



CHRISTMAS HAMPER: Majella has sewn a super cover for the basket which some lucky person will win filled to the brim with goodies. Only non-perishable items are required and may be left in the baskets in the church or dropped off at the office in working hours. Tickets @ \$2 each or 3 for \$5 will be on sale shortly before Mass so if you are willing to assist, we might be able to set up a roster. With just under 6 weeks to go until the Christmas Bazaar and Carol Singing, the committee is working hard to ensure that the event has something for everyone. **The flyer insert will give you a good idea of what will be on offer. Let's all get into the spirit and make this a truly great social occasion while raising much needed funds.**

WEBSITE: Our fresh new website is up and running and we invite you to use the address on the front page to access the site. We will be building on it as time permits and encourage you to log in from time to time for updates and important information.



At the 3 Masses next weekend, Roger & Joan will be our guests to share their experiences of working in Mission communities in the hope that we will reach out and give life to the needy if we are in a position to do so. This year's focus is on Thailand which is suffering greatly from the effects of COVID19 and other serious health problems.

SPECIAL MASSES FOR NOVEMBER:

Monday 1st All Saints Day Mass 8.30am
 Tuesday 2nd All Souls Day Mass 7.00am

November Mass Offering Envelopes are available. Please print names clearly to avoid errors. The All Souls Mass will be in the Grotto area weather permitting.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: A couple of people have responded to our request for parishioners to take on membership roles moving into 2022. As we have reported, several members are due to step down after many years of service and need to be replaced. Please contact Fr Lucius or Eris for more info.

PRISON MINISTRY: Parishioner Frank Burkett will be 'retiring' from this ministry in February 2022 after dedicating 10 years of voluntary service to the community in this important role as Chaplain. We are looking for someone to replace Frank and suggest that expressions of interest should be directed to Fr Lucius who will be able to give you an outline of the position and what is expected of anyone who may be willing to assist in this field of ministry.

PIETY STALL is stocked with Christmas cards at the special price of 10 for \$10 so if you like to get in early, see the ladies at the weekend Masses. The Columban Calendars are selling for \$8. We are hopeful of receiving The God's Word books by 27th October.



Wolfgang & Christine aren't the only couples celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. On the grapevine, we've heard that Peter & Jo McGovern celebrate their 50th also; Lex & Pilar Wyatt notch up 36 years while Ged & Joan Barry treasure 62 years together. May God continue to bless you with good health and happy days.



Our dear Celie Hynes, now living in Hervey Bay, celebrated her 104th birthday recently. Best wishes from all of us, Celie. Olive is still one year ahead of you!

ON
THE
SOCIAL
SCENE

The St Mary's contingent enjoying the Pet Blessing held at St Paul's Church.



ENTRANCE HYMN: HERE I AM, LORD

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard My people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.
 I Who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear My light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard You calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
 I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne My people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak My Word to them.
 Whom shall I send? R/.

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COMMUNION HYMN: EAT THIS BREAD

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Refrain:

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Come to Me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Trust in Me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life,
 The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
 But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,
 And I will raise you up on the last day.

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THANKSGIVING HYMN: A TRUSTING PSALM

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Refrain:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us
 As we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
 His love can never be measured.
 His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
 So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
 His love can never grow weary.
 His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
 If we can place our trust in him.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (say 3 times)

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine
 All Praise and all Thanksgiving
 be every moment thine.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING

Ruth Duck © GIA Publications

As a fire is meant for burning
 With a bright and warming flame,
 So the Church is meant for mission,
 Giving glory to God's name.
 Not to preach our creeds or customs,
 But to build a bridge of care,
 We join hands across the nations,
 Finding neighbours ev'rywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
 We are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers;
 We are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions,
 We would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
 We would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
 Is a sign of life renewed,
 So may we be signs of oneness
 'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the Heavens
 When a storm is past and gone,
 May our lives reflect the radiance
 Of God's new and glorious dawn.

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Andre Jespersen has joined the Altar Servers Ministry and we welcome him to the team. Thanks to Gerry and all the servers for helping Andre to settle in by offering him moral and practical support.

