

## SAINT MARGARET MARY'S

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9:00am (English)  
Sunday 10:30am (Italian)  
Sunday 5:00pm (Vietnamese)

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am  
(Wednesday - Italian)

### Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Rite)

By appointment

### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### Weddings

By appointment

### Holy Hour

(English/Italian)  
Every 1st Friday of month 8:00am – 9:00am  
(Vietnamese)  
Every Sunday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

## NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

#### Ministers:

(Sat/Sab) J Anderson  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) A Ciavarella  
(Sun/Dom 10:00am) C Ziella

#### Commentators:

(Sat/Sab) J Hunter  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) L Good

#### Readers:

(Sat/Sab) J Hunter  
(Sun/Dom 9:00am) G Folino  
(Sun/Dom 10:30am) L Scutella

#### Counter:

E Frassetto



## Welcome to St Margaret Mary's Parish

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**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B**



God sent his Son  
into the world that  
we might be saved  
through him.

John 3:14-21

## PARISH DIARY / DIARIO PARROCCHIALE

9 / 10 MARCH 2024

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

### MARCH

#### 9/10 Cuppa after Mass

11 Public Holiday - Labour Day

15 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

#### 16/17 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

22 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

#### 23/24 PALM SUNDAY- PASSION OF THE LORD

27 School children receiving Sacrament of First Reconciliation

#### 28 **HOLY THURSDAY**

No 9:00am Mass

Last Supper Mass & Adoration 7:00pm

## SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ELECTRONICALLY

### CASHLESS PAYMENTS:

CDFPay for Parish:

[https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/CDFpayBrunswickNorth)

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### OR

### DIRECT DEPOSIT:

#### Church A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 542820812

#### Presbytery A/C:

BSB: 083-347 ACC: 543011742

*Thank you/Grazie*

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

Light a candle each night this week as you pray. Proclaim God's truth and act for the light this week. Carry the light of the Gospel wherever you go.

## PENSIERO DOMENICALE

La Parola di Dio in questa domenica ci invita:

- a credere veramente nell'amore di Dio, non dubitare mai del suo amore, anche se si fa buio intorno a noi e dentro di noi.
- ad avvicinarci sempre più alla luce (che è Cristo), perché ci riveli quello che in noi contrasta con la volontà di Dio.
- a compiere "le opere buone". Sono tante le opere buone che possiamo e dovremmo compiere. Però, rispondiamo e corrispondiamo sempre all'amore di Dio, soprattutto con le opere di amore verso il prossimo?

Please remember in your prayers / Gentilmente ricordate nelle vostre preghiere:

OUR SICK / NOSTRI MALATI

Our family members and friends and our parishioners.

WE REMEMBER / RICORDIAMO

Giovanni Blanco.

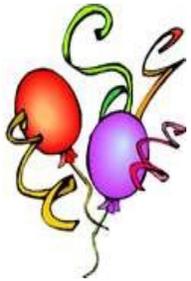
RECENTLY DECEASED / RECENTEMENTE DECEDUTE

Vittorio Cantafio.



**Responsorial Psalm Response**

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY / BUON COMPLEANNO

Best wishes to / Cordiali auguri a

**Marie Moraes** who celebrates **85 years** on March 10th.

**Maria Sartorel** che celebra i suoi **80 anni** il 10 Marzo.

**Saverina Puppa** che celebra i suoi **91 anni** il 11 Marzo.

**Antonio Pira** che celebra i suoi **93 anni** il 11 Marzo.

To Good health and happiness! / Buona salute e felicità!

EASTER OFFERING

Those in the Parish Thanksgiving Programme will already have their Easter Offering envelope. For those not in the Programme, envelopes are available in the church entrance. The donation goes towards the upkeep of the presbytery.

OFFERTE PER PASQUA

Coloro che partecipano al "programmamma di ringraziamento" hanno già la loro bustina per l'offerta di Pasqua. Per chi non partecipa al programma le buste sono nell' entrata della chiesa. La offerta andrà a favore del mantenimento della Canonica.



**COFFEE/TEA AND BISCUITS**

(Organised by the Welcoming Committee)

You are invited to refreshments after Mass in the gathering space.

A great opportunity to catch up with other parishioners!!



**SEEING AND BELIEVING IN GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY**

Today's gospel passage comes to us courtesy of John, who explores the meaning behind the Old Testament story (*Numbers*) of the 'bronze serpent'. According to the story, the Israelites were unhappy with their lot in the desert, particularly with the quality of and lack of food. For this they kept on complaining to both Moses and God. Unfortunately their situation had worsened with the outbreak of a plague of poisonous snakes, whose bite had already killed a considerable number of them. The people interpreted this as a direct punishment from God for their sins and their complaining.

They naturally turned to Moses, no longer complaining but asking for help. Moses, of course turned to God, who suggests a practical remedy. Moses was asked to make a large bronze snake, attach it to a long stick, and set it on high ground, where it could be seen from all quarters. Whenever a person was bitten by one of these snakes, all they had to do was look at the bronze snake to find healing. And so it happened: the bronze serpent was lifted up, and those who *looked at it found life*.

John believed that *seeing and believing in God's love and mercy* are at the heart of what the story is all about. Relying on his awareness that members of his Christian community remembered the story of the serpent very well, he made a connection that just as the serpent *was lifted up, and the people found life, so Jesus was lifted up, and those who believe in him will find life*. For John *seeing is believing, and believing leads to life*.

With Easter just around the corner, we could choose to reflect on the message in the last couple of lines of the Gospel passage: "*Those who live by the truth come into the light, that it may be plainly seen that their deeds have been done in God.*"



**9 & 10 MARCH 2024**



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.