

**SPECIAL MASSES: ALL SAINTS DAY MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 8.30AM**  
**ALL SOULS DAY TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7.00AM**

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** Mass Offering envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please print names clearly to avoid errors in spelling when they are listed in the Book of Remembrance. A special Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 30th November at 10am to pray for the souls of our deceased relatives and friends including those for whom Masses are requested in writing throughout this month.

 My heartfelt thanks to our wonderful parish community for your prayers during the last couple of months when I was so ill. I'm sure that those prayers and the wonderful hospital care brought me through. My thanks too for flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and all sorts of kindnesses. May God bless you all. Love Rita

**Christmas Bazaar and Carol Singing**

**Friday 26th Nov 5-9pm**

The 'Just Bizarre' stall will have 2nd hand puzzles, board games, DVD'S and other items which may be useful to keep the family busy over the Christmas holidays. Nothing over \$5. Grab a bargain. If you have any of these in good condition to pass on please drop them into the office.

**Join in the fun**

**LAYOUT AND SEATING**

At this week's committee meeting, it was decided to make the grassed area closest to Adelaide Street on the Presbytery side solely for the band and choir performances. The various stalls will be featured around the perimeter of the gardens fronting Adelaide St on the other side of the path and in front of the Mural Wall. This will leave plenty of space for people to sit either on the lawn or paved area. Chairs from the hall will be set up but if you wish to BYO, you are most welcome to do so. Families may prefer to bring a picnic rug to sit on.

The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd Nov at 8.30.



Majella has beautifully decorated another basket donated by Rory Proctor for a second prize. Counting the 2 prizes donated by Anne Gilbert, we will now have 4 raffle prizes. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend @ \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Thanks to everyone who has donated goodies to date. A terrific effort.

The Christmas Bazaar and Carol Singing promises to be a very special occasion and we hope that you will come along and share in the festivities. We will want the surroundings to be looking good so a **working bee will be held on Saturday 20th November from 7am** to beat the heat. If you are physically fit and handy in the garden, we request that you come along and share the load...even for one hour.

**GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2022:** The books have arrived and may be collected from the Piety Stall. If you haven't yet paid, the cost is \$15. There are extras for anyone who may wish to purchase one. Take the chance to have a look at other piety goods on offer. If you wish to order any particular items, please talk to Judy or Kath who will be only too pleased to help. Thank you girls for your generosity in taking care of the Piety Stall week after week.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The classes for the children preparing for Confirmation are proceeding well. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 11th November at 6pm in St Mary's. We ask you to keep the children, their families and teachers in your prayers.

**WANTED:** If anyone has a blue book called 'Communion of the Sick' at home, please return it to the office so that the kind people who are visiting parishioners in their homes may use it for their ministry.

**ENTRANCE: LOVE IS HIS WORD**  
Text: Luke Connaughton Tune: Cresswell@McCrimmon Publishing Co.Ltd.

Love is his word, love is his way,  
 Feasting with all, fasting alone,  
 Living and dying, rising again,  
 Love, only love, is his way.

**Refrain:**  
**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
 better than splendour and wealth.**

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
 Sharing his last Passover feast,  
 Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
 Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
 Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.  
 'This is my body, this is my blood.'  
 Love, only love, is his sign.  
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**COMMUNION: WE REMEMBER**  
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**Refrain:**  
**We remember how You loved us to Your death,  
 And still we celebrate for You are with us here;  
 And we believe that we will see You when You  
 come, In Your glory, Lord,  
 We remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

Here a million wounded souls  
 Are yearning just to touch You and be healed.  
 Gather all Your people,  
 And hold them to Your heart.

Now we recreate Your love,  
 We bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
 Sign of grace and mercy,  
 The presence of the Lord.

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"  
 To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart.  
 Peace beyond all telling  
 And freedom from all fear.  
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**THANKSGIVING: A NEW COMMANDMENT**  
John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give unto you:  
 That you love one another as I have loved you,  
 That you love one another as I have loved you.  
 By this shall all know that you are My disciples:  
 If you have love one for another.  
 By this shall all know that you are My disciples:  
 If you have love one for another.  
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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.

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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:

When you know sorrow within your life,  
 I will come I will embrace your heart!  
 Through your pain you will discover me!  
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**An Irish Wish**

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
 May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
 May the sun always shine on your window pane.  
 May the rainbow be certain to follow the rain.  
 May the hands of a friend always be near you.  
 May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Roster Date	Saturday 30th Oct	Sunday 31st Oct	Saturday 6th Nov	Sunday 7th Nov
Welcomer	R Wroe	T Hagan	P Domin	K Ogilvie
1st Reader	G O'Connell	K Perronnet	W McPherson	F Burkett
2nd Reader	P Phillips	P Phillips	A Gilbert	E Duffy
Communion	J Zaia	P Elmer	B Jones	C McNamara
Servers	Sophie Nicholas Andrew Andre	Sarah Tyson Byron	Sophie Nicholas Andrew	Sarah Byron Tyson
Children's Lit		Michelle Stella		Sam Eboni
Musicians	Justin	Judith	Bong, Jearan	Judith
Singers	Theresa	Choir	Filipino Choir	Majella
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Carmel	Lita Rebecca

 Year 12 Aldridge student, Diarmid Chappell (this isn't him!) who has been doing most of the mowing and general duties around the grounds this year has given notice that he will be moving to Brisbane in December. Diarmid has been an exceptional worker who has shown initiative while on the job, firstly under Gary's supervision and then on his own, in the four hours he has been allotted on a Thursday when he has no scheduled classes. Gary has also spent many hours doing tasks that are necessary to keep everything working. We are putting the word out in the hope that offers of help will be forthcoming to keep the grounds in a tidy condition. This reply came in during the week: '84 year old lady is very good on a ride on mower! I mow my grass on a ride on so let me know if you ever need an extra hand! Frances'. How inspiring is that to those of us who are younger and have time to offer our services to the Parish.

