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NEWSLETTER 23RD FEBRUARY 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C
O LORD, I TRUST IN YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.
MY HEART WILL REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION.
I WILL SING TO THE LORD
WHO HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL WITH ME.

Do not Judge that you may not be judged!

With Luke's Gospel today (6:27-38) we come to the second major part of Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the mount. Which began last week with the beatitudes. Today Jesus once again challenges us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us.

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This Week's Mass Schedule

26/02/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
	Chelsea	10:00am
27/02/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
28/02/2025	Friday	9:15am
01/03/2025	Saturday	6:00pm
02/03/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

For us to effectively comply with Jesus' teaching on the "sermon on the mount", we must put on a compassionate and gracious heart that looks out for others instead of judging and condemning them. To be so positive of other people and to love and accept them for who and what they are, that we may overcome those occasions when we tend to misjudge others, but to always acknowledge the good in others and help them become better.

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1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.858).

- 1st - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
- Psalm - Ps 102 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

Next weekend: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.862).

- 1st - Sirach 27:4-7
- Psalm - Ps 91
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
- Gospel - Luke 6:39-45

This story below may give us something to think about:

A 24-year old man looking out through a window of a moving train suddenly started shouting, Dad, look, "the trees are going behind; they are moving very fast" his Dad simply stared at him with so much joy and smiled! A young couple who sat nearby looked at the 24-year old and thought to themselves, he's so grown up but so childish, he must have a mental disorder for his father not to be bothered.

Everyone has a story.

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Suddenly the young man exclaimed again; Dad, look, "the clouds are running with us" at that point, the couple could not hold themselves anymore and said to the father, why don't you take your son to a good doctor maybe a psychiatrist? The father smiled and said to them, I just did. We are just coming from a doctor but not a psychiatrist; we are coming from the hospital. My son was blind from birth. He just got his sight today for the very first time, his behaviour may seem stupid to you, but it's more than a miracle to me. The young couple just sat down there, lost for words with a mixture of tears and shame in their eyes.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us always remember that everybody on earth has a story; don't judge people so fast or jump into conclusion about their private affairs; you may not know where they are coming from or what they have to deal with. The truth behind their story might surprise you. Take it easy with others and show them some love, even if you have a perfect life.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Dear All,

Parishioners will have noticed the crane, scissor lifts, workers in high viz and yellow tarps in the church grounds over the past week. The actual fumigation took place on Wednesday night while the set-up happened mostly on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The WIDT (West Indian Drywood Termites) certainly have Maryborough residents worried. Many had hoped the pest was exterminated back in 2000 when the city's buildings were first fumigated. Fortunately, we can expect around 25 years before needing to fumigate again. By then one hopes the process of fumigation will be far cheaper and more permanent.

The fumigation of St Mary's has become the talking point of the city, which is a good thing as we need the entire community to help with the cost. Two of our parishioners are working hard on this task. Firstly, Tom Hagan is screening a Facebook video on his "Front Up Friday" page, which also runs on the Maryborough Community page. Watch the video, make positive comments, and encourage your friends to see it. The more awareness we get out there, the better the chance of attracting donors.

Secondly, Glenda Pitman is driving the fundraising initiative, however she can't do it alone. She says: "We'd love new input, anyone from other areas with fresh ideas, good event skills, or computer skills and ready to get into the fray." Glenda has proposed a meeting of interested parishioners after mass on Sunday, 2nd March in the parish hall.

Remember, the fumigation is a cost that came out of nowhere. We only discovered the presence of termites while we were investigating the state of the roof and interior walls for water damage. Because the roof is urgently in need of repair, we need more funds than the \$240,000 cost of fumigation. It sounds a lot but it can be achieved, especially when one reflects that this church has nurtured Maryborough's Catholics for over 150 years, and will continue to do so - provided we play our part.

To cover immediate costs we have borrowed money from the Archdiocese, however the loan has to be repaid. To date we have raised around \$50,000, which is approximately one-fifth of what is currently needed. Please remember, every dollar you put towards the Building and Maintenance Appeal stays in Maryborough. Not one cent is skimmed off to Brisbane.

Consumables removed from the church last Sunday have to be returned. Are you available this Saturday, 22nd February at 3:00 pm? Your help would be much appreciated.

Finally, when discussing the fumigation or cost issue with others, please keep our comments positive. For Maryborough to have such a beautiful church is a gift from God. We don't want to inadvertently lose this rare gift.

*Bank details for the Building and Maintenance Appeal are:
Account name: St. Mary's Parish (Maintenance and Equipment)
BSB: 064786
Account number: 100026161*

Kind Regards,
St. Mary's Parish Maintenance Team



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2025

Our parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer Service this year which will be held on Friday 7th March at 10 a.m. in St Mary's. This is an annual event to which Christians from all denominations are invited to unite in prayer for a particular community from overseas. "I made you wonderful" is the theme for this year's liturgy which has been prepared by the people of the Cook Islands. We encourage parishioners to attend and share morning tea in the hall afterwards.



ENTRANCE: SUMMONED BY LOVE

Be still and know I am God.
Listen to me and see.
You're not alone in your journey.
Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Refrain:

**Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.
Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
Our lives we give in offering to you.**

Be not afraid of the night.
Darkness shall not prevail.
My light will guide and make clear your way.
Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.
Your life will be my sign.
Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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STRONG AND CONSTANT

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: **R./**

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover me! **R./**

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: 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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THANKSGIVING: WASHING OF THE FEET

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. **(Repeat)**

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RECESSIONAL: CELEBRATE

Refrain: **Celebrate what we have been given,
Celebrate what we have received.
Celebrate the spirit of Jesus, alive
In our hearts.**

No longer shall you be people who walk in
darkness,
It is the Spirit who draws you into the light. **R./**

Even the earth cries out.
It longs to receive new life.
It is the Spirit who fills the world with new life. **R./**

You who are gather'd here share life and love
together.
It is the Spirit who calls you out to give. **R./**

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Alfonso Diaz, Dana Kaarsberg, Rita Sempf, 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: John Charles Hunt, Dawn McGahan, Josephine McAulay.

Anniversary of Death: Sally D'Cruz, Jerome Parker.