





**YOU ARE INVITED TO A MASS AT 6PM ON FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022 TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST MASS WAS HELD IN OUR CHURCH. BISHOP KEN HOWELL WILL BE THE CELEBRANT AND OTHER PRIESTS WHO HAVE HAD A CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH HAVE BEEN INVITED. PLEASE HELP TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL OCCASION BY YOUR ATTENDANCE.**

Excerpt from 100 Years and More Catholicism in Maryborough 1849-1980 by Fr Denis Martin. 'On Sunday, February 4, 1872, the new church, now named St Mary's, was opened by Fr Tissot. Writing of St Mary's a few years later, Bishop Quinn described it as 'a nice church' intended to be the first portion of a cathedral. That idea of Maryborough becoming an Episcopal See lingered on for many decades. The nave of St Mary's which was opened in 1872 formed the nucleus for later extensions and alterations. Now, that end of the church with the transepts is the oldest part of any Catholic Church in this Diocese still in use.'

**KEEP THE PHOTOS COMING:** Thank you to the few people who have submitted family photos of formal and social occasions that have occurred over time. There must be many more in albums just waiting to be aired for the slideshow we need to prepare this week. If you are able to drop into the office with a few photos, i.e. baptisms, weddings, school days, we can scan them straight away. If you have photos saved digitally, they could also be emailed through as a JPEG and we will include them. With so many long standing families in this city, we hope to have a good selection to look through so that people may reminiscence about the 'old' and not so old days. Please make this a priority during the coming week.

**SNIPPETS FROM THE BOOK WRITTEN BY FR DENIS MARTIN FOR THE SESQUICENTENARY @ \$10.00**

- In the major flood of 1955, the waters crept up into the Presbytery (former) but Monsignor Jordan refused to move out. He was finally persuaded to do so by a policeman who rowed a boat in and took him aboard. During the same flood, several men arrived at the parish hall in a rowing boat to rescue the piano. 
- A tornado wrecked the Tiaro Church in 1958 during Monsignor Lyons' time as PP and was replaced with the current church previously at Dallarnil (near Biggenden). In this same year, Maryborough took over Aramara, the small church there having been built on Crown land and opened by Archbishop Duhig on 26th February 1950. 
- Fr Paul Tissot, our first resident PP was a member of the small French Order of the Augustinian of Assumptions, was described as humble, pious and zealous. He did not master English and often caused amusement with some of his language mishaps such as the time he tried to engage a young woman teacher for the school. He declared that he wanted to 'become engaged' to her.
- Monsignor Lyons had occasion to send a telegram to the Connors family at Tiaro advising that due to the very wet conditions, the Sunday morning Mass was cancelled. The telegram did arrive but it had gone first to Cairo!

**VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** We have received advice that the funds generously donated by the St Mary's Community for the Christmas Appeal amounted to \$3000 which is an extraordinary outcome and the Society wishes to thank parishioners for their generous support of needy families in our community.

**ROSTERS FOR MUSICIANS/SINGERS** for February and March have been compiled and may be collected from the cupboard. Please note that there will be a combined Choir Practice on Tuesday 25th January at 4pm for both the Saturday 29th January Mass and the special Mass on Friday 4th February for anyone who wishes to partake.....the more the merrier! A couple of newer songs will require extra practice.

**REST IN PEACE:** On behalf of the Parish, we offer our prayers and condolences to the Kirk family on the recent death of Jim of J. Kirk & Sons, Funeral Directors.

**ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG**

Text: JP McAuley, 1917-1976; © Norma McAuley Tune: R Connolly; © Margaret Connolly

**Refrain:**  
Sing a new song, sing a new song,  
and wait upon the promise of the Lord.

Creation sings a new song to the Lord,  
the universal energies rejoice,  
through all the magnitudes of space and time  
creatures proclaim the grandeur of Christ.

The mountains and the valleys and the plains,  
the cattle and the wild beasts and the birds,  
the shadows and the clouds, the rain and snow,  
praise and reflect the bounty of Christ.

The ocean deeps, the currents and the tides,  
the diatoms, the fishes and the whale,  
the storm, the reef, the water spout, the calm,  
praise and reflect the wonder of Christ.

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**COMMUNION: COMMUNION SONG**

Words and Music: Peter Grant © Peter Grant

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."

And when supper was then ended,  
He took the wine, again gave thanks,  
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.  
This is My Blood, to be shed for you."

