

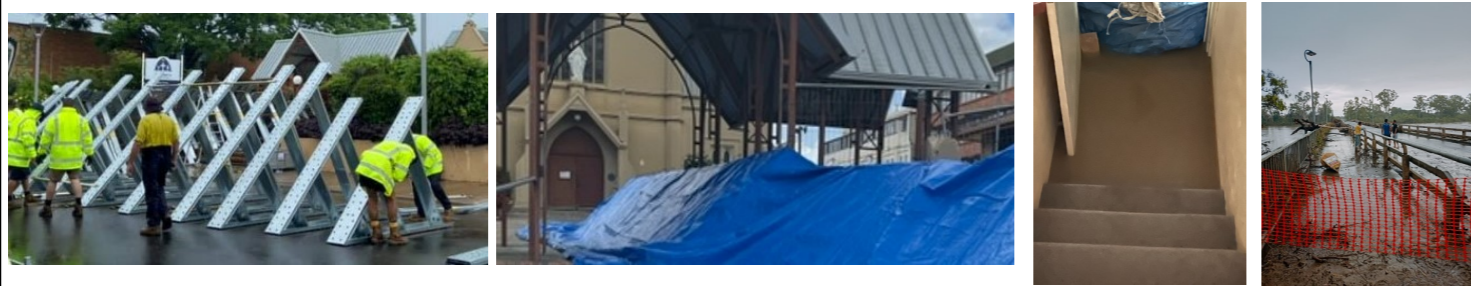


A MILESTONE WORTH CELEBRATING.....AND WE MUST ACT NOW

Following a meeting held last Friday to discuss the type of celebration befitting such an important event in the history our Church/Parish, it was decided that a Mass would be celebrated on **Friday 4th February, 2022 at 6pm to recognize the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Mary's Church.**

With less than two weeks to prepare, we hope that you will take the time to provide memorabilia which showcases the history of not only the church building but also acknowledges families who have had a connection to the church since 1872. Stephen McGinley hopes to prepare a slideshow presentation portraying different aspects including buildings, improvements over time, Priests who have ministered here and people who have practiced their faith over generations. Many of you must have photos which we would love you to share with the whole community i.e. baptisms, weddings or any other occasion that occurred inside or outside the church. Photos of deceased relatives who were members of the St Mary's community would be welcomed. Parishioners would need to place their photos into clearly marked envelopes or bags with their contact details and drop them into the parish office for scanning so that they may be included in the slideshow. Once scanned, the photos would be returned to the owner. If you already have digitized photos, please email them or put them on a USB stick and deliver to the office. We will do our best to have some ready for first viewing on the 4th February and will add to in the coming weeks. The intention is to also place the slideshow on to the parish website for viewing and update as required.

THANK YOU to Wolfgang and Stephen for helping Fr Lucius with preparations for the imminent flood which crept quickly into the streets on Saturday and the subsequent clean up of the Presbytery garages when the water receded. Thanks also to Stany for attending to necessary paperwork concerning the power outage over a few days. While most of the CBD had power restored on Tuesday, we had to wait until Wednesday afternoon for this to occur so all is in order again. If you would like to read about Fr Lucius' first flood experience, go to <https://catholicleader.com.au/news/priests-midnight-vigil>



ROSTERS for the weekend Masses commencing January 2022 are available for collection from the sign in table if you require a hard copy. Rosters have been emailed out to most of the people concerned.

STATUES REFURB: We are pleased to advise that a quote from a reputable person has been accepted and work has commenced on Our Lady's statue on the side altar. This will be followed by the cleaning and painting of the statue of Mary above the front door as well as the rooster. A total of \$1,779 has been received in donations towards this project for which we thank you.

PLUMBING WOES: Late last year, we received advice that our water consumption was over and above normal usage which our plumber investigated and set about fixing after finding a broken copper pipe under the bitumen at the front of the Presbytery. A similar incident had occurred in the first part of 2021. At that time, we were given a quote for \$5,352 to re-run pipework from the water meter above ground which will require cutting and removal of bitumen etc. Well, you guessed it, within a couple of weeks a further leak has appeared so we have no choice but to go ahead with the major work which will be attended to as soon as possible. The guttering on the front of the Presbytery was replaced just before Christmas and the guttering needs to be replaced on the cloisters on the hall side of the church. Your generosity in giving has allowed us to build up a nest egg in the Church Restoration and Maintenance Account which will ensure that this necessary work is completed.

ENTRANCE: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Words and Music Robert Dufford SJ (Text based on Psalm 118); © Robert J. Dufford and New Dawn Music

Antiphon:

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to You, my Lord,
you have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. **R./**

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. **R./**

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. **R./**

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COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT

Words and Music: Phil Bates; arr. Jane Woods © 1985 Phil Bates, 1994 Jane Woods

Take and eat, come have your fill now.
Take this bread, come as you will.
For the life of the world, be---, Be not afraid.

Take this cup, take and be filled now.
Take and drink, come as you are.
For the life of the world, be---, Be not afraid.