Roster Date	Saturday 16th Oct	Sunday 17th Oct	Saturday 23rd Oct	Sunday 24th Oct
Welcomer	A Elmer	K Perronnet	M Kirkpatrick	F Burkett
1st Reader	O Ibe	T Hagan	G O'Connell	C Chu
2nd Reader	C Antony	S Gehrke	M Cordery	P Frawley
Communion	G Donoghue	R Parker	M Bryant	L Fleming
Servers	Chet, Andrew Stazio, Andre	Sarah, Byron, Tyson	Thu, Han, Andre	Georgia Isaac, Xavier
Children's Lit		Eboni, Kathryn		Emma, Angela
Musicians	Justin	Judith	Bong, Jearan	Robyn
Singers	Majella	Theresa	Filipino Choir	Men
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita Rebecca	Beverley, Lou	Lita, Rebecca



Rose of the week
Unfortunately, the transplanting of cuttings from our garden has been unsuccessful so no joy for those of you who were hoping to acquire one or two.



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Thank you to the businesses below who sponsor the printing of the newsletter each week. Sponsorships are renewed every 12 months so if anyone else is interested in coming on board please contact us.

We remember in our prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased: Martino Jao, Julie Tagalagon, Violet Box (great granddaughter of Cyril Barbeler).

Anniversaries of Death: Shelly Rutland, Timothy Hackett, Fr Joseph Vu.

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please use the envelopes provided.

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17TH OCTOBER 2021
29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

*To you I call for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me, hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

First General Assembly of the Plenary Council closes in Brisbane with a Mass

Last Sunday, a Mass was celebrated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President and our own Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge to close the first general assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council in Australia. The Mass comes a week after Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, the Plenary Council President, opened the first such gathering in Australia for more than 80 years with a Mass across the expanse of the continent in Perth. In the intervening six days, 278 Council members participated in the assembly online, with a small number of dioceses able to bring members together as much as COVID-19 restrictions allowed.

The first assembly had been planned to be held in Adelaide in October 2020. After being postponed by 12 months, the format changed to connected gatherings in capital cities and then wholly online. In his homily, Archbishop Coleridge reflected on his week as one of those 278 members, seeking to capture how they felt at the end of the assembly.

"Weary and a bit ragged, because it was very hard work; relieved, even slightly surprised because so much could have gone wrong; satisfied, because it has produced real fruit; grateful to God and to each other, because it has all been more gift than hard work; intrigued to see what happens between now and the second assembly in the middle of next year," he explained. "It's all been a marvel of technology; a mountain of superb work from so many people, and a maelstrom of words, insights, feelings, convictions and resolutions all with deep respect for each other, even and perhaps especially when we disagreed. "But, above all, the assembly has been a monument to grace and faith – God's grace and the Church's faith in this fraught time." Archbishop Coleridge drew on the Gospel for Sunday's Mass to see how the protagonist had similarities with the Council's members. "Through the journey of the Plenary Council and this week's assembly, the Word of God has come to us as a call, every bit as much as it did to the rich man in the Gospel we have heard," he said. That searching will continue in the period between now and the second general assembly in July 2022.

In concluding his homily, Archbishop Coleridge mentioned that the person facilitating his small group discussions during the first assembly had been a midwife, who had likened the journey of discernment to bringing a child to birth. "The process is slow, painful and messy, but in the end it is wonderfully fruitful and joyful as the baby is born," he said.

Into your Spirit O Lord, we commend the Church in Australia.

Peace be with you! Fr Lucius

To read more, log on to <http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

20/10/2021	Wednesday	8.00am
	Fairhaven	10.00am
21/10/2021	Thursday	12 noon
22/10/2021	Friday	8.30am
23/10/2021	Saturday	Maryborough 6.00pm
24/10/2021	Sunday	Maryborough 8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 5 - 5.30PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

This weekend's Readings:

1st - Isaiah 53: 10-11

Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

2nd - Hebrews 4: 14-16

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 10: 35-45

Next weekend's Readings
30th Sunday Ord Time Year B:

1st - Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Psalm - 125
2nd - Hebrews 5: 1-6
Gospel - Mark 10: 46-52



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