that moment. But then he obeys the Lord, saying: "If you say so, I will cast out the nets." Peter is saying to Jesus: "Your instruction defies all the rules of the trade as I have known them all my working life; but trusting in your word I will do it."

Though fatigued from a night of fruitless work, Peter places his faith in Christ in spite of all the odds – and that was the defining moment of his life. That significant leap of faith yields Peter what is probably the biggest catch of his fishing career and the impact opens his spiritual eyes to recognize the divinity of Christ.

Overwhelmed by this miraculous turn of events, Peter cries out: "Depart from me Lord; I am a sinful man. His unworthiness is made clearer to him by his recognition of the divinity of Christ. Whenever we truly step beyond our human reason and place our anchor on Christ, we get transported deeper into the divine realm and then we are struck by the height, the width and the depth of God – recognizing how much we cannot comprehend the immensity of his divine existence.

The closer we get to God, the more we enter into the cloud of unknowing, realizing how much we do not know about him. That's the reason Peter declared himself a sinful man.

Finally, my dear brothers and sisters, as we prepare to receive the Eucharist today, we come before the Lord like Peter as sinful people. "Lord I am not worthy," we pray. But we also pray that he will only say the word and that our souls will be healed.

In Christ we serve. Fr Lucius

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR PENANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WED 9TH FEBRUARY 5.30PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH. SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.