National Child Protection Week : This year National Child Protection Week runs from 4-10 September. The Archdiocese is encouraging all parishes and ministries to get involved in and support this very important community campaign. National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that **'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'**. For more details: https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME – 2022 - EUCHARIST (First Holy Communion)

Enrolment has started for First Holy Communion for this year. We request all parents who wish to enrol your child in this sacramental programme to register as soon as possible either by contacting the Parish Office or for students through St. Mary's Primary School. The Parents Information Night is on Saturday 10th September 5pm – 6pm at St. Mary's Church.

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY: We encourage to use the poster in Church noticeboard with QRCode to do this Survey. The QRCodes are available for CHILD SAFEGUARDING SURVEY (5-12 years) and PARISH SAFEGUARDING SURVEY (Adult).

Blessing to all Dads

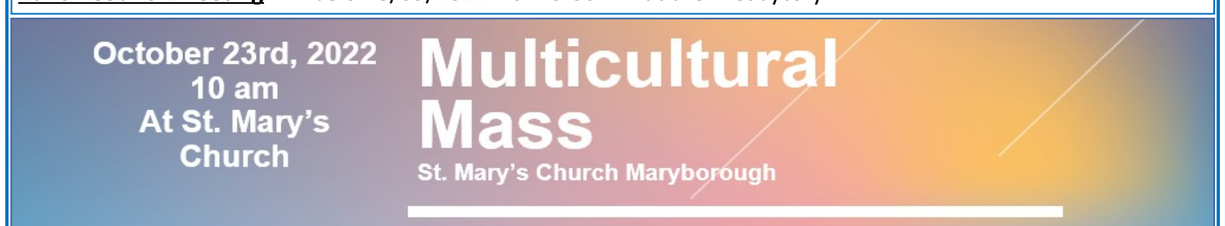
May God, out of his glorious riches, strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith.
May you, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with your family, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and may you know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
May God, who is utterly able, do immeasurably more for you and in you than all you can ever ask or imagine. Through Christ our Lord. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

THANK YOU each one who came and made the Working Bee Day a success. Total 16 volunteers came with their abilities and worked as a team for around 6 hours. The results are visible at the Church Gardens and surroundings. Please follow the link for pictures https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/workingbee_orig.png

THANK YOU for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Campaign! Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances. With your gift, you are the face, hands, and heart of Christ to those who need us most.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank parishioners for their support of our Winter Appeal. So far we have received a little over $2000. We are very grateful for your support.

Parish Council Meeting will be on 8/09/2022 from 5:00 PM at the Presbytery.



God's Word 2023 - Daily Reflection: Those who have pre-ordered God's Word 2023 - Daily Reflection book, please pay $15.00 and collect it from the Piety Stall before Mass during weekends or from Parish Office (8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Tuesday - Friday). We still have some extra copies and those who want to buy it please contact with Parish Office.

Entrance: Galilee Song

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Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me,
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I can't clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind,
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

Refrain:

So I leave my boats behind,
Leave them on familiar shores,
Set my heart upon the deep,
Follow you again my Lord!

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days,
Dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry!

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Psalm Response: (Read)

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws .
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion: Will You Love Me?

B. Boniwell Spectrum Publications

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:
Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night
And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

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Thanksgiving: Spirit, Come, Transform Us

Gregory Norbet @ 1988 OCP Publications

Refrain:

Spirit, come, transform us. Come, be our breath, be our hope.

Spirit, come, transform us. Come, be our breath, be our hope. (2x)

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Recessional: Be Thou My Vision

Traditional

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys,
O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Joan Schmidt, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Denis Shield, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Piera Louisa Rossi, Bernard Kevin Barry, Michael Gerard Sauer, Ronald Stephenson, Leonora Lillian Kernke, Julieta Perez, Olive Williams, Paul Mitchell, Ailyn Vargas, Leanne Cartwright and Andrew Charles Gill.

