

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*(The second candle, called the **John the Baptist Candle**, is lit to remind us of the One who prepared the way of the Lord.)*

*Presider:* As we gather for this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second of our Advent candles, recognizing the people who walk this journey with us, particularly those who feel they are imprisoned by the events of life.

We are particularly aware of those who suffer from pain and isolation over this Christmas period and ask that there may be a light in the midst of their darkness.

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*Presider:* Lord, Jesus, You bring joy to the heavenly city.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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*Presider:* Lord, Jesus, help us to prepare for the day of your coming. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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*Presider:* Lord, Jesus, You are the One in whom we see the salvation of God. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:** As from this weekend, one collection will be held and we ask you to place planned giving envelopes and loose cash in the bags which will be carried around the church. When special collections are to be taken up at various times, the same procedure will be followed.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

will be launched next weekend to ensure that needy families here in Maryborough have the necessities of food and other requirements over the Christmas season. A representative will speak to the appeal and collectors will take the bags around so please come prepared with some extra cash if you wish to support this worthy cause.

**OUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED:** The idea of holding a combined Carols evening and fair was floated earlier this year but was not acted on due to the uncertainty of the COVID situation. Mid-year, I felt that I was being prompted to look into running such an event to raise funds for the Parish. It took me until the 17th September to act and, after attending a Mass being offered for my brother Michael's 1st anniversary of death, I raised the idea with Mary in the office who was keen to assist. Eris kindly accepted the position of Chair and before we knew it a group of parishioners with enormous vision and plenty of ideas formed a committee and we set up a meeting to get the ball rolling. Hence the Christmas Bazaar and Carol Singing was underway with just 2 months to organise the event. It wasn't all smooth sailing but I am very grateful to the stall holders and their helpers who worked hard to make it happen. The committee is particularly delighted that Maryborough Brass under the direction of Conductor Greg Aitken, the Song Birds, the Filipino Choir and the students from St Mary's Primary School supplied the wonderful entertainment. To date, takings amount to \$7,208.80 which I am sure you are as overwhelmed by as I am. From the bottom of my heart, I offer everyone of you a huge thank you for supporting the event. I was also keen to introduce a Parish Cookbook to share some of my family's favourite recipes to serve as a fundraiser. A lot of time and energy went into producing this book which includes poems written by my mother throughout her life and little sayings and other snippets as well as a story about the Sisters of Mercy who were here when I was a young girl. This would make a good Christmas gift for a friend and copies are available at the parish office @ \$15. *Jacinta Mathiesen*



**FAREWELL JUDITH:** The time has come for this lovely lady with so much musical talent to step down from the music ministry for personal reasons. Judith has played the pipe organ, piano, flute and other instruments and conducted the choir over many years and we are truly grateful for her selfless giving to the Parish whenever possible. Judith has worked over and above the call for one who is not Catholic but we have been proud to have her as an 'honorary' member of the faith. Dear Judith, we will miss your gentle and welcome guidance and wish you all the best for the future. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**



**CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

Aramara Mass 9.00am  
Maryborough Mass 6.00pm with Carols from 5.40  
Midnight Mass with Carols from 11.40

**CHRISTMAS DAY - SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

Maryborough Mass 8.00am with Carols from 7.40  
Tiara Mass 10.00am

**THE HOLY FAMILY - SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER**

Maryborough Mass 8.00am  
Tiara Mass 10.00am

**Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December for the weekend. The only Mass at St Mary's will be at 8.00am on Sunday.**



**ENTRANCE: 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?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE (Vigil Mass):**

**As the deer longs for running streams,  
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.**

**COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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**Refrain:  
One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,  
One Cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile of Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. **R./**

Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. **R./**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all. **R./**

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**THANKSGIVING: A NEW COMMANDMENT**

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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**RECESSIONAL: GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH**

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Go now, you are sent forth to live what you proclaim;  
to show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth to walk this troubled earth;  
to share your faith with ev'ryone and prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth as God's ambassador;  
by serving him in those we meet, we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth and Christ goes with you  
too. Today you help his kingdom come in ev'rything you do.