**We remember in our prayers:**

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

**The Recently Deceased:** Tim Barbeler, Violet Box, Ray Wyeth.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Maria Vu Thi Nhu, Fr Joseph Vu, Gordon Leck, Helen Benson, Shelly Rutland, Timothy Hackett, Juanita Dalisay.

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

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**31ST OCTOBER 2021**  
**31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**  
*'You shall love the Lord your God'*  
*To observe this commandment, our love must embrace the whole of creation.*

**LOVE IS THE GREATEST**

On this thirty-first Sunday in ordinary time, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark as he continues to reflect on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. If we start reading from chapter 11, we would hear about his cleansing of the Temple and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes and elders. Therefore, the context for today's Gospel is Jesus' growing influence on the Jewish authorities and his teaching ability to simplify the Mosaic Law into two major commandments, namely the love of God and the love of neighbour. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbour as you love yourself," (Mk 12:30-31). This was Jesus' answer when one of the scribes asked Him which is the greatest of all commandments. According to Jesus' teaching, 'the love of God and the love of neighbour' constitute the meaning of life, the secret to happiness and prosperity and the road to eternal fulfilment. These determine how close or far we are from the kingdom of God. Love is a largely confusing concept in modern culture. A lot of people nowadays can hardly figure out the difference between liking and loving. We usually like an object because of the benefit we derive from it; perhaps it brings us joy or pleasure or security, etc. Children, for instance, like ice cream because it is yummy; people like their sport stars because they bring them immense joy. But when we love somebody, in the sense that Jesus describes it, we love them for their own sake and not for what is in it for us.

Dear friends, true love means we have the best interest of the person at heart, regardless of the response we get from them. It means we love them in season and out of season, through thick and thin. True love is not a once-for-all thing, it is not a part-time job but is for all time with no strings attached. True love is not just "I love you" but "I will always love you." This comes straight from the heart of Jesus and it involves total self-giving for the sake of the other and an absolute respect for the "otherness" of the other person. We love them for their own sake, exactly the way they are and not the way we want them to be. No doubt this could be a very difficult thing but that's what we are called to do and the grace of God will always be sufficient for us.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters let us ask ourselves today, how much do we love God and our neighbour? We must love God with all our heart, mind and soul. We must love our neighbours as we love ourselves and treat others as we would want them to treat us, regardless of how we feel. This is at the heart of Christian teaching, a courageous lifestyle that puts God first, others second and self, third. God is love and the source of all love and we could never truly love others outside of God. Let us therefore pray at this mass for the grace to love others, especially those we do not love as we should. And once we find ourselves making sincere efforts in keeping this greatest commandment of love, then we are not far from the Kingdom of God."

*Peace be with you. Fr Lucius*

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
**\* NOTE SPECIAL MASSES**

01/11/2021	* Monday	8.30am
	All Saints	
02/11/2021	* Tuesday	
	All Souls	7.00am
03/11/2021	Wednesday	8.00am
04/11/2021	Thursday	12 noon
	Adoration/Benediction	11.20 - 11.45
05/11/2021	Friday	8.30am
06/11/2021	Saturday	
	Aramara	9.00am
	Maryborough	6.00pm
07/11/2021	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

**This weekend's Readings:**

1st - Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

**Response:**

**I love you, Lord my strength.**

2nd - Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel - Mark 12: 28-34

**Next weekend's Readings**

**31st Sunday Ord Time Year B:**

1st - First Book of Kings 17:10-16

Psalm - 145

2nd - Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel - Mark 12: 38-44



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# ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND CAROL SINGING FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 5-9pm IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS



Get into the spirit of the  
real meaning of Christmas

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Maryborough Brass Band
- St Mary's Primary School Choir
- Songbirds
- Filipino Choir

Bring a picnic rug or folding chair and join in the singing of favourite Christmas Carols and popular songs. Seating will also be provided.

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARISH

### CHILDREN'S CORNER COURTESY OF SMP SCHOOL STAFF AND FAMILIES

- \* Make decorations for the tree
- \* Face Painting
- \* Fun Activities
- \* Guess how many lollies in the jar
- \* Lucky Dips
- \* **Wear a Christmas outfit  
and join the Parade at 6.30**



SHARE  
IN  
THE  
FUN  
WITH  
FAMILY  
AND  
FRIENDS

### A VARIETY OF STALLS INCLUDING CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS SO BRING YOUR CASH (NO EFTPOS) AND GET CHRISTMAS SORTED

- 'Add a Little Sparkle'
- Neighbourhood Crafts
- Plants
- Cakes and sweets
- Pumpkin Soup-to-go
- Multicultural Delights
- 'How Bizarre' Goodies  
(nothing over \$5.00)
- Launch of St Mary's Recipe Book

### TRY YOUR LUCK

- \* Raffle – 4 prizes
- \* Lucky Draws
- \* Numbers Board
- \* Wheel Spins

### WHAT'S TO EAT AND DRINK?

- Sausage Sizzle
- Ice Creams
- Tea, coffee & a sweet treat
- Softdrinks