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NEWSLETTER 23RD MARCH 2025
Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

MY EYES ARE ALWAYS ON THE LORD,
FOR HE RESCUES MY FEET FROM THE SNARE.
TURN TO ME AND HAVE MERCY ON ME,
FOR I AM ALONE AND POOR.

This Week's Mass Schedule

26/03/2025 Wednesday	
The Rite of Distributing Holy Communion	
Outside Mass	8:00am
27/03/2025 Thursday	12.00pm
28/03/2025 Friday	9:15am
29/03/2025 Saturday	6:00pm
30/03/2025 Sunday	
Maryborough	8:00am
Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
Third Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.773).

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

Next weekend: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C (p.778).

- 1st - Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm - Ps 33
- 2nd - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer



LENT A TIME TO RETURN TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

There is a touching story told of a humble, consecrated Anglican pastor, whose young son had become very ill. After the boy had undergone an exhaustive series of tests, the father was told the shocking news that his son had a terminal illness. The youngster had accepted Christ as his Saviour, so the minister knew that death would usher him into glory; but he wondered how to inform one in the bloom of youth that soon he would die.

After earnestly seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit, he went with a heavy heart through the hospital ward to the boy's bedside. First he read a passage of Scripture and had a time of prayer with his dear child. Then he gently told him that the doctors could promise him only a few more days to live.

"Are you afraid to meet Jesus, my boy?" asked his devout father.

Blinking away a few tears, the little fellow said bravely, **"No, not if He's like you, Dad!"**

The Old Testament shows us that history was working out God's plan but the highpoint in God's plan for us was the resurrection. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." So If we live we live for the Lord: and if we die we die for the Lord". (Rom 14:8) **Lent** is therefore a wonderful opportunity for us to journey towards the new life of Easter.

Let us therefore ask ourselves: What is the purpose of life? What is our goal in life? Where is our heart in life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare us for the next life. And if we truly trust and believe in God as our loving father, then like the little boy in the above story, we would not be afraid to go and meet him whenever we are called. But this can only happen when we are ready to learn from our past, support one another and repent of our sins, and there is no better season for us to achieve this than now.

Pray, Fast, Give, Repent and Forgive!

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.

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.

Become a Sponsor

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.

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.

Year of Jubilee 2025—"Pilgrims of Hope"



28 March
24 Hours for the Lord

PRAYER

Gracious God,

we come before you with open

hearts to be healed by your love and mercy.

Look with compassion on us as we acknowledge our failures;

heal our wounds and stretch out your hand of love

to save us and raise us up.

Keep us free from harm as members of Christ's body,

as sheep of your flock, as children of your family.

Hear the prayer we offer you O God.

Lead us back to the way of holiness,

and protect us now and always.

May we ever keep safe in all its fullness

the gift your love once gave us and your mercy now restores.

We pray in Jesus' name,

he who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever. Amen

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

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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 kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,

Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,

Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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 or 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 TRUSTING PSALM

Refrain:

Lord, let your mercy be on us

As we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.

His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him. R/.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him. R/.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
So let us place our trust in him. R/.

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RECESSIONAL:

GOD OF DAY AND GOD OF DARKNESS

God of day and God of darkness,
Now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning
For the dawning of your might,
When the Sun of peace and justice
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,
Still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken
By the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
So our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken,
All your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another,
Make us servants strong and true;
Give us all your love of justice,
So we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy,
Let us pledge our lives anew,
Make us one with all the lowly,
Let us all be one in you.

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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 and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Anna Pecar, Valma Basset, Noreen Poacher, Fr Leo Burke, Avelina Tumulak and Jodie Hart.

Anniversary of Death: Kay Phipps, Richard Hogan, Jean Deere, Con Deere, Brian Deere, Patricia Murray, Vic Sempf, Rhonda Fleming and John Taylor.