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Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles.

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This Week's Mass Schedule

13/09/2023 **Wednesday** **8:00am**

14/09/2023 **Thursday** **12:00pm**

15/09/2023 **Friday** **9:15am**
(SMP - Year 4 Mass)

16/09/2023 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

17/09/2023 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
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1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Multicultural Celebration Sunday 15th October Commencing - 10 am.

READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.451 in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st**- Ezekiel 33:7-9
- **Psalm** - 94 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 13:8-10
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 18:15-20

Next weekend: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.454)
- **1st** - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
- **Psalm** - 102
- **2nd** - Romans 14:7-9
- **Gospel** - Matthew 18:21-35

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NEWSLETTER 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A

YOU ARE JUST, O LORD,
AND YOUR JUDGEMENT IS RIGHT;
TREAT YOUR SERVANT IN ACCORD
WITH YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.

Love unconditionally, Pray for sinners, Help them turn away from sin.

Today's three readings are good example of how practical and relevant the word of God has always been in our lives as individuals as well as a church. Together they remind us that as faithful Christians it is our responsibility to reach out to our not-so-faithful brothers and sisters and bring them back into the fold. They even go on to recommend practical steps on how to go about doing this.

A young woman, Lydia, strayed away from the church as a teenager. After nine years of experimenting with atheism, Spiritism, and new age, she found her way back again to the church, by the grace of God. Relating her story, Lydia says that what hurt her the most in all her nine years of spiritual exile is that nobody in the church missed her. Nobody ever phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the church does not want me," she said. Of course the church wants her. But what are we doing to help the many men and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the church? Today's readings invite us to review our I-don't-care attitude toward fallen and lax members of the church, reminding us that, yes, it should be our business to reach out to them.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus provides us with a model that can help us take more responsibility towards one another. He wants us to do something about sin. This is a tough call today given that we are used to thinking that tolerance, even tolerance of sin, is the highest value. Jesus surely wants his Church to care about tolerance, but he wants it to care even more about truth. Sin is real, and it is destructive, both for the sinner and for the whole community. Sin is like a destructive fire that starts in one person's soul. If it isn't put out quickly, it can destroy that person and spread like a spiritual forest fire through a whole community.

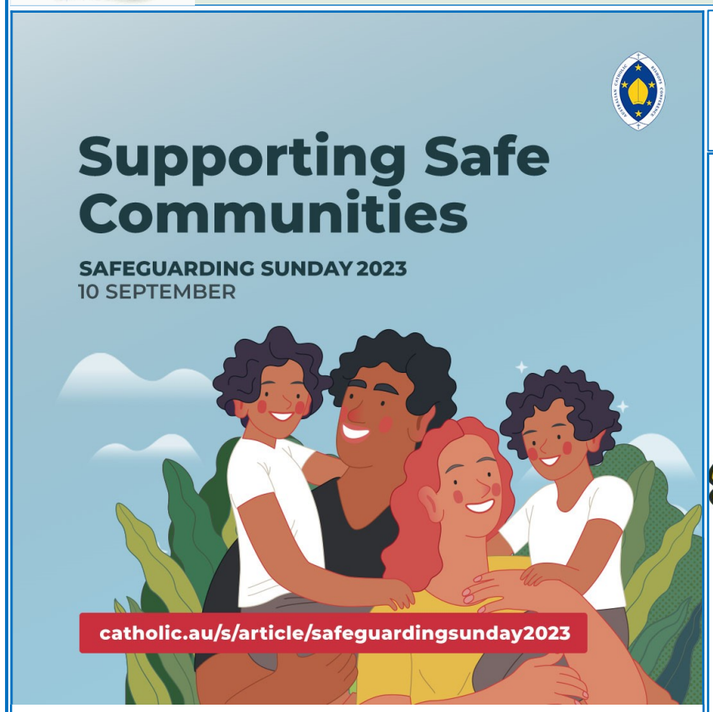
Following Jesus' model, we should first go one-on-one and gently encourage the person to come back to Christ. This is to be done in a friendly and dignified way, and not to humiliate the person. If that doesn't work, we are to take one or two others along. The aim should not be to show the person how wrong they are but for possible reconciliation. If that fails, we are to refer to the local community of faith (the parish). If the person won't listen to the Church community, we are to treat him/her "like a pagan or tax collector.

Dear friends, does that mean we should treat sinners with contempt? The answer lies in looking at how Jesus himself treated "sinners and tax collectors". He was their best friend and converted many of them, and his opponents often criticized him for that. We are not to despise the sinner but to love them while not sharing in their sin.

Let us ask the Father of mercies to grant us the grace to resist sin and to help and save those who are struggling.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday 10th September at 8am: All are requested to pray for the First Holy Communion candidates. The Children went through preparations over the last six weeks and will receive the Holy communion for the first time on Sunday 10th September at 8am Holy Mass. All are invited to come and bless this moment.



"This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people."

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The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS) create a framework for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children and adults at risk . Please follow the below link for more information.
https://www.acsltd.org.au/services/professional-and-safeguarding-standards/national-catholic-safeguarding-standards/

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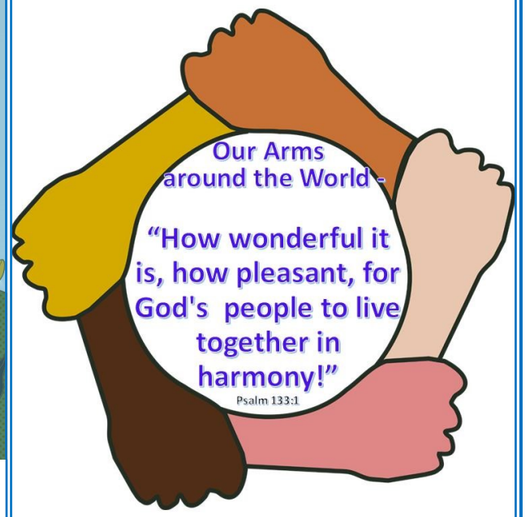
St Mary's Parish Multicultural Celebration



October 15th 2023 Commencing 10 am

Working Bee

Date will be announced soon.

God's Word 2024 is now available for $15. Those who have preordered, please pay and collect from Piety Stall. If you need extra books, please contact Parish Office.

Columban Art Calendar 2024 is now available at Piety Stall and is selling for $10. Please consider purchasing soon so that if needed we could order for more calendars in time.

Pastoral Statement on the Referendum

The Archbishop has issued the Pastoral Statement on the Referendum.

Please use the below link to access the document.
pastoral_referendum_statement_002.pdf (cathedralofststephen.org.au)

Entrance: Father Welcomes

Refrain:
Father welcomes all His children
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,
For My Kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give:
Mercy for your sin. R/

In the water, in the Word,
In the promise be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again. R/

Let us daily die to sin.
Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. R/

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Psalm Response: (said)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Communion: Jesus You are Bread for Us

Refrain: ***Jesus, You are bread for us.***
Jesus, You are life for us.
In Your gift of Eucharist
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend
You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that we need love
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend
You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that things aren't fair
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend
You are.

In communion we believe
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

Gathered in God's family
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we help our families
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend you are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

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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: 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: 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: Lucita Comandante, David Bertram, Paul Massingham, John Murphy, Anthony Joseph Raj, Fr. Patrick Mooney and Wendy Smith.

Anniversary of Death: Marie McGinley, Mrs. Moyna Caines & Mr. Nev Caines, Frank & Mollie Walker, Roslyn Wilson, Anunsacion Tuazon, Alfredo, Dionisia, Luisa Josefina, Ellora Jao, Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Leonila & Lucio Carajay, Lydia and Pabio Egina.