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NEWSLETTER 30TH MARCH 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

REJOICE, JERUSALEM, AND ALL WHO LOVE HER.
BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE IN MOURNING;
EXULT AND BE SATISFIED AT HER CONSOLING BREAST.

This Week's Mass Schedule

02/04/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
03/04/2025	Thursday	12.00pm
04/04/2025	Friday	9:15am
	Maryborough Community Aged Care	1:00pm
05/04/2025	Saturday	6:00pm
06/04/2025	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.778).

- 1st - Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm - Ps 33 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next weekend: Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.783).

- 1st - Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm - Ps 125
- 2nd - Philippians 3:8-14
- Gospel - John 8:1-11

Please Ensure Silence
In The Church By
Supporting Silent Prayer



The story of the prodigal son in Luke's Gospel is familiar to most of us. But how many of us also think of the father as prodigal? Prodigal means "recklessly wasteful" or "extremely generous." The son is prodigal because he wastes his inheritance. The father is prodigal because he lavishes his love on both his sons.

Let's examine the younger son's actions. He asks for his inheritance while his father is still living, and surprisingly his father accommodates him. At the time of Jesus, fathers were discouraged from distributing their inheritances while they were alive (see Sirach 33:20-24). According to Jewish tradition, the younger son is severing his connection to his family by demanding his share of the inheritance before the father's death. With no regrets, the younger spends his money in a far-off Gentile place. When his money is gone, he looks for an employer so he can earn a living to survive. In desperation, he takes a job feeding pigs.

Luke tells us that the younger son has no food, yet he cannot eat the pigs he is tending. He also cannot eat the feed he gives the pigs because the bitter carob pods cause nausea in human beings. Destitute, the younger son realizes that even the servants on his father's farm have something to eat. Upon his return, the younger son admits that he had publicly denounced his father, his family, and his community. Now humbled, he is willing to face the consequences of his earlier actions.

Even though the younger son seeks only his father's forgiveness and treatment as a hired hand, his father restores the son to his previous dignity. In this way, the father demonstrates to the community that he has welcomed his younger son back into the family. Then the father bestows the ultimate honor on his son—a community celebration in the son's honor. The story's focus then turns to the oldest son and his relationship with his father. Instead of honoring his father by hosting the celebration with him, the oldest son stays away. His action insults and humiliates his father. When the father leaves the celebration to plead with him, the oldest son speaks of himself as a slave. Then, in a self-righteous tone, he says: "I have never disobeyed your command. . . . But when this son of yours comes back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes; you killed the fatted calf for him!" (15:29-30).

The oldest brother's words indicate that he does not recognize the returning son as his brother. The selfish side of the older son emerges. The father tells the oldest son that "you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; was lost and has been found" (15:31-32). The father guarantees his love but also challenges the older son to recognize the dignity of his younger brother.

The story ends abruptly. We do not know what the oldest brother does. The question lingers for the Pharisees and the scribes who question Jesus about his relationship with sinners, and it lingers for us today.

This is a story of the greatness of God's ability to forgive and to love his Creation. The story is also about God's priorities: love, compassion, forgiveness, welcome, and restoration of personal dignity. Do we really believe in the depth and constancy of God's love? As human beings, we need to be assured, now and then, of God's mercy, love, and continued presence for every person



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.

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:

Account name: St. Mary's Parish
BSB: 064786
Account number: 100026161

Church Maintenance Team

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Unite Against Poverty this Lent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) 2025

Please contact Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for enrolment forms.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

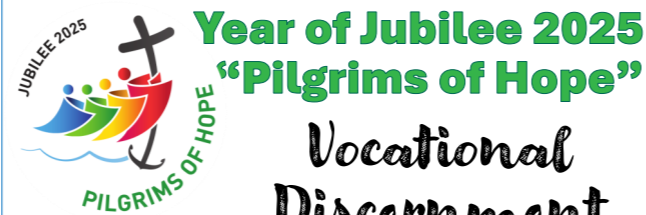
Session Times

Session 1

Saturday 10th May 5pm at St. Mary's.

Session 2 & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 17th May 5pm at St. Mary's followed by 6pm Mass.



<https://nce.catholic.org.au/missionvocational-discernment>

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

With one voice we lift up our hearts to thank you today for our lives, our vocation and all your gifts to us. Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.

Give courage to young people, to listen and follow the call, to serve you in the Archdiocese as your priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers.

Bless us, your family of Brisbane.

Help those you call to listen to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us. Guide them to serve in your vineyard, that they may fulfil your holy will and make all things new.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,

Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father,

I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,

Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION: SUMMONED BY LOVE

Be still and know I am God.

Listen to me and see.

You're not alone in your journey.

Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Refrain:

Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.

We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.

Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.

Our lives we give in offering to you.

Be not afraid of the night.

Darkness shall not prevail.

My light will guide and make clear your way.

Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.

Your life will be my sign.

Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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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: STRONG AND CONSTANT

I will be [God] Who walks with you!

You will be always within My Hand!

Take your heart and give it all to me!

Refrain:

Strong and constant is My love!

Strong and constant is My love!

Should you wander far away from Me

I will search for you in every land!

Should you call, then you will truly know: R./

When you know sorrow within your life,

I will come I will embrace your heart!

Through your pain you will discover me! R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: 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: George Courtney, Margaret Burkett, Kay Phipps, Richard Hogan, Jean Deere, Con Deere, Brian Deere and Patricia Murray.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
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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.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge

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Archbishop of Brisbane