INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Fortnightly, Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.

ROSTER	Sat 7th Dec	Sun 8th Dec	Sat 14th Dec	Sun 15th Dec
Welcomer	—————	Tyson	John	Susan
1st Reader	—————	Gail	Mary	Pat
2nd Reader	Beverley	Peter	Felicity	—————
Communion	Marion Judy	Rebecca Anne	Beverley Tony	Cris Anne
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Musicians	Robyn	Robyn	Amy	Gail
Singers	Men	Theresa	Amy	Theresa
Mass set up	Carmel	David Rebecca	Gerry	David Rebecca
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This Week's Mass Schedule

11/12/2024	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
12/12/2024	**Thursday**	**12.00pm**
13/12/2024	**Friday**	**8:30am**
14/12/2024	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
15/12/2024	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

READINGS

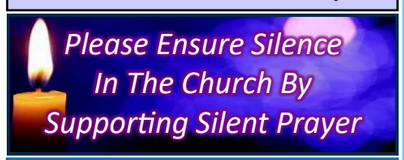
Second Sunday Of Advent - Year C (p.740) in St Pauls Missal.

- **1st** - Baruch 5:1-9
- **Psalm** - 125 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 3:1- 6

Next weekend: Third Sunday Of Advent - Year C (p.744).

- **1st** - Zephaniah 3:14-18
- **Psalm** - Isaiah 12:2-6
- **2nd** - Philippians 4:4-7
- **Gospel** - Luke 3:10-18

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm



The Season of Advent

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 8TH DECEMBER 2024
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

O PEOPLE OF SION, BEHOLD,
THE LORD WILL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS,
AND 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 rediscover 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 safe 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

"SPAMMING CONTINUES: Some of the Parishioners contacted Parish Office to report on messages they received similar to the below one as urgent message. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from an email address.

"Dear XXXX
Can you set aside a minute? I'm trapped in a meeting and need you to perform a task for me. Cannot speak, need to meet now, so just write back here.
Sincerely,
Fr XXXX XXXX
Parish Priest"

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of I Tunes or Amazon cards or similar. Please be assured that the Archbishop or any clergy operating within the Archdiocese of Brisbane would never have need to approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.

With regard to St. Mary's parish email addresses, irrespective of the name that we could see in the email, it would be helpful to look at the email address which should be same as mentioned in the first page in the Newsletter.

"The guiding message might be that our Clergy would never seek to contact you in this way, or require of you that you provide them with cash or store cards to get them out of a bind."

Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists."

Advent & Christmas

- **With Children:** https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-kids/
- **An Advent Story:** https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/an-advent-story/
- **Preparing for Advent at home:** https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/preparing-for-advent-at-home.html
- **Who is St. Nicholas?** https://www.stnicholascenter.org/
- **An abundant Christmas:** https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/an-abundant-christmas.html

Garden Maintenance

The garden maintenance team require a bobcat or mini excavator to remove excess garden soil from the rose gardens area, along with tree stumps and soil from the front garden section near the presbytery, facing Adelaide Street.

- The concrete base where the flagpole used to be also requires removal.
- A jack hammer attachment on the bobcat or excavator would be good for this.
- If you know of someone who could do this work, could you ring Mary on 0439 947 472 please.

STAMP COLLECTION for the Missionary works of the Sister's of St. Joseph. A reminder notice that Joan Massingham will be sending away POSTAGE STAMPS you have collected for the Missionary Work of the Sisters of St. Joseph in December. You can give them to Joan Massingham or leave them at the Parish Office.

Roster for Christmas: We kindly request the Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans to have a look into the list available near the Piety Stall and support to complete the roster for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the main entrances. All the offerings that we receive through Christmas Offerings this year will be set aside to support the Sound System in the Church.

Entrance: Prepare the Way

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see His face;
Prepare the way of the Lord. **R./**

He's the lamb of God and you must follow Him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For He has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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Psalm Response: (said)

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

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!

Communion: Communion Song

We see bread and wine before us,
But hidden there from our view
Lies the Flesh and Blood of Jesus,
Now sacrificed for us anew.

Refrain: Jesus, we bring to You our bodies.
Jesus, we bring to You our souls.
Needing nourishment,
Needing healing,
Seeking peace.

On the night before He suffered,
He took the bread into His Hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
Saying, "Take and eat, this is My Body." **R./**

And when supper was then ended,
He took the wine, again gave thanks,
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.
This is My Blood, to be shed for you." **R./**

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Thanksgiving: Advent Chant.

Twilight, then darkness, night falls and candles glow.
Gently surrounding us, a new birth of hope.

Watching, waiting, awak'ning a new birth of hope.

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Advent Litany

Word of healing, Alleluia,
Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!

Word of comfort, Alleluia,
Bring us hope now. Maranatha!

Word of gladness, Alleluia,
Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!

Word of wisdom, Alleluia,
Come renew us. Maranatha!

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Recessional: prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Kath Clancy, Rita Sempf, Christine Waerner, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Margaret Mosher, Brian Lunn, Anne Neill, Jennifer Ballard, Mark Nolan and Thelma Fernando.

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