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This Week's Mass Schedule

08/11/2023	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
09/11/2023	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
10/11/2023	**Friday**	**8:30am**
11/11/2023	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
12/11/2023	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

- **Christmas Bazaar & Carols:** Friday - 5pm - 24th November.
- **November Memorial Mass:** 12pm Thursday - 30th November.

READINGS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.483)in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st**- Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
- **Psalm** - 130 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** -1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 23:1-12

Next weekend: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.487)
- **1st** - Wisdom 6:12-16
- **Psalm** - 62
- **2nd** - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- **Gospel** - Matthew 25:1-13

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NEWSLETTER 5TH NOVEMBER 2023
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

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

Titles of Honour

As Matthew is writing his gospel in the 80s, Christianity is emerging as a sect distinct from Judaism. In such circumstances new groups tend to distinguish themselves sharply from the parent group from which they are separating. This Sunday's gospel reflects attempts by Matthew's community to define itself against the larger Jewish community.

During the time of Jesus the 'chief priests and elders' exercised leadership. But in Matthew's gospel the focus, instead, is on 'the scribes and the Pharisees' who stand for the leadership class. This shift may reflect a time after the destruction of the Temple (70 A.D.) when priests had ceased to function as leaders. In any event, Jesus castigates 'the scribes and the Pharisees' because 'they tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders' (23:4). This is in contrast to Jesus whose 'burden is easy' and whose 'yoke is light' (11:30).

The Pharisees are fond of titles. 'Rabbi' literally means 'my great one.' After the destruction of the Temple the Torah became the defining feature of Jewish life; those who were learned in the Torah emerged as important teachers and were shown respect by this title. In the Christian community, however, Jesus is the Teacher: disciples must 'learn from me' (11:29).

Similarly, 'father' was a title of honour for esteemed ancestors, like our use of 'Founding Fathers,' 'Fathers of the Church,' and an early Jewish collection of teachings called 'Sayings of the Fathers.' Matthew eschews this title and reserves it for God, a usage reflected in this Sunday's first reading: 'Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us?' (Mal 2:10). In the same way that only God should be called 'Father,' only 'the Christ' shall be called 'Master.'

Apart from this very minimal hierarchy - one Father, one Master - all members of the Christian community relate to one another as 'brothers' (Matthew 23:8); this is in keeping with the metaphor of God as Father: the Christian community is the family of God. In this egalitarian model greatness is measured by service and humility is a mark of honour.

Peace be with you!

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NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Thursday 30th November 12pm 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.

Fr. Lucius will celebrate the Mass to honour and remember your loved ones.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith that passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual.

- Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?
- Have you been away, and want to come back to the church and not sure how?

We request all the interested candidates to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office by 12th November.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Parish is seeking volunteers to be part of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is for the weekend Masses, especially on Sundays.

This ministry includes distribution of communion Within a Mass to the congregation and may also involve taking Communion Outside a Mass to the sick and elderly.

The ministers will go through a time of preparation. "*On completion of this preparation there is to be a public rite of designation celebrated in the community where the ministers of communion will function*."

For more information, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office.

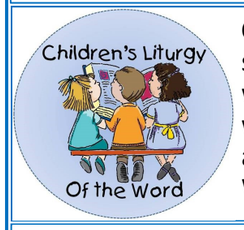
Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9:

Ask for peace for Jerusalem:
may those who love you live in safety;
let there be peace in your walls,
safety in your palaces.

For my brothers and my friends,
I will say:

Upon you be peace!
By the house of the Lord our God,
I will ask good for you.

(Commissary of the Holy Land Australia)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: All the children are encouraged to join the entrance procession on Sunday 8am Mass. Children will join the entrance procession. Fr. Lucius will give them the Bible and the Cross and children will leave the congregation with the Children's Liturgy Team to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding. They will join the congregation after the Creed. We request all parents to support and encourage the Children for this celebration.

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Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others.

You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You.
Amen.

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Prayer for Rain: Almighty and eternal Father, Give your blessing of rain to our land. May your rain fall gently on our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage, strength and hope to our farmers and graziers and their families and to our rural townspeople as we wait patiently for your providence. This prayer we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen . Thank you dear Lord for the rain we have received.

Entrance: Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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Psalm Response: (said)

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Communion: Come as You Are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by My promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

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Thanksgiving: 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.

Bridge: **O, 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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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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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Amanda Plumb, Brian Hawken, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Charlie Clancy, Ted Anderson, John Green and Colin Alison.

Anniversary of Death: Maria Vu Thi Nhu, Gordon Leck, Suzy Tuckwell and Fr. Joseph Vu.