

**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.

**PIETY STALL**  
 Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

ROSTER	Sat 15th June	Sun 16th June	Sat 22nd June	Sun 23rd June
Welcomer	John	Parents—Confirmation	Ron	Peter
1st Reader		Parents—Confirmation	Ann	Susan
2nd Reader	Felicity	Parents—Confirmation	Warren	Catherine
Communion	Beverley Tony	Cris Con	Wayne Sue	Rebecca Anne
Servers	Cody Han	Byron Xavier Nicholas Charlotte	Stazio Chet	Elveena Elissa Pius
Musicians	Justin	Rita	Amy	Robyn
Singers	Janette	Choir	Amy	Men
Mass set up	Sophie Janette	David Rebecca	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca
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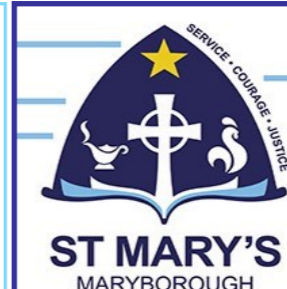
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**NEWSLETTER 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B**

O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE,  
 FOR I HAVE CALLED TO YOU; BE MY HELP.  
 DO NOT ABANDON OR FORSAKE ME,  
 O GOD, MY SAVIOUR!

**THY KINGDOM COME, O LORD!**

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

Mark's gospel consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his disciples, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Therefore, we can strongly say dear brothers and sisters, that the whole life and ministry of Jesus is a parable, leading us into the mystery of God's generous and merciful encounter with us. As we come to appreciate the 'Kingdom' Jesus announced and see him caring for God's people in their needs, we come to know the commitments which shaped his human existence as he himself said he was the seed that must fall into the ground and die to produce God's final harvest.

**Peace be with you!**  
**Fr Lucius**

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

19/06/2024	Wednesday	8:00am
	Fair Haven	10:00am
20/06/2024	Thursday	12:00pm
21/06/2024	Friday	8:30am
22/06/2024	Saturday	6.00pm
23/06/2024	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
**EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm**

*Please Ensure Silence*  
*In The Church By*  
*Supporting Silent Prayer*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024**  
**St. Mary's.**

**Confirmation:**  
**Celebration of the Sacrament**  
**16th June—8am Mass**

**First Holy Communion:**  
 1st Session and Parent  
 Information Meeting: Saturday  
 10th August 5pm.

**READINGS**

- 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.638 in St Pauls Missal)**
- 1st - Ezekiel 17:22-24
  - Psalm - 91 Resp. hymns page
  - 2nd - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
  - Gospel Accl. hymns page
  - Gospel- Mark 4:26-34

**Next weekend: 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year B (p.642)**

- 1st - Job 38:1, 8-11
- Psalm - 106
- 2nd - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
- Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

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**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
DEBUTANTE BALL**

The 96th St. Mary's Catholic Parish Debutante Ball was held on 7th June 2024 at Maryborough City Hall. Congratulations to all.

Fr. Lucius addressed the participants.

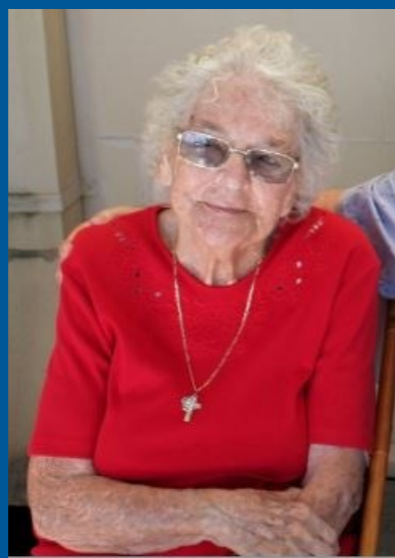
Please follow the link for pictures and videos <https://www.facebook.com/p/St-Marys-Debutante-Ball-Maryborough-100070589584517/>

**Congratulations  
(New Altar Servers)**



Elveena Pius Elissa

**Happy Birthday Anna**



Anna Pecar celebrated her 90th Birthday on 11th June.

Anna is one of the most loved parishioner at St. Mary's.

God Bless Anna.

Thank you Anna for your presence and support to St. Mary's Parish.

**Choir:** A reminder to choir members that we are singing at Confirmation Mass on Sunday 16 June. We have a few members away this weekend so if anyone from Filipino Choir can join us that would be appreciated. Theresa

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL**

The Annual Winter Appeal will be on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd June as a retiring collection. A delegate will speak on this appeal.

*Donate to Vinnies and provide essential support to Australians living in poverty.*

*Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be used to fund our core programs including supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness and also people struggling with poverty and cost-of-living pressures.*

This is also an occasion for our Parish to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible work the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers do.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Parish Feast Day**

Sunday 11th August 10am

The Mass will be followed by morning tea by combined morning tea groups and entertainment by students and young adults at the Parish Hall. There will be no Mass on Saturday 10th August 6pm at St Mary's and no Mass on Sunday 11th August at 10am at Tiara.

**PETER'S PENCE**

*Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the 29/30 June, 2024 (13th Sunday of Ordinary Time). The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.*

**ENTRANCE: 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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**PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**

15/6/2024: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

16/6/2024: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

'The sheep of my flock,' says the Lord,  
'Hearing my voice, they will listen,  
They will follow me, for I know them, they are mine.'

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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**COMMUNION:**

**UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT**

**Refrain:**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, It remains but a single grain with no life.**

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him,  
If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. **R./**

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me;

Wherever I am My servants will be. **R./**

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;  
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. **R./**

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you;  
Then you will be My disciples. **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: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

**Refrain:** *We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking bread and sharing life;  
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other,  
No longer strangers in God's house;  
We are fed and we are nourished  
By the strength of those who care,  
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,  
And we are called by the Word of the Lord;  
To act with justice, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with our God.  
To walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;  
We will knock and the door shall be opened.  
We will ask and it shall be given,  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those in ill health:** Andrew Devins, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Ailsa Wickbold, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** Wally Redivo, Fr. Jim Smith and Margaret Petith.

**Anniversary of Death:** Peter Barry, Aileen Mackie, Carmel Phillips, Richard Elmer, Henry Hogan, Juanito Garlitos and Stephen Parker.