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This Week's Mass Schedule

23/07/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
	Chelsea	10:00am
24/07/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
25/07/2025	Friday	09:15am
26/07/2025	Saturday	06:00pm
27/07/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.895 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Genesis 18:1-10
- Psalm - Ps 14 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Colossians 1:24-28
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 10:38-42

Next weekend: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.899).

- 1st - Genesis 18:20-32
- Psalm - Ps 137
- 2nd - Colossians 2:12-14
- Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

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

OUR PARISH PRAYER
Heavenly Father, Maryborough's St Mary's Parish and School Family are Earnestly in need of Your Loving Care more than ever before. Through Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Grant that Your Holy Spirit may Enlighten the Eyes of our Minds. To guide us all to believe more and to Deepen our Faith, Hope and Trust in you. **Amen**



NEWSLETTER 20TH JULY 2025
16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C

SEE, I HAVE GOD FOR MY HELP.
THE LORD SUSTAINS MY SOUL.
I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU WITH WILLING HEART,
AND PRAISE YOUR NAME, O LORD, FOR IT IS GOOD.

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART

In Luke's gospel today Jesus visits the house of Mary and Martha in Jerusalem. It was Martha who welcomed him and, being the perfect host, went about preparing the food. Mary on her part chose to sit at the Lord's feet listening to him, and absorbing all that Jesus had to say. For a woman in those days, the chance to learn directly from a rabbi was a rare privilege for Mary, and Jesus was not going to deny her that. She did not sit to talk with him as most of us would do, rather she sat at his feet listening to him, she seems to have taken a model of the contemplative life. But Martha's style of hospitality took an anxious and difficult turn as she requested Jesus to ask her sister Mary to also choose her active style of hospitality and join her in doing the serving. But Jesus immediately reminded Martha not to occupy herself with less-important things, but to always choose the better part of life, as her sister Mary did.

Today's gospel is about hospitality, but it is even more about discipleship. Martha is anxious about her hospitality and was worried that Mary is not helping. In contrast Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him, has taken the position of a disciple and is affirmed in this by Jesus. The 'better part' is to be disciple.

In any case, Jesus does not condemn Martha but only draws her attention to what is necessary, which Mary had chosen. And what is this one thing necessary? Contentment in love! Whether we are active or contemplative, we should always be so in love and with contentment. It is not for us to decide for others how best to relate with the Lord. Mary understood this but not quite Martha on this occasion. Martha's problem was not the hospitality provided but her obsession with it.

Dear brothers and sisters, our lesson in today's gospel is that Jesus does not favour Mary over Martha but only admonishes Martha to embrace the right attitude to hospitality – finding and catering to the needs of the receiver and not seeking to dictate for them. We all can surely recollect a situation where someone did not like a particular food or drink provided at an occasion and another person was trying hard to make him/her take it. We should be careful not to imbibe that attitude. No doubt Jesus would have enjoyed a well-prepared hot roast-chicken meal from Martha, but the greater meal for him at that time was to do the will of his father– preaching and listening to the Gospel of Salvation.

Let us pray that God will grant us the right discernment to choose what is right and to do it.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to
others.

You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the
vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.



Safeguarding Commitment

We have **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and
are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in
our activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-
risk is paramount.

+ Bernard Coleridge
Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Feast Day



Sunday
10th August
10am



The Mass will be followed by morning tea by
combined morning tea groups. We request you to
please bring a plate
to assist with catering
There will be:

- no Mass on Saturday 9th August 6pm at St. Mary's.
- no Mass on Sunday 10th August 8am at St. Mary's.
- no Mass on Sunday 10th August 10am at Tiaro.



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 2025

First Holy communion is
open to those who already
had their Confirmation

Session Times

• **Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting**
Saturday 16th August, 5pm at the church.

• **Session 2:** 23rd August 5pm – Church

• **Session 3:** 30th August 5pm - Church

• **Session 4:** 6th September 5pm - Church

• **Session 5:** Practice session

13th September 5pm - Church

Celebration of the Sacrament

Sunday 14th September at the 8am Mass.

(Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).



ENTRANCE: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

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PSALM RESPONSE:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with
a generous heart and yield a harvest through
perseverance.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one who calls you my friends,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one whose love never fails, And
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

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RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Antiphon:

***Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.***

I will give thanks to You, my Lord.
you have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. R./

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. R./

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. R./

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Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and
Ame Cox.

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Morris, Carmel Casey, Teodoro Lapidez, Velma Subicin,
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