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# The Maroochydore Herald

## Maroochydore Uniting Church



Uniting in Christ  
 acting with love  
 living with hope  
 witnessing in faith  
 working for justice

First Sunday in Lent  
 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024



*We seek to be a prayerful and listening church*

### Leadership Team

Chairperson: Jan Rossow  
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 Margaret Holmes

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### Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am  
 Korean Language Sundays, 11am

**Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park**

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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details:

**UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church**

- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

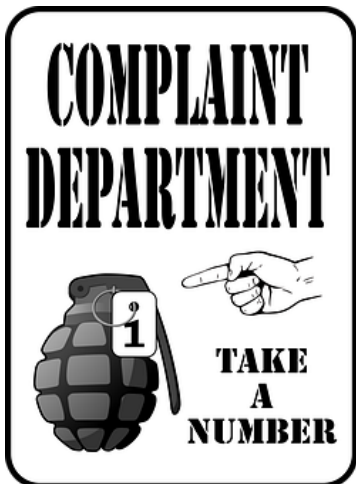
### Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church

Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>

For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

**National Assembly News** - <https://assembly.uca.org>.

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to [janstrudwickart@gmail.com](mailto:janstrudwickart@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon



## First Sunday in Lent

18<sup>th</sup> February

Gen. 9:8-17

Ps. 25:1-10

1 Pet. 3:18-22

Mk. 1:9-15

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

25<sup>th</sup> February

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16

Ps. 22:23-31

Rom. 4:13-25

Mk. 8:31-38 or Mk. 9

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February -8:30 am James McKenna

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February -8:30 am Rev Bruce Johnson

Stella Maris Catholic Parish, Maroochydore, invites us to the annual World Day of Prayer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 10:30am. To be followed by morning tea. This year's prayer service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. The theme is "I beg you .....to bear with one another in love".

At the end of today's service we are asking everyone to donate a gold coin to the Blue Care Pancake Day appeal. An offering bowl will be placed on the table as we leave the church, and move into the hall for our morning tea.

Birthdays this week: Margaret Holmes 20<sup>th</sup> February



Rev Darren King, who brought us last Sunday's service, showed how easy it is to shave without a mirror (and only sustained minor injuries). He also wanted to make sure we would remember his illustration that unusual situations are easily remembered.

# WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

*"Dear woman, that's not our problem." Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."* JOHN 2:4 NLT

Early in his ministry, Jesus went to a wedding. His to-do list that day did not contain the entry: Turn water into wine". Angels were not lining up to watch miracle #1 because, as far as the Angelic Committee on Initial Miracles was concerned, the moment of the maiden miracle was scheduled for a later date.

Hence, Mary's petition was met with Jesus' hesitation.

You've heard the same. In your personal version of verse three, you explained your shortage: no more wine, time, vigour, or vision. And then came verse four. Silence. Quiet as a library at midnight. When no answer comes, how does your verse five read?

Mary's verse five read like this: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)

Translation? "Jesus is in charge. I'm not." "He runs the world. I don't." "I trust Jesus. Whatever he tells you to do, do it."

Something in the explicit faith of Mary caused Jesus to change his agenda.

So, make your request, and trust him to do not what you want, but what is best.

*You Are Never Alone*

From "You can count on God" by Max Lucado