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NEWSLETTER 24TH AUGUST 2025
21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C

TURN YOUR EAR, O LORD, AND ANSWER ME;
SAVE THE SERVANT WHO TRUSTS IN YOU, MY GOD.
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.

This Week's Mass Schedule

27/08/2025 Wednesday	8:00am Chelsea	10:00am
28/08/2025 Thursday	12:00pm	
29/08/2025 Friday	9:15am	
30/08/2025 Saturday	6:00pm	
31/08/2025 Sunday	8:00am Maryborough	10:00am Tiaro

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.916 in St Pauls Missal)

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

Next weekend: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.920).

- 1st - Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
- Psalm - Ps 67
- 2nd - Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
- Gospel - Luke 14:1, 7-14

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**

THE FIRST WILL BE LAST, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

The opening of today's gospel reminds us of the inescapable procession to Jerusalem, a point further emphasised in the omitted following section that, as with elsewhere in Luke, also betrays Luke's lack of familiarity with the geography since Jesus appears to be still in Galilee. Some of Luke's imprecisions may come from his borrowing from and freely assembling other sources that did not neatly fit the trajectory of his journey motif. The units of this section are largely common with Matthew, who has them scattered throughout his gospel. In Luke they combine to give a paradoxical message that both admits of limitations yet is universal in scope: the way to salvation is narrow and the way takes effort, and yet many from all the nations outside Israel are to enter the kingdom and join patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The broader context points less to limitations indicating the way as predestined as closed to some and points more to the urgency of engaging with the kingdom immediately, or else it may be too late. At the same time, God's kingdom is not predestined to a particular people; it is open to all, and those who presume on it being their destination by some right irrespective of their own actions may find themselves unprepared, unengaged, and shut out, for they have let it pass them by. As it is, Jesus finds his path to Jerusalem made harder and narrower by the opposition encountered along the way, but his commitment to it is constant.

Jesus was asked about how many would be saved. He addresses, instead, the urgency of responding to the opportunity for salvation. On the one hand, the 'narrow gate' is open now but it will not remain so indefinitely. On the other hand, it is not enough to eat and drink with Jesus but we must follow him on 'his way to Jerusalem'.

For some, a traditional view of God as threatening hell-fire and brimstone has given way to a 'warm and fuzzy' view of God always overlooking human wrongdoing. The gospel holds in tension the all-inclusive mercy of God who nevertheless enacts judgment. Let us always stay with Jesus who is the way the truth and the life.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

St. Mary's Parish - upcoming events

September	Date
• Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 14th - 8am
October	Date
• World Rosary Day	Saturday 4th - 9am at the Grotto
• Multi-Cultural Mass	Sunday 19th - 10am -No Mass on 18th at 6pm. -No 8am Mass -No Mass at Tiaro

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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The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training/Retraining 2025:

♦ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Saturday 20th September at 5pm.

♦ **Lectors/Readers:**
Saturday 27th September at 5pm.



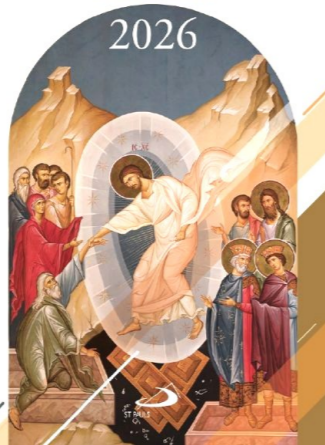
The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment:

Once the training has been completed one could attend The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment on Saturday 4th of October at 6pm mass or Sunday 5th of October at 8am Mass.

If you are interested to be part of the Communion Ministers or Readers, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office by 14th September.

GOD'S WORD

Daily Reflections



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.

Canonization of Blesseds PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI and CARLO ACUTIS.

On 7 September 2025, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, at 10.00, on the parvis of Saint Peter's Basilica, the Holy Father Leo XIV will preside over the Eucharistic Celebration and the Rite of Canonization of Blesseds PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI and CARLO ACUTIS.

Below follow the below links for more information
<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/world/pope-leo-sets-september-7-for-joint-canonisation-of-blesseds-acutis-and-frassati/>

Explore Your Call

"The Christian faithful are those who, inasmuch as they have been incorporated in Christ through Baptism, have been constituted as the people of God. For this reason, since they have become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church to fulfill in the world, in accord with the condition proper to each one"

— Catechism of the Catholic Church 871

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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.

ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness, vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame,
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for Your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION:

BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

Refrain:

Bread broken, wine shared;

**Jesus, here, Taking our lives, opening our hearts,
Making us whole, setting our loving free.**

Take all our dreams, all that we are,
All we could ever be.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We take bread and eat.

Open our minds, open our hearts,
Let love set us free within.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,

We pour wine and drink.

Make us alive, filled with Your hope,
Living what's really true.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We know this is You.

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THANKSGIVING: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see Your Face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear Your Voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in Me.

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RECESSIONAL: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
You who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. R./

Unless you eat
Of the Flesh of the Son of Man.
And drink of His Blood
And drink of His Blood
You shall not have life within you. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Robert Robertson, 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:

Anniversary of Death: Kevin Schmidt, Ernest Schmidt, Colin Hogan, Carmelita Garlitos, Ron, Eileen and Terry Tappin, Kenneth Peter Rooney and Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan.

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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