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 2nd Nov	Sun 3rd Nov	Sat 9th Nov	Sun 10th Nov
Welcomer	Felicity	Catherine	Warren	Pat
1st Reader	John	Tyson	Ron	Christine
2nd Reader	Pat	Gail	Anne	Susan
Communion	Wayne Judy	Rebecca Cris	Marion Sue	Con Anne
Servers	Chet Thu Han	Byron Xavier	Andre Thu Han	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte
Musicians	Bong	Rita	Justin	Gail
Singers	Filipino Choir	Choir	Janette	Theresa
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This Week's Mass Schedule

06/11/2024	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
07/11/2024	**Thursday**	**12.00pm**
08/11/2024	**Friday**	**8:30am**
09/11/2024	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
10/11/2024	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
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READINGS

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.719) in St Pauls Missal.

- **1st** - Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- **Psalm** - 17 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Hebrews 7:23-28
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Mark 12:28-34

Next weekend: 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.722)

- **1st** - 1 Kings 17:10-16
- **Psalm** - 145
- **2nd** - Hebrews 9:24-28
- **Gospel** - Mark 12:38-44

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

- **Memorial Mass:** Wednesday 27th November 8am.
- **Christmas Carols** Friday 29th November 5pm.

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NEWSLETTER 3RD NOVEMBER 2024
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR B

FORSAKE ME NOT, O LORD, MY GOD;
BE NOT FAR FROM ME!
MAKE HASTE AND COME TO MY HELP,
O LORD, MY STRONG SALVATION!

LOVE IS THE GREATEST

On this thirty-first Sunday in ordinary time, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark and reflecting on Jesus' growing influence on the Jewish authorities and his teaching ability to simplify the Mosaic Law into two major commandments, namely: "the love of God and the love of neighbour". "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength…you shall love your neighbour as you love yourself," (Mk 12:30-31). This was Jesus' answer when one of the scribes asked Him which is the greatest of all commandments.

According to Jesus' teaching, 'the love of God and the love of neighbour' constitute the meaning of life, the secret to happiness and prosperity, and the road to eternal fulfilment. These determine how close or far we are from the kingdom of God. Love is a largely confusing concept in modern culture. A lot of people nowadays can hardly figure out the difference between liking and loving. We usually like an object because of the benefit we derive from it; perhaps it brings us joy or pleasure or security, etc. Children, for instance, like ice cream because it is yummy; people like their sport stars because they bring them immense joy. But when we love somebody, in the sense that Jesus describes it, we love them for their own sake and not for what is in it for us.

Dear friends, true love means we have the best interest of the person at heart, regardless of the response we get from them. It means we love them in season and out of season, through thick and thin. True love is not a once-for-all thing, it is not a part-time job but is for all time with no strings attached. True love is not just "I love you" but "I will always love you". This comes straight from the heart of Jesus, and it involves total self-giving for the sake of the other, and an absolute respect for the "otherness" of the other person. We love them for their own sake, exactly the way they are, and not the way we want them to be. No doubt this could be a very difficult thing but that's what we are called to do, and the grace of God will always be sufficient for us.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters let us ask ourselves today, how much do we love God and our neighbour? We must love God with all our heart, mind, and soul. We must love our neighbours as we love ourselves and treat others as we would want them to treat us, regardless of how we feel. This is at the heart of Christian teaching, a courageous lifestyle that puts God first, others second and self-third. God is love and the source of all love, and we could never truly love others outside of God. Let us therefore pray at this brand-new month of November for the grace to love others, especially those we do not love as we should. And once, we find ourselves making sincere efforts in keeping this greatest commandment of love, then we are not far from the Kingdom of God".

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Every first Thursday at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training/Retraining:

Readers: Training/retraining for all new and existing Readers will be on Saturday November 16th — 5pm at St. Mary's.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Training/retraining for all new and existing Communion Ministers will be on Saturday November 23rd — 5pm at St. Mary's.

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment:

The Rite of Commissioning/ recommitment after training for all new and existing Communion Ministers and Readers will be during the Mass on the First Sunday of Advent/ Saturday 30th November at 6pm mass AND Sunday 1st of December at 8am Mass.

If you are interested to be part of the Communion Ministers or Readers, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Wednesday 27th November 8am at St. Mary's.

This is specifically for November Mass offerings. All names given through the November Mass Offerings will be added to the list in the Church. The envelopes are available at the main Church entrances.

Working Bee
Saturday 7th December 7:30am

Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden before Christmas.

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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Psalm Response: (said)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Love Is His Word

Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news.

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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.

John 13:34-35
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Recessional: 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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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Christine Waerner, John Hill, 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: Sergio Eamiguel, Elsie Carlin, Geoff Mackie, Ellen Mary Nilon, Graeme Costello, Michael Gibson, John Verschaeren and Gregory Massingham.

Anniversary of Death: Maria Vu Thi Nhu, Jamie Winn and Rev. Fr. Louis Breslan.