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This Week's Mass Schedule

04/10/2023 **Wednesday** **8:00am**
Maryborough Community Aged Care **1:00pm**

05/10/2023 **Thursday** **12:00pm**

06/10/2023 **Friday** **8:30am**

07/10/2023 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

08/10/2023 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Multicultural Celebration Sunday 15th October Commencing - 10 am.

READINGS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.463)in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st**- Ezekiel 18:25-28
- **Psalm** - 24 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Philippians 2:1-11
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 21:28-32

Next weekend: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.467)
- **1st** - Isaiah 5:1-7
- **Psalm** - 79
- **2nd** - Philippians 4:6-9
- **Gospel** - Matthew 21:33-43

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NEWSLETTER 1ST OCTOBER 2023
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO US, O LORD,
YOU HAVE DONE WITH TRUE JUDGEMENT,
FOR WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU
AND NOT OBEYED YOUR COMMANDMENTS.
BUT GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME
AND DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO THE BOUNTY OF YOUR MERCY.

Two sons

This chapter of Matthew's Gospel (ch. 21) began with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As Jesus enters into controversy with the 'chief priests and elders' (21:28), he is on their home court. The primary seat of their authority - the Temple - has its home in Jerusalem.

In this brief parable Jesus employs the image of a father and two sons; it is a familial and personal image and thus different from other images we have so far encountered, such as king and servant (18:23-33 - Sunday 24) or landowner and hired labourers (20:1-15 - Sunday 25). As Jesus makes clear in his explanation, the son who refuses the father's command but then changes his mind represents the 'tax collectors and prostitutes' (21:31); the other son who says 'yes' but disobeys represents the chief priests and elders.

Note the implication of the parable's use of the father-son image: the chief priests and elders are brothers to the tax collectors and prostitutes! Just making them members of the same family was insulting! Tax collectors and prostitutes were public sinners and were despised by the religious leaders for two reasons. First, their conduct was sinful: tax collectors were widely suspected of cheating people, and prostitutes violated moral and ritual laws. Second, both were viewed as collaborators with the hated Roman occupiers: taxes were collected for the Romans, and prostitutes largely serviced Roman soldiers. Yet these sinners have the same father as the religious leaders.

Moreover, the parable isn't impersonal or entirely contrived. Early in the gospel, as John the Baptist was preaching and baptising, 'the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him . . . and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan'; among them 'many Pharisees and Sadducees [were] coming for baptism' (3:5-7). Thus, these religious leaders said 'yes' to John's call for repentance; but in their rejection of Jesus their actions said 'no.' In rejecting the teaching of both John and Jesus they have rejected the 'way of righteousness' (21:32). To enter the kingdom they must change their minds about John, about Jesus, and even about tax collectors and prostitutes.

Peace be with you!

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Working Bee

1) **Saturday 7th October 8am**
Requesting all to come and help to prepare the Church ground and Garden for future events, especially Multicultural Celebration in Oct & Christmas Bazaar and Carols in Nov.

2) **Monday 9th October:**
The SMC students will help with cleaning the benches in the Church ground.

Things happening on Working Bee Day.

- **Weeding in the garden.**
- **Cleaning seats on the fence line.**
- **General cleaning**
- **Cleaning of chairs in the hall.**

The aim is to start at 8am and go through to about 11am/midday with any amount of help greatly appreciated. All Parishioners are invited to come together to continue to care for our beautiful Church and Gardens. Marion and team will organise some light snacks and drinks for all to share.

We have **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.

St Mary's Parish Multicultural Celebration

Sunday 15th October

- 8:30 am Decoration - Volunteers are requested to help
- 10 am : Multicultural Mass.
- 11:15 am: Morning Tea followed by events
  - ⇒Song: Bumi
  - ⇒Choir: Filipino Choir.
  - ⇒Dance Performance: The Neighbourhood Centre
- Closing - Volunteers are requested to help.

Tents/patio umbrellas

Parishioners are encouraged to inform the Parish Office on how many they are able to bring and also set up on the day of event. We are reaching out to your kind generosity so that St. Mary's Church will not incur any expenses. Please call the Parish Office to inform by the 10th of October confirming the number of tents/umbrellas you could bring.

Choir Practice

Everyone is invited to sing at the Multicultural Mass. We will have Choir Practice for Multicultural Mass on Tuesday 10th October at 4pm.

St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

If you would like more information about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Maryborough there are some postcards on the table near the rear entrance. Please take one if you are interested.

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

World Mission Sunday

The World Mission Sunday parish appeal will be on 21st and 22nd of October 2023.

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

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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)

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Communion: Our Supper Invitation

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, My love will lead.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of Mine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.

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Thanksgiving: The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet Him there,
To lay myself down in His love.
The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders He's given to me.

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Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.
Mercy He has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of Your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise Him with your music,
Worship him and bless His Name.

Power He has wielded, honour is His garment,
Risen from the snares of death.
His Word He has spoken,
One bread He has broken, new life He now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high.
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
Splendour of the living God

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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: 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: Michael Clancy, Trevor Nayler, Lucita Comandante and David Bertram.

Anniversary of Death: Vince Walker, Ma Dulce Obina, Shelly Rutland, Josefina & Jean Smith, Jennifer Nayler, Alan Bartels, Raymond Proctor, Matthew Rahe, Don Wright, Frances Steemson, Mrs. Patricia Baker, Paterna, Alfonso, Magdaleno, Cirila, Teresita, Rustico, Sabiniana and Marie McGinley.