Mark this date on your calendar Friday 26th November 5pm - 9pm in the Church grounds for the

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND CAROL SINGING

Following an enthusiastic committee meeting during the week, it was agreed to put the Carols and Christmas Fair back on the agenda and plans are already under way to ensure that this will be a wonderful chance for us to gather as a community to celebrate together and at the same time raise some much needed funds to assist with maintenance projects that the parish is facing. We are currently working on a flyer to hand out which will give full details of the events and stalls planned. We hope that you will get into the spirit of the occasion and support this event in any way you can. We will be contacting the people who kindly offered donations earlier in the year in the hope that they will still be willing to do this. Of course, we welcome monetary donations from anyone who finds this the best way to make a worth-while contribution.

To get the ball rolling, Majella is organising a major raffle in the form of a hamper of non-perishable goodies with Christmas in mind and invites anyone to bring items to Mass from next week and place in the baskets provided. Raffle tickets will be sold in the lead up to the event so we will keep you posted on this. Anne Gilbert has kindly donated two prizes which will be used in conjunction with this raffle.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN BECOMING CATHOLIC: At this time of year, we invite anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to contact the parish office in order to set up the program which will carry through until Easter next year. If you know of anyone who has shown interest in this, please ask them to make contact. The program will get under way by mid-October.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION: Classes for children in Year 3 or above will begin in the 2nd week of October. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office on request. A reminder to parents that children must be baptised Catholic in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These children will then be eligible for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2022. Spread the word if you know of any families who may have children ready for the Sacraments.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AND LITURGY GROUP MEETING: Wednesday 6th October at 8.30am in the church following the 8am Mass. We will give you an account of discussions next week.

WEBSITE: Our fresh new website is up and running and we invite you to use the link below to have a browse and let us know what you think. https://stmarysmaryborough.weebly.com/

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY - SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 9AM AT THE GROTTO: Every year on the Saturday nearest to 13th October, the date when the Miracle of the Sun occurred at Fatima, we gather together to pray to Our Lady invoking her intercession to ease whatever burdens we ourselves have and to ask for people around the world to make the Rosary a part of their prayer life.

Rose of the Week

Moira and Olive enjoy catching up at the Mass of Anointing last Thursday.

Here's an example of what is on offer from the craft and gift stall at our Christmas Bazaar.

ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD *Dan Schutte © 1981 New Dawn Music OCP Pub*

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

Let us build the City of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one Who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free. **R/.**

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
O comfort My people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth. **R/.**

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COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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Refrain:

One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
One Cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile of Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. ***R./***

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. ***R./***

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. ***R./***

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THANKSGIVING: WASHING OF THE FEET

A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:
If you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:
If you have love one for another.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (say 3 times)

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

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Refrain:

Father welcomes all His children
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,
For My Kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give:
Mercy for your sin. **R/**

In the water, in the Word,
In the promise be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again. **R/**

Let us daily die to sin.
Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. **R/**

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Prayer for Rain

Almighty and eternal Father,
Give your blessing of rain to our land.
May it fall where it is most needed
to provide water and refreshment.
Give courage, strength and hope to
people on the land who rely on rain for
the livelihood of their families.
Help us to wait patiently for your
providence. Amen.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO
SATURDAY 16th October 9am

Roster Date	Saturday 2nd Oct	Sunday 3rd Oct	Saturday 9th Oct	Sunday 10th Oct
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	A Gilbert P Domin Omena Ibe	P Phillips K Ogilvie T Hagan	P Phillips J Kelleher M Cordery	E Duffy J Macnamara F Burkett
Communion	S Flavel	G Neill	B Jones	J Elmer
Servers	Thu Han Andre	Sophie Nicholas	Sarah Tyson Byron Andre	Georgia Isaac Xavier
Musicians Singers Mass set up	Robyn Men Carmel	Judith Theresa Lita Rebecca	New roster on the way Gerry	New roster on the way Lita Rebecca

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We remember in our prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased:
Lena Hughes, Rosenda Concha.

Anniversaries of Death:
Brian Curran C.M., Vince Walker, Margaret Paine, Alan Bartels, Matthew Rahe, Frances Steemson.

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please use the envelopes provided.

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MASS SCHEDULE
(PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO MASSES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY FROM NOW ON)

06/10/2021 Wednesday 8.00am
07/10/2021 Thursday * 12 noon
with Adoration from 11.20
08/10/2021 Friday 8.30am
09/10/2021 Saturday
Maryborough 6.00pm

10/10/2021 Sunday
Maryborough 8.00am

This weekend's Readings:
1st - Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalm - 127

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

2nd - Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. If we love one another God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 10: 2-16

Next weekend's Readings
28th Sunday Ord Time Year B:

1st - Wisdom 7: 7-11
Psalm - 89: 12-17
2nd - Hebrews 4: 12-13
Gospel - Mark 10: 17-30

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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"The Lord is good to those who hope in him; to the soul that seeks him."

Do you remember your Archimedes moment?

Let us refresh our memories: Archimedes was the greatest mathematician of antiquity and one of the greatest of all time. Once, as he stepped into a bath, he noticed that the water level was rising and it struck him that the volume of water displaced must be equal to the volume of the part of his body that was submerged. He had discovered how to calculate the volume of an object with an irregular shape – and that was a cutting edge discovery! Archimedes got so excited that he dashed straight from the bath into the street, forgetting to put his clothes back on, and shouting "Eureka! Eureka" ("I found it! I found it"). He had no time to consider his public appearance, nor did he even remember he was naked.

Each one of us can remember our own Archimedes moment, that moment of "Yes! Yes! I got it!" Perhaps it was the day we felt the awesome power of God's healing and forgiveness; maybe it was the day your future spouse agreed to marry you; maybe it was the day the baby was born; maybe it was the day your team won the Grand Final. Maybe it was the day you made the decision to commit yourself to a vocation of a single or consecrated life, depending totally on God as your ultimate companion when in need.

Dear brothers and sisters, the circumstances may differ but the feeling is the same – intense, inexpressible joy. This great joy was what Adam felt the very moment he saw Eve. "At last," he exclaimed, "this is the bone of my bone and the flesh of my flesh." He knew straight away that they were meant for each other. Adam went ahead to name the woman and our First Reading today concludes by saying that, "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife and they become one body" thereby making marriage a beautiful covenant, not a contract. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to re-kindle in our hearts the fire of his love to always be committed to God's plan for us whatever it may be and to ever respect the promises we make to each other both in good times and in bad, so help us God, Amen.

Peace be with you! Fr Lucius