

Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group - Eris Duffy, Chairperson:

We had our first meeting with Father Lucius on Tuesday which was very productive. We were joined by our School Principals, Tameika Grist and Michelle White, and APREs Juanita Macnamara and Chris Rosin, whose input was welcome. Our thoughts were with Rita and her family and we expressed our regrets that she was not here to add value to the discussions. All the very best wishes Rita for a speedy recovery. Pat and Marion were also apologies.

It was determined that our most pressing need within the Parish is the appointment of a **Pastoral Co-ordinator and a Sacramental Program Co-ordinator** being two separate positions. Father indicated that he would like to see these positions filled as soon as possible to assist him in his Pastoral Ministry within the Parish. The roles and responsibilities of these positions will be decided over the next few weeks and a decisions on the appointments determined after discussions with the Finance Council and you the parishioners will be kept informed throughout the process.

There will be a few subtle changes to the Masses as Father introduces his personal preferences to the liturgies. From this weekend, the gifts of bread and wine will be brought to the steps of the sanctuary at the Offering time. Down the track, when The Book of Gospels currently on order has been received, a nominated person will process in with this book along with Father Lucius and the altar servers. **We will see the re-introduction of the collections being at the doors after Mass from this weekend.**

Father Lucius informed the meeting that he will be part of the current prison ministry which requires his attendance on a Monday so when the time comes for this to begin, the Monday morning Mass will need to be cancelled. For now, the Monday Mass at 8.30 am will still be celebrated.

It is with regret that we have **cancelled the Christmas Carols** planned for November this year. Due to all the uncertainty and the state of play with COVID, it was deemed unfair to put people through the preparation with the possibility of the event not being allowed closer to the date. We will endeavour to have a sing-a-long as part of our Christmas Eve Vigil Mass December Friday 24th with the children and students dressing as 'Nativity' characters and animals. Stay tuned.

Musicians and singers - we would love to hear from anyone who is willing to join our choir and in particular we will welcome with open arms organists and other musically talented people to play the accompaniment for the singers. With Rita Lynch out of action, we are relying on Judith Massey, Bong and Jearan Rivero to play the pipe organ. Thanks to Robyn Duffy for putting her hand up to play the piano again to relieve the faithful few. Please come into the office if you are in a position to offer your time and energy to this most valued ministry. I thank you most sincerely in advance. Please note the three reminders below. God bless you all and stay safe.

COLLECTIONS

Plate collections resume from this weekend for **planned giving and loose cash**. Collectors will be at the doors as you leave. We will need people to volunteer for this so please let us know at the office and we will draw up a roster asap. In the meantime, please offer your services. **Donations for specific purposes should still be put in the boxes.**

CHECK IN ON ARRIVAL

Using the Check In Qld app is the latest compulsory requirement for lots of venues so we ask that you do the right thing and either book yourself in or ask a marshal to do this for you if you do not have a mobile phone. **Please then turn your phone off or place on silent to avoid it ringing during Mass.** Thank you for your understanding.

KEEPING THE DISTANCE

Please refrain from kneeling during Mass and to pray as it may encroach on the social distancing of the person sitting in front of you. If you choose to kneel, do not use the kneeler but rest against the pew to maintain the required space. Please also allow spacing when processing to and from Communion.



Beverley, Con and Diarmid for all the TLC given to the lawns and gardens recently.
Gary for painting the bench seats and securing them onto the raised concrete. 2 more to come.
Ann M for nurturing cuttings from the rose bushes in the hope that some if not all of them will strike and be available for sale to you for planting in your own gardens.
Bev & Lou, Carmel, Janette & Sophie for offering to set up for Mass on a Saturday night.
Jacinta for joining the floral arranging roster. **WE APPRECIATE ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: BLEST BE THE LORD

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**Antiphon: *Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul.

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COMMUNION HYMN: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
You who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.***

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. **R./**

Unless you eat
Of the Flesh of the Son of Man.
And drink of His Blood
And drink of His Blood
You shall not have life within you. **R./**

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THANKSGIVING HYMN: COMMUNION SONG

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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./**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (said 3 times)

O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine
All Praise and all Thanksgiving
be every moment thine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

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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.

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Jesus Loves The Many Children All
Around.
Doesn't Matter If Their Red Or Peach
Or Brown.
So Let Us Love Him..... With All Of
Our Might.
Pray To Him..... In The Day And In
The Night.



ATTENTION
CHILDREN:

TELL MUM OR
DAD THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE
TO ATTEND
CHILDREN'S
LITURGY ON

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"Let the children come to me"

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1st	P. Domin	F. Burkett
2nd	J. Kelleher	E. Duffy
HC	B. Jones	C. McNamara
AS	Stazio, Andrew and Han	Sarah, Tyson and Byron
	Sat 14th Aug	Sun 15th Aug
W	A. Gilbert	M. Byrne
1st	G. O'Connell	J. Macnamara
2nd	A. Elmer	P. Frawley
HC	M. Bryant	L. Fleming
AS	Sarah, Tyson and Byron	Thu, Jearan, and Sophie

*** RECONCILIATION**
SAT 5-5.30PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

*** ADORATION & BENEDICTION**
WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE
MASS ON 1ST THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH FROM
11.20 TO 11.50 INSTEAD OF
1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
COMMENCING
2ND SEPTEMBER 2021

We remember in our prayers:

Those in ill health:
 Rita Lynch, Faye Richards, Laurel Dingle, Ame Cox, Tim Barbeler, Anna Pecar.

The Recently Deceased:
 Sally Clark, Keith Guerin, Paterno Cosep, Peter Macnamara.

Anniversaries of Death:
 Fr. Joseph Vu, Zola Basubas, Terry Tappin, Eileen and Ron Tappin, Jennifer Nayler, Leonila and Lucio Carajay.

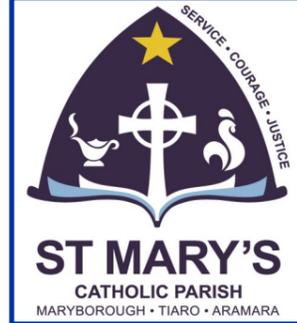
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8TH AUGUST 2021

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

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Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop



In a period of want, when there was famine in Elijah's time, the widow of Zarephath still responded hospitably towards a stranger wanting a drink of water. She was less able to provide even only a little food, but then trusting the prophet she shared her family's meagre resources. It is easy to deduce that this reading and the Gospel were chosen to reflect the hardship faced by St Mary of the Cross and her sisters in the early decades of the Josephites. The order was founded in 1866 when the colony of South Australia was only thirty years old. Social infrastructure does not spring up overnight, and South Australia did not have the wealth derived from gold discoveries that the other colonies had. Their colony was free but poor, so hardship was a shared reality, as it was throughout much of Australia and New Zealand outside the fledgling cities. St Mary and her founding sisters willingly shared the poverty of others while also trusting in the provident goodwill of others. It takes much courage and trust to embrace such a life of poverty and a mendicant lifestyle in order to provide education for disadvantaged children in particular, and then to give attention to the many needs of others in isolated areas too. It is the same courageous trusting sentiment found in today's Gospel, excerpted from the Sermon on the Mount.

The story of St Mary of the Cross is one witness to living that commitment through adversity. Luke also has an emphasis on the universality of the message of the Gospel and of Christ's going to others whom the righteous look down on; thus he goes to the homes of Pharisees as well as to the homes of those they rejected. Likewise, in St Mary's story we find one who, while facing adversity due to opposition from at least some in the Catholic leadership, found remarkable kindness from the Jewish community, from Emanuel Solomon in particular. It seems an unusual reversal of the model in today's first reading (1 Kgs 17:8-16) as, instead of the Jewish prophet Elijah finding hospitality with the Gentile widow, the Christian Sister finds hospitality with the Jewish ex-convict. However, both stories testify to human goodness being found beyond one's own "tribe". St Mary's story is one of kindness in hardships shared, for it was marked by a willingness not only to share the poverty of the poor but the richness of education that is needed by all.

(taken from Liturgia 8th August, 2021)

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

09/08/2021	Monday	8.30am
	Fairhaven	10.00am
10/08/2021	Tuesday	8.30am
12/08/2021	Thursday	12 noon
13/08/2021	Friday	8.30am
14/08/2021	Saturday	
	Maryborough	6.00pm
15/08/2021	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Responsorial Psalm
Response (all): My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamation:
We proclaim your Death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion: printed with hymns

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