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**THANKSGIVING: JESUS YOU ARE BREAD FOR US**

**Refrain:**  
Jesus, You are bread for us.  
Jesus, You are life for us.  
In Your gift of Eucharist  
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share.

When we feel that we need love  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share.

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O Sacrament Most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving,  
be every moment thine. (say 3 times)

**RECESSIONAL: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

Words and Music: Robert Dufford © 1981, Robert J Dufford SJ and New Dawn Music

**Refrain:**  
All the ends of the earth,  
All you creatures of the sea,  
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord,  
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,  
Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
The wonders He has done in every age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in His might;  
Every heart every nation call Him Lord.

The Lord has made His salvation known,  
Faithful to His promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth,  
Let the sea and all it holds,  
Make music before our King!

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**The Recently Deceased:** Patrick Berrell, Patricia Claxton, Jim Kirk, Jane Shoobridge.

**Anniversary of Death:** Clare Morris.

Roster Date	Saturday 22nd Jan	Sunday 23rd Jan	Saturday 29th Jan	Sunday 30th Jan
Welcomer	R Wroe	F Burkett	A Gilbert	T Hagan
1st Reader	T Griffiths	E Duffy	P Domin	P Phillips
2nd Reader	M Cordery	K Perronnet	O Ibe	F Burkett
Communion	G Donoghue	J Elmer	B Jones	R Parker
Servers	Sarah Byron Chet Andre	Georgia Isaac Xavier	Sophie Nicholas Thu Han	Sarah Byron
Musicians	Justin	Robyn	Rita	Robyn
Singers	Majella	Men	Choir	Janette
Mass set up	Beverley Lou	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca



Thanks to Willy Paes, ably assisted by his wife Di, this statue has been repaired and repainted at intervals over the last few weeks. As soon as a scissor lift can be hired, work will begin on the statue outside.

Thank you for all donations since the appeal was made at Christmas.



### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. STOpline is an external service available to anyone who is aware of any suspected abuse, misconduct and policy breaches by Archdiocesan, BCE or Centacare Brisbane staff. Call 1300 304 550 anonymously.



### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The rate is 10c per can or bottle which meet the criteria. The recycling centre is on Kingston Drive off Walker St. Quote ID **C10151538** for the funds to be paid directly to the Parish. During 2021, \$731 was credited to our Bank Account for which we thank everyone who supports this initiative.

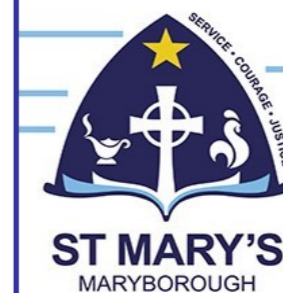
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**NEWSLETTER 23RD JANUARY 2022**  
**3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**  
*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*

### A year of favour from the Lord

Today we return to the Gospel of Luke where in his opening preface (1:1-4) Luke tells us why he wrote the gospel. It was to explain to Theophilus, probably a Roman official, what Christianity was all about. Have you ever tried to explain to someone what Christianity is all about? Some people think Christianity is all about sin and judgment, heaven and hell and that God is a heavenly policeman who is constantly monitoring our movements, writing down all our sins in his book and waiting to throw us into hellfire as soon as he catches up with us. Luke sees it all differently.

For Luke, Christianity has more to do with God's love and mercy than with punishment and condemnation. That is why, in telling Theophilus about the Christian faith in today's gospel, Luke finds the incident in the synagogue in Nazareth very useful. In this incident found only in Luke's Gospel, Jesus makes a solemn declaration of his mission in the world.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry which will include bringing good news to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed and proclaiming a year of favour from the Lord.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation to human kind to be the true meaning of Christianity. Let us therefore pray as Christians, and especially as Catholics, that God will help us to understand that our own mission is to follow Jesus in saving people's souls. We should also be concerned with saving their bodies, their health, their housing, their jobs and their entire lives as Jesus has declared a year of complete favour for us all.

*In Christ we serve.*

*Fr Lucius*

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

26/01/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
	<b>Australia Day</b>	
27/01/2022	Thursday	12 noon
28/01/2022	Friday	8.30am
29/01/2022	Saturday	
	Maryborough	6.00pm
30/01/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

RECONCILIATION  
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

### This week's Readings

(page 840 St Pauls Missal)  
1st - Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

**Psalm Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

2nd - 1 Corinthians 12: - 12-30

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel - Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

### Next weekend's Readings:

**4th Sunday Ord Time Year C**

1st - Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Psalm 70

2nd - 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13

Gospel - Luke 4: 21-30

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