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**Congratulations to Tyson and Byron Griffiths who shared this year's Parish Priest's Senior Bursary of \$500 for their ongoing dedication to St. Mary's in the Ministry of Altar Serving.**

A thank you note has been received from John Altham for the used stamps that have been sent to him since the appeal was made some weeks ago. The stamps are sold at auction and to collectors and funds are used to assist with services offered by Mary MacKillop Today (MMT)

Roster Date	Saturday 4th Dec	Sunday 5th Dec	Saturday 11th Dec	Sunday 12th Dec
Welcomer	F Burkett	E Duffy	J Kelleher	M Kirkpatrick
1st Reader	W McPherson	T Hagan	R Wroe	P Phillips
2nd Reader	K Ogilvie		P Domin	F Burkett
Communion	Priests	C McNamara	B Jones	L Fleming
Servers	Sarah, Tyson, Byron, Andrew, Thu, Han, Georgia, Stazio, Chet, Isaac, Xavier, Andre	Georgia (volunteers welcome)	Andrew Thu Han	Sarah Tyson Byron
Musicians	Rita Judith Choir	Robyn	Bong Jearen Filipino Choir	Justin
Singers		Theresa		Majella
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca

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**We remember in our prayers:**  
**Those in ill health:** Anna Pecar, Margaret Twomey, Laurel Dingle, Fay Richards, Ame Cox.  
**The Recently Deceased:** Fr Karl Emerick, Br Gordon Rochford, Lawa Alimpangog.  
**Anniversaries of Death:** Angelina Edomobi, Cecil Russell, David Fitzpatrick, Fr Gerard Mulholland, Noel Owen, Frank Bellert, Simplicia Valiente.

*Mass Offering Envelopes are available from the church.*

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**5TH DECEMBER, 2021**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**YEAR C**

*The Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

**Prepare the way for the Lord**

In Luke's gospel today we see John the Baptist in the desert calling out to the people of Judea to come out into the open desert and let God find them. To go into the desert simply means going out of our comfort zones, to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend.

Such life props we often find in our jobs, in relationships and in routine religious practices. God cannot do much with us as long as we hope and trust in these material things as the first things that give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We have first to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go, according to John, is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert where we encounter God's divine mercy and forgiveness.

Therefore, we pray, in this second week of Advent, that God grants us the discernment to use this moment of grace to re-discover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, 'and our hearts are restless till they rest in God.' So, when we realize this and make room for God in our busy lives, then we are on the way to true repentance after the example of John the Baptist.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, during this Holy season of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember that repentance simply means turning away from our old self and putting on a new one. Therefore, our role towards the mission of Christ is not different from that of John the Baptist - like him, each one of us has been called to true repentance and to communicate the message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others so that none of us will be left out at the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Peace be with you! Fr Lucius Edomobi*  
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We extend a warm welcome to Archbishop Mark Coleridge who has travelled from Brisbane to install Fr Lucius as Parish Priest of St Mary's. This is the first opportunity that the Archbishop has had to visit Maryborough for some years. A couple of other Priests will be sharing a celebratory dinner after the Vigil Mass. Unfortunately, the Archbishop has to return home early on Sunday morning to attend to other commitments so he will not have time to meet parishioners on that day.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

08/12/2021	Wednesday	8.00am
09/12/2021	Thursday	12 noon
10/12/2021	Friday	8.30am
11/12/2021	Saturday	Maryborough 6.00pm
12/12/2021	Sunday	Maryborough 8.00am Tiara 10.00am

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**RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAY 5-5.30pm

**Readings:**  
1st - Baruch 5: 1-9  
**Psalm Response (for Sunday Mass only):**  
**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**  
2nd - Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11  
Gospel Acclamation (sung):  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
Gospel - Luke 3: 1-6

**Next weekend's Readings:**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent Year C**  
1st - Zephaniah 3: 14-1  
Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6  
2nd - Philippians 4: 4-7  
Gospel - Luke 3: 10-18

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