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NEWSLETTER 16TH FEBRUARY 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

BE MY PROTECTOR, O GOD,
A MIGHTY STRONGHOLD TO SAVE ME.
FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK, MY STRONGHOLD!
LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME.

This Week's Mass Schedule

19/02/2025 Wednesday	
St. Mary's Primary	8:00am
Fair Haven	10:00am
20/02/2025 Thursday	
St. Mary's Primary	12.00pm
21/02/2025 Friday	
St. Mary's Primary	9:15am
22/02/2025 Saturday	6:00pm
23/02/2025 Sunday	
Maryborough	8:00am
Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

- READINGS**
- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.854).**
- 1st - Jeremiah 17:5-8
 - Psalm - 1:1-4 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Luke 6:17, 20-26
- Next weekend: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.858).**
- 1st - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 - Psalm - Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 - 2nd - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 - Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer



Suffering and Smiling

A pastor began his preaching on today's gospel by asking for a show of hands from all in the congregation who would love to be poor, starving, weeping and hated by everybody. No hands went up. Then he asked of those who, on the contrary, would love to be rich, well fed, laughing and well-spoken of in the community. All hands went up.

A similar survey in any church would probably yield similar results. Yet Jesus in Luke declares a blessing on those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated. To make sure we get the point, he goes on and explicitly pronounces a woe on those who are rich, well fed, laughing and well-spoken of. What is going on here? Does Luke want us to understand that material poverty in itself is a sign of divine approval and material prosperity a sign of divine disapproval? Certainly, not!

Poverty in itself is not a blessing but a misfortune, a lack. In fact, all the qualifying factors mentioned in Luke's Beatitudes — poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, exclusion, reviling, defamation — are all misfortunes. These are things no good parents would want for their children. Neither would God want these things for us, His children.

How then are we to understand Luke's Beatitudes? The key to Luke's Beatitudes is to be found in an important clause which he adds at the end of the last beatitude, and the clause is **“on account of the Son of Man.”** What Luke is saying is this, **those who accept these evil conditions as the price that they have to pay for following Christ, they are the blessed ones. “Blessed are you who are poor [now], for yours is the kingdom of God.”**

After that you can imagine the pastor smiling through his tears. Suffering, yes, but also smiling, because he now understands that he has indeed made the right choice. on the other hand, woes would consume those who declined the invitation to follow Jesus, to share and to give up their material wealth.

Finally, my dear brothers and sisters, what would it profit us to gain the whole world and at last lose our soul? Let us ask for God's wisdom.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Year of Jubilee 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



Hymn for the 2025 Jubilee:
<https://www.iubilaem2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>



Safer Internet Day

The Office of Safeguarding Services is proud to support #SaferInternetDay

on Tuesday 11 February 2025, and join eSafetyOffice to help make the internet a safer, more positive place.

Garden Update: You may have noticed that several shrubs have been removed from the front garden nearest the Presbytery and lawn will eventually cover this area as well as a part of the rose gardens which was removed a short time ago. The concrete slab which previously housed the flag pole has been removed to make that area easier to mow. The working bees each Tuesday now at 4 p.m. because of the hotter days are keeping up with the weeding and other jobs thanks to the dedicated team of 4 – 6 people who turn up on a regular basis. **Church 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.

Dear All,

St Mary's Catholic parishioners would be aware of two things. First, that St Mary's turned 153 on the fourth of this month; and second, the beautiful church is infested with the West Indian Drywood Termite (WIDT).

This foreign pest was first detected in Maryborough in the 1970s, and since then has caused enormous damage to timber-framed buildings in Maryborough, Brisbane, Bundaberg and Rockhampton.

The only known way to eradicate the pest is to tent and fumigate the building, which is about to happen here.

From Sunday morning 16th February (straight after mass) until Friday afternoon 21st February, the church precinct will be out of bounds while the fumigation takes place.

Once the gas has been dissipated it becomes harmless to the environment. It is also harmless to anyone who later uses the church.

Unfortunately, saving our church from the WIDT is not cheap. The total cost will be around \$240,000. Although many parishioners have already donated generously, more funds are needed. Much more.

If you feel you are in a position to help, the bank details are:
 Account name: St Mary's Parish Appeal
 BSB: 064 786
 Account Number: 100026161

Kind Regards,
 St. Mary's Parish Maintenance Team

Thank You! "I thank everyone of you who kept me in their prayers, the Lord did hear you and I am now on the way to recovery. It shows that prayers are a wonderful tool to use. Thank you all again. Christine Waerner."

ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
 Now is the darkness, vanished away.
 See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
 Brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
 Gather us in, the blind and the lame,
 Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
 We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
 We are the old who yearn for Your face,
 We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
 Called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
 Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
 Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
 Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Here you shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
 Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
 Give us to eat the bread that is You;
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
 Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)
 Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: THE BEATITUDES
 Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
 blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.
 Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted,
 blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,
 blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called God's children.

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THANKSGIVING: GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
 Give thanks to the Holy One.
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong' ,
 Let the poor say, 'I am rich' ,
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.
 (Repeat)

Give thanks.
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RECESSIONAL: BLEST BE THE LORD

Refrain:
Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day.

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
 He will protect me from their wicked hands.
 Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
 To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
 Nor stand alone before the light of day.
 No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
 No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side,
 I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand.
 His faithful love is all the armour that I need
 To wage my battle with the foe.

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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: Josephine McAulay, Moya Garton and Simeon Ruyeras.

Anniversary of Death: Jerome Parker, John Phillips and Edward James Rooney.