Anniversary of Death: Raymond Proctor, Moyna Caines, Ted Twomey, Frank Walker, Mollie Walker, Kevin Schmidt, Ernest Schmidt, Colin Hogan, Una Howard, Wolfgang, Koerper, Ernie Travaskis, Breda Ryan, Albert Colotte, Pacita & Eligio Perez, Glad & Vince Mooney and Greg Morris.

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Welcomer	Beverley	Eris	Warren	Frank
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2nd Reader	Pat	Tyson	Mary	Christine
Communion	Marion Beverley	Con Lita	Gerry Wayne	Lita Graham
Servers	Thu Han Chet	Sarah Byron	Andrew Stazio	Georgia Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Jearen	Robyn	Justin	Rita
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This Week's Mass Schedule

07/09/2022	Wednesday	**No Mass**
08/09/2022	Thursday	**12:00 pm**
09/09/2022	Friday	**08:30 am**
10/09/2022	Saturday	**06.00 pm**
11/09/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00 am**
	Tiaro	**10.00 am**

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EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

This weekend's: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.924)
- **1st** - Wisdom 9:13-18
- **Psalm** - 89 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 14:25-33

Next weekend's: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.924)
- **1st** - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
- **Psalm** - 50
- **2nd** - 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- **Gospel** - Luke 15:1-10

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NEWSLETTER 04TH SEPTEMBER 2022
23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

YOU ARE JUST, O LORD,
AND YOUR JUDGEMENT IS RIGHT;
TREAT YOUR SERVANT IN ACCORD WITH YOUR
MERCIFUL LOVE.

"Hating" Those we love

We know the old commandment, "Honour your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12). We know the new commandment of Jesus, "Love one another; even as I have loved you" (John 13:34). And today Jesus declares: "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). How can we reconcile these seemingly contradictory demands? How can we "hate" those we are supposed to love? And, more importantly, why?

The paradox of hating those we love was dramatized in a most fascinating way on Saturday, September 8, 2001 in the women's finals of the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing, New York. For the first time in the history of the tournament, the world watched a sportive and emotional two sisters who love themselves so much that they live in the same house and share the same hotel room fought each other. Could you imagine what was going on in the minds of Venus and Serena Williams as they battled and slugged it out against each other, suspending their love for each other and at least temporarily "hating" each other? They had to "hate" each other because the one was standing in the way of the other becoming the world champion. The one was an obstacle to the realisation of the other's dream to wear the world crown. And so they had to hate and fight each other.

Venus won. But she did not do her usual victory leap and celebratory display. Instead she ran to the net, put an arm around her defeated junior sister's shoulder and said, "I love you." Why did she say that? Because the game is over now and her sister is no longer an obstacle in the way of her victory. She said, in other words, "I am sorry, but I had to do it: I had to fight you so hard, I had to "hate" you because you were standing in my way. But I still love you." That was a rare example of hating those we love, and from it we can learn much about the injunction to "hate" our loved ones.

Ordinarily Venus loves Serena, except when Serena becomes an obstacle that could prevent her from realising her ambition to win the crown. Similarly, we are to love our parents and siblings and spouses, and indeed everyone else, except when they become obstacles in our bid to win the crown of eternal life. The crown of heavenly glory that the Father gives us is worth much more than the ephemeral crown that Venus won on that day. So we should be prepared to wage an uncompromising war to see that no person or thing stands in our way to make us lose the crown. Possessions constitute a formidable obstacle in many people's bid for the crown of salvation. That is why Jesus concludes today's gospel with these words: "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions" (v. 33).

Jesus implies that to be his disciple is to relativize every other thing in life: family or wealth, prosperity or health, pleasure or fame. He means that on the list of our goals and priorities in life, attaining the kingdom of God must come first and then everything else will follow. It is a matter of life and death. And the examples he gives to illustrate the seriousness of his teaching come from the field of war.

Finally, dear sister and brothers, let us pray for all fathers today, especially those in our parish, that they may learn from the humility of the Holy family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph in carrying out their parental responsibilities to their families. We also remember fathers, grand fathers and great grand fathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our heart and nourish us with their love, may they continue to enjoy the company of the saints in heaven.

Happy father's day to all Dads! **Peace be with you!** **Fr Lucius**