Take my song, come be refreshed now.
Take and live, take and be free.
For the life of the world, be---, Be not afraid.

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THANKSGIVING: LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

John 6; Michael Herry © Michael Herry

Refrain:

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.**

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied.

O Lord, You feed us with the finest of wheat,
Our pledge of eternal life.

The bread You give is the living bread,
Your flesh for the life of the world.

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
A light for my path of life.

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

RECESSIONAL: SING A NEW SONG, 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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IF ANYONE HAS THE TIME TO GO THROUGH AND SELECT PHOTOS OF SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS OVER THE LAST 150 YEARS FOR THE 4TH FEBRUARY CELEBRATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP.

We remember in our prayers:

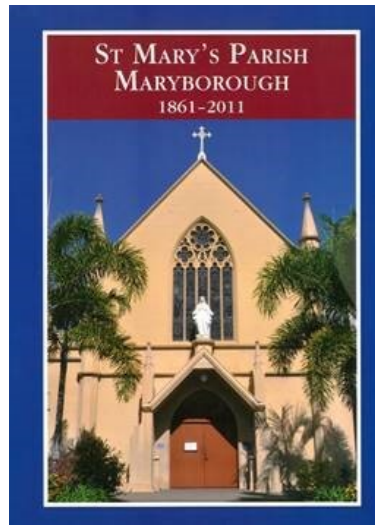
Those in ill health: Anna Pecar, Margaret Twomey, Laurel Dingle, Fay Richards, Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Patrick Berrell, Patricia Claxton, Bienvenido Ceniza, Priscilla Sabando.

Anniversaries of Death: Luisa Jao, Josefina Jao, Lydia Egina


Roster Date	Saturday 15th Jan	Sunday 16th Jan	Saturday 22nd Jan	Sunday 23rd Jan
Welcomer	W McPherson	C Chu	R Wroe	F Burkett
1st Reader	B Jones	S Gehrke	T Griffiths	E Duffy
2nd Reader	P Wyatt	T Griffiths	M Cordery	K Perronnet
Communion	J Zaia	L Fleming	G Donoghue	J Elmer
Servers	Andrew Thu Han	Sarah Byron	Sarah Byron Chet Andre	Georgia Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong	Robyn	Bong, Jearan	Robyn
Singers	Filipino Choir	Men	Filipino Choir	Men
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Beverley Lou	Lita Rebecca

\$10 from Piety Stall



St Mary's Activities Group resumes on Wednesday 19th January in the parish hall meeting room from 2pm.

This weekly exercise proved popular last year and we invite anyone who likes board games or cards to come along (socially not competitively) for a couple of hours any Wednesday. A gold coin donation is welcome but not compulsory which we put aside for an end of year outing to celebrate friendship. My apologies to anyone who turned up last week.....it completely slipped my mind after a few days stranded on the Granville side of the river. MK

 Mr Ron Wroe is our Parish Safeguarding Representative and is the right person to approach if you have witnessed or have any concerns about unacceptable behaviour towards young people or vulnerable adults in our Parish.

Monday 17th January marks 40 days since Patrick Berrell's death which has a significance for the Filipino community. Prayers for Patrick will be offered at Mass today (Sunday)

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NEWSLETTER 16TH JANUARY 2022
2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

*All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to
your name, O Most High!*

Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

We return to the Church's liturgical season of *Ordinary Time*. For many Sundays in this lectionary Cycle C, our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle with his mother at Cana in Galilee.

As we journey with Jesus and Mary in this Ordinary Time, Pope Francis has this to say in one of his Angelus addresses:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

John's Gospel today presents to us the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. As St Mark always stresses that Jesus began to preach "after John [the Baptist] was arrested" (1:14). Precisely at the moment in which the prophetic voice of the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, was silenced by Herod, Jesus begins to travel the roads of his land to bring to all, especially the poor, 'the gospel of God'. The proclamation of Jesus is like that of John with the essential difference that Jesus no longer points to another who must come: Jesus is Himself the fulfilment of those promises; He Himself is the "good news" to believe in, to receive and to communicate to all men and women of every time that they too may entrust their life to Him. Jesus Christ in his person is the Word living and working in history: whoever hears and follows Him may enter the Kingdom of God."

Therefore, our call is no more to await but to follow Jesus and his call to discipleship. According to the Church's tradition, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performed today at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Finally, dear friends, in the ordinariness and brokenness of our lives, let us resolve to begin all over again with Jesus who never abandons nor fails us even at the most difficult times when his hour has not yet come.

In Christ we serve

Fr Lucius

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

19/01/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
20/01/2022	Thursday	12 noon
21/01/2022	Friday	8.30am
22/01/2022	Saturday	Maryborough 6.00pm
23/01/2022	Sunday	Maryborough 8.00am Tiara 10.00am

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This week's Readings
(page 836 St Pauls Missal)

1st - Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm Response:
Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.
2nd - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11
Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - John 2: 1-11

Next weekend's Readings:
3rd Sunday Ord Time Year C
1st - Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
Psalm 18
2nd - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
Gospel - Luke 1: 1-4; 4:14-21

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