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NEWSLETTER 9TH MARCH 2025
First Sunday of Lent - Year C
WHEN HE CALLS ON ME, I WILL ANSWER HIM;
I WILL DELIVER HIM AND GIVE HIM GLORY,
I WILL GRANT HIM LENGTH OF DAYS.

This Week's Mass Schedule

12/03/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
13/03/2025	Thursday	12.00pm
14/03/2025	Friday	9:15am
15/03/2025	Saturday	6:00pm
16/03/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
First Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.764).

- 1st - Deuteronomy 26:4-10
- Psalm - Ps 90 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 10:8-13
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

Next weekend: Second Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.769).

- 1st - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
- Psalm - Ps 26
- 2nd - Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
- Gospel - Luke 9:28-36

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer



BE WITH US, LORD WHEN WE ARE IN TROUBLE

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ, a journey that will last for about 40 days. The Lenten season therefore presents us with yet another opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, salvation and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our brothers and sisters in faith. Through our participation this Lent God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

This season, therefore, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in our gospel. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. This was why, once he realized that Christ was very hungry, he felt it was an opportunity to use Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong, because Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Hence, the devil cannot succeed with us too if we try to avoid occasion of sin.

We must not give the devil any chance this season and in our entire lifetime. Therefore, let us close all the avenues during this journey by closing the avenues of hunger and thirst for sin, the avenue of cheap popularity, vain glory, pride, and selfishness. These are obstacles to our spiritual growth, victory, and of course, to our salvation.

As St. Paul writes: “the weapons of our warfare are not flesh and blood, but they are mighty through God for pulling down Strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4). Our weapons this season must include a very strong faith in God, prayer, uprightness, good works, and the word of God. This is because: “We do not fight” against flesh and blood. But, against...powers of this dark age...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm” (Eph 6, 10-12).

Above all, dear brothers and sisters, we must allow the Holy Spirit to oversee our lives by being docile to Him. Because trusting in the arm of our own flesh will not help us this season. This is because, it might fail us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, this season, God is ready to do for us what He did for our fathers in faith in ancient times. So, together with the psalmist today, let us unceasingly implore the Lord saying: “Be with us, O Lord when we are in trouble.”

Wishing you all a joyful Lenten Season, Fr Lucius

In Loving Memory

FR LEO IS NOW AT PEACE WITH GOD



Following the sad news of the passing of our beloved Fr Leo Burke on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th of February 2025, we the parishioners of St Mary's Maryborough have both been devastated and curious to get more information regarding his funeral. Finally, I can now confirm that Fr Leo will be laid to rest at the Nudgee Cemetery following a Requiem Mass to be presided over by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the priests, Religious and the laity of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. On Friday 14th of March at 10.00am at St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane.

Having dedicated over 60 years of his life serving as a catholic priest, Fr Leo became a household name across the length and breadth of the archdiocese for the good reasons. For us in St Mary's, Fr Leo was more than a priest, he became a friend of our parish for many years after serving out his first appointment as a young curate. Until his death last week, Fr Leo's heart was always with his beloved Maryborough. Earlier last month, while Fr Leo was at the hospital in Brisbane, I rang to check up with him and to thank him for looking after the parish while on my annual leave, and he said to me, "Lucius, I just received my medical result, it isn't looking too bad, which means, I might be stuck with your parish for another year" What a friend! What a Soul!

Finally, as we pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Fr Leo, we are equally commiserating with the Burke family and the entire archdiocese of Brisbane at this difficult time.

Bus Arrangement to Brisbane (Fr Leo's Funeral)

I therefore encourage those (parishioners) who may like to attend Fr Leo's Funeral Mass next week Friday in Brisbane to please contact Gerry Donoghue (0412594744) or to ring the parish office during working hours.

May His Soul Rest in Perfect Peace.

Fr Lucius Edomobi, pp

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's. This is another commitment to make the most during the Lenten season by walking the path to Calvary with Jesus.



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

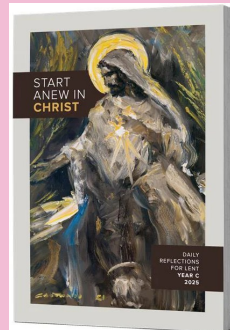
NOTE:

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 5.15pm at St Mary's.

Piety Stall

●Start Anew in Christ

Daily Reflections for Lent Year C 2025.



●God's Word 2025

Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary.



Church Maintenance

God moves in mysterious ways. Through divine guidance we found the West Indian Termites colonising in the church roof, and through divine and human intervention we destroyed the pest. However, saving St Mary's from the termite invasion was a costly exercise that took our eyes off the ball. If we are to preserve the church for future generations (ie, fix the roof and paint the exterior), we desperately need your support. Should you feel you can help, the church account details are:

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ENTRANCE: 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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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust!'

*Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear,
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *R./*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *R./*

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways:
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *R./*

*Final: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,*

*Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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THANKSGIVING: PSALM 91 : BE WITH ME, LORD

*Refrain: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Be with me, Lord, I pray.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for the angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

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RECESSIONAL: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Antiphon: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Val Basset, Alfonso Diaz, Dana Kaarsberg, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Fr Leo Burke, Avelina Tumalak, Jodie Hart, John Hunt and Dawn McGahan.

Anniversary of Death: Patricia Murray, Vic Sempf, Rhonda Fleming, John Taylor, Sally D'Cruz and Jerome Parker.