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**NEWSLETTER 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
**20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C**

TURN YOUR EYES, O GOD, OUR SHIELD;  
AND LOOK ON THE FACE OF YOUR ANOINTED ONE;  
ONE DAY WITHIN YOUR COURTS  
IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

20/08/2025 Wednesday	8:00am
Fair Haven	10:00am
21/08/2025 Thursday	12:00pm
22/08/2025 Friday	9:15am
23/08/2025 Saturday	6:00pm
24/08/2025 Sunday	
Maryborough	8:00am
Tiario	10:00am

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

**READINGS**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.913 in St Pauls Missal)**

- 1st - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
- Psalm - Ps 39 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Hebrews 12:1-4
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

**Next weekend: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.916).**

- 1st - Isaiah 66:18-21
- Psalm - Ps 116
- 2nd - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
- Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

*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**

**FOR JESUS, FIDELITY TO HIS MISSION LEADS TO HIS DEATH ('BAPTISM'); FOR US AS MODERN - DAY DISCIPLES, FIDELITY TO OUR FAITH MAY FRACTURE EVEN OUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS ('DIVIDE HOUSEHOLDS')**

The difficulty in making a connection between the first reading and the gospel is obviated in the ecumenical Common Lectionary which offers a different passage from Jeremiah, 23:23-29. This passage describes the effectiveness of the authentic prophetic word: 'Is not my word like fire, says the Lord?' (23:29). 'Fire' is the image Jesus uses in the gospel to describe his mission. In, the bible, fire is sometimes an image for purification (e.g. Numbers 31:23; Ezekiel 22:19-22), but more often for judgment (Judith 16:17; Isaiah 66:16; Amos 7:4; 2 Pet 3:7). Intrinsic to the act of judgment is separating, that is, deciding for some and against others: the wicked are condemned and the righteous are saved. Or, in the words of Jesus, his ministry will cause division as some decide for him and some against him. But his very person and presence demand such a decision.

The close connection between judgment and division is spelled out in highly personal terms: households will be divided and familial relations will be disrupted. The peace of the status quo, or the peace that comes from avoiding a decision, is replaced by division. The judgment that Jesus brings is, ironically, one that people impose on themselves by deciding for or against Jesus.

From fire, Jesus moves to the image of the 'baptism with which I must be baptised', a reference to his passion (e.g., Mark 10:38). The images of fire and baptism refer to his mission, both in terms of the cost that it will exact from him and the decision it will require of people.

Finally, these words spoken by Jesus on the way to Jerusalem where he will suffer and die recall the words of John the Baptist who had earlier spoken of the coming of one mightier than he who would 'baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. (Luke 3:16). As Jesus walks the road to Jerusalem, disciples must decide to go with him or not. To be with or against Jesus is a decision that has the effect of judgment and division.

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

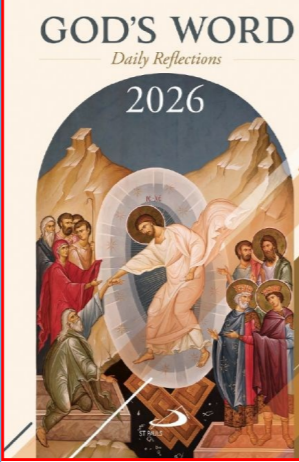
## 2025 Annual Catholic Campaign



will be held across all Archdiocesan parishes on the **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time on the weekend of 23 and 24 August.**

Through the Annual Catholic Campaign, parishioners and the faithful have an opportunity to provide critical support for vital ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope that is available at the main entrances in the Church with you. You can either pop it in the mail or return it on the weekend of 23rd and 24th August.



### God's Word 2026 - Pre-Orders

Are Now Open:

Please fill in your names and quantity needed before the end of August. The list is available at the Piety Stall inside the Church. The pricing based on the expected pre-orders and bulk order is \$17. Payment/s only when you collect the book.

#### 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. We now have new stock of Statues, new Rosary Beads, Rosary Cases, variety of medals, silver chains etc.

## GARAGE SALE

We will have Garage Sale on the last Thursday of each month.

**NEXT GARAGE SALE THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 7AM TO 12PM**

Please continue to contribute quality books or other quality materials for this event through the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday.

Leading up to each monthly sale we would appreciate help with pricing and setting up. Enquiries to Glenda on 0401307110

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## Thank You!

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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



We sincerely thank everyone for your invaluable support in organizing various aspects of Parish Feast Day celebration.

### Teachings of the Catholic Church

"A look at key teachings, beliefs, practices and rituals of the Catholic Church and connections to more information."

Please follow the link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/teachings-of-the-catholic-church/#catholic-social-teaching>

## St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

If you are interested in ordering a niche or plaque for yourself or for your dear ones, please contact the parish office. Brochure is available at the Parish Website -

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### ENTRANCE: BLEST BE THE LORD

**Antiphon:** *Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night, Nor stand alone before the light of day. No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul.

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armour that I need To wage my battle with the foe.

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### PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, come to my aid!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

**Refrain:** *Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life, The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood, And I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread, Will live for ever.

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### THANKSGIVING: EYE HAS NOT SEEN

**Refrain:** *Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,*

*What God has ready for those who love Him; Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus, Teach us the wisdom of God.*

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord. Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within Your peaceful word. R./

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, Yet all our days are in Your hands, so we return in love what love has made. R./

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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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### Please remember in your prayers:

**Those in ill health:** Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** Margaret Hawser.

**Anniversary of Death:** Carmelita Garlitos, Ron, Eileen and Terry Tappin, Kenneth Peter Rooney and Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan.