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NEWSLETTER 16TH MARCH 2025
Second Sunday of Lent - Year C
OF YOU MY HEART HAS SPOKEN: SEEK HIS FACE.
IT IS YOUR FACE, O LORD, THAT I SEEK;
HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME.

This Week's Mass Schedule

19/03/2025 Wednesday	8:00am
Fair Haven	10:00am
20/03/2025 Thursday	12.00pm
21/03/2025 Friday	9:15am
22/03/2025 Saturday	6:00pm
23/03/2025 Sunday	
Maryborough	8:00am
Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
Second Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.769).

- 1st - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
- Psalm - Ps 26 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 9:28-36

Next weekend: Third Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.773).

- 1st - Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
- Psalm - Ps 102
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
- Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer



IN THE SPIRIT OF LENT

Twins, a sister and brother were talking to each other in the womb. The little sister said to the little brother, 'I believe that there is life after birth!' Her brother protested: 'No, no, this is all there is. This is a dark and cozy place, and we have nothing else to do but to cling on to the cord that feeds us.' But the little girl insisted: 'There must be something more than this dark place, there must be something else where there is light and freedom to move.' Still, she could not convince her twin brother. Then...after some silence, she said hesitantly: 'I have something else to say, and I am afraid you won't believe that either, but I think there is a mother!' Her little brother now became furious: 'A mother, a mother, what are you talking about? I have never seen a mother and neither have you. Who put that idea in your head? As I told you, this place is all we have so let's be content.'

The little sister finally said: 'Don't you feel this pressure sometimes? It's unpleasant and sometimes even painful.' 'Yes,' he answered, 'what's special about that?' 'Well,' the sister said, 'I think this pressure is there to get us ready for another place, much more beautiful than this, where we will see our mother face to face! Don't you think that's exciting!' In that story the twin brother did not believe there was anything beyond what he could see and hear and touch while his twin sister believed there was a life beyond what she could see and hear and touch. Like the girl in the womb who could not see her mother, we too believe that eternal life follows this life and that there is more to this life than we can see and hear and touch.

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye. During the transfiguration they got a glimpse of the future glory of Jesus' resurrection. Like them we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now.

We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a cord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives.

Dear Friends, we get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. So, in the spirit of Lent, let us listen to God; let us go to the mountain to encounter and to behold his glory. Let us try it this Lent and be filled with the glory of his presence.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's. This is another commitment to make the most during the Lenten season by walking the path to Calvary with Jesus.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) 2025



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Session Times

Session 1

Saturday 10th May 5pm at St. Mary's.

Session 2 & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 17th May 5pm at St. Mary's followed by 6pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum:

The roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and for Triduum is now available in the church near the Piety Stall. Please enter your name so that we could complete the Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Printouts of the roster for April, May & June will be available at the church from this weekend.

Become a Sponsor

Newsletter Sponsorship

We are in the process of requesting to renew the existing Newsletter Sponsorship. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter.

Thank you to the businesses who have already responded to confirm their continuing financial support of the newsletter for which we offer our sincere gratitude.

We encourage parishioners to support these businesses in return and keep them in mind should the need arise for any of the services on offer.

Fundraising meeting: Fundraising meeting to be held 5pm Monday 17th in Parish hall. Welcome to those interested in helping, especially those with new ideas!

Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

Hope Emerged Unbreakable: The Empty Tomb as the Hinge of History
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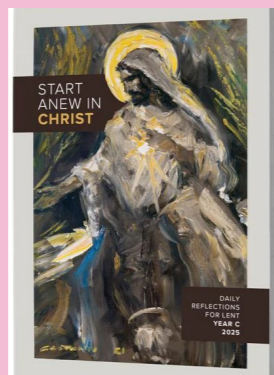
CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Envelopes will be available at the church entrances during the Lenten season if you would like to support the work of Caritas Australia during this Lenten season. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate.

Piety Stall

● **Start Anew in Christ**
Daily Reflections for Lent Year C 2025.



● **God's Word 2025**
Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary.



Church Maintenance

God moves in mysterious ways. Through divine guidance we found the West Indian Termites colonising in the church roof, and through divine and human intervention we destroyed the pest. However, saving St Mary's from the termite invasion was a costly exercise that took our eyes off the ball. If we are to preserve the church for future generations (ie, fix the roof and paint the exterior), we desperately need your support. Should you feel you can help, the church account details are:

Account name: St. Mary's Parish
BSB: 064786
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Church Maintenance Team

ENTRANCE: ASHES

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
 We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
 If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
 An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
 The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
 Give our stumblings direction, give our vision wider view,
 An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
 Though spring has turned to winter and sunshine turned to rain.

The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
 From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

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: JESUS REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me
 When You come into Your Kingdom.
 Jesus, remember me
 When you come into Your Kingdom. *(repeat)*

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RECESSIONAL:

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
 In the midst of the darkness, shining;
 Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
 Fill this land with the Father's glory;
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
 Set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, river, flow,
 Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
 Send forth Your Word, Lord,
 And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
 From the shadows into Your radiance;
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
 Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
 So our faces display Your likeness,
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Valma Basset, Noreen Poacher, Fr Leo Burke, Avelina Tumalak, Jodie Hart, John Hunt and Dawn McGahan.

Anniversary of Death: Jean Deere, Con Deere, Brian Deere, Patricia Murray, Vic Sempf, Rhonda Fleming, John Taylor and Sally D'Cruz.