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NEWSLETTER 06TH APRIL 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

GIVE ME JUSTICE, O GOD,
AND PLEAD MY CAUSE AGAINST A NATION THAT IS FAITHLESS.
FROM THE DECEITFUL AND CUNNING RESCUE ME,
FOR YOU, O GOD, ARE MY STRENGTH.

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU!

In the second part of John's Gospel today, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ will condemn her immediately. They thought he will give them the permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong, because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life, and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: "Go and sin no more."

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities in spite of our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with every day in our life and society. His mission is to save us from all our personal sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. This is why he says: "...I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10, 10).

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus "Neither do I condemn you." The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that our negative past is dead and extinguished like a candle. So Christ will always fill us with laughter and Joy. This is what he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection.

Finally, as we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: "Go and sin no more." This is an injunction we must believe and put in to practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command. Therefore, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges against us. So, let us shout for joy: "What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we were glad!"

God's hour of mercy is near, do not be left out!
Fr Lucius

This Week's Mass Schedule

09/04/2025 **Wednesday** 8:00am
10/04/2025 **Thursday** 12.00pm
11/04/2025 **Friday** 9:15am
12/04/2025 **Saturday** 6:00pm
13/04/2025 **Sunday**
Maryborough 8:00am
Tiara 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C
(p.783 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm - Ps 125 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Philippians 3:8-14
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel -

Next weekend: Palm Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.189).

- 1st - Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm - Ps 22
- 2nd - Philippians 2:6-11
- Gospel - Luke 22:14 - 23:56

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent in St Mary's. This is another commitment to make the most during the Lenten season by walking the path to Calvary with Jesus.

- **April 4th: 5:15pm at St. Mary's.**
- **April 11th: 4:45pm at St. Mary's** (followed by the Second Rite of Reconciliation at 5:30 pm).



Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2025

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday - Mass 8am - St Mary's

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration).

Sacred Heart, Tiaro: Sunday 6th April - After 10 am Mass
St Mary's: Friday 11th April - 5.30 pm

Mass Timings

Saturday 12th April - Vigil for Passion - 6 pm - St Mary's

Sunday 13th April - Passion Sunday - 8 am - St Mary's
10 am - Tiaro

Thursday 17th April - Lord's Supper - 7 pm - St Mary's

Friday 18th April - Stations of the Cross - 10 am - St Mary's
Solemn Liturgy - 3 pm - St Mary's

Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday Vigil - 6 pm - St Mary's

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday - 8 am - St Mary's
- 10 am - Tiaro

Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum:

Thank you to all who already entered your names for duties. We still have more spots to be filled. If you can contribute, please enter your name so that we could complete the Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Fortnightly, Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



Parish Safeguarding Survey 2025 (Adults)



Youth Safeguarding Survey 2025 (13-17yrs)



Child Safeguarding Survey 2025 (5-12 yrs)



Year of Jubilee 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"
5-6 April
Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

Working Bee
Saturday 12th April - 7:30am
Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden before Easter.

The activities will include trimming the shrubs etc. We request anyone if you could come with your trailer to remove the rubbish.

Choir Practice
All members of choir, Filipino choir and any parishioners who are interested in joining choir for Easter celebrations are invited to attend the following practices:
• Tuesday 8 April @ 4 pm
• Sunday 13 April @ 9 am (after Mass).

ONE-DAY RETREAT: "UNLOCKING THE POWER IN BAPTISM"

The Hervey Bay Catholic Parish Charismatic Prayer Group invites parishioners to join their one-day program on **Saturday, 12th April 2025, 9.30 am to 4 pm**, focusing on unlocking the power and graces each of us has received through our Baptism. The aim of the program will be to encourage each of us to seek a deeper personal relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit. The program will be presented by the Mission Team of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided. A love offering will be taken up to cover costs. Sign on sheets available at the church entrance. For more information, contact: Tony Monsour 0438289054.

ENTRANCE: SEE HIS HANDS

See his hands, see the cruel marks of bitterness and shame.
See his hands reaching out to take the whole world's pain.
O, see his hands,
O, see his wounds,
O, see his hands reaching out to the world.

Feel his hands, feel his touch upon your tear stained face.
Feel his hands gently lifting you to beauty and grace.
O, feel his hands,
O, feel his wounds,
O, feel his hands reaching out to your pain.

Take his hands in your own, touch those precious scars.
Take the love from his wounds: heal your wounded heart.
O, take his hands,
O, touch his wounds,
O feel his love flowing into your heart.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION: LOVE CALLS ME BACK

Come to my table, taste of my Word
Bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing. Bring in the pain.
Bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story no-one's ever heard,
The times on the road you were scared,
Bring me the gifts no-one wanted to share.
Let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you that can't taste my Word.
There's nowhere our spirit can't fly!
I've laughed in the dancing and cried in the pain.
I've loved the whole of your journey.

I've lived in the desert where hearts have run dry.
I've loved in the gaol of your pain.
I live in the poor and I give you my name.
I live the whole of your journey.

Remember my arms open wide on the tree.
Remember the tears in my eyes.
Remember the wonder when death fell away
And love called you back to the journey.

Come to my table, taste of my Word,
Bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing. Bring in the pain.

Bring me the whole of your journey.
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THANKSGIVING: ASHES

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction, give our vision wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
Though spring has turned to winter and sunshine turned to rain.

The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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RECESSIONAL: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: *Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Annemarie Lyons, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Anna Pecar, Valma Basset and Noreen Poacher.

Anniversary of Death: Eileen and Michael Hogan, Florence Schmidt, George Courtney, Margaret Burkett, Kay Phipps, Richard Hogan, Jean Deere, Con Deere and Brian Deere.