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NEWSLETTER 31ST AUGUST 2025
222nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C

HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD, FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.
O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING,
FULL OF MERCY TO ALL WHO CALL TO YOU.

Humility Exalts A Nation

Today the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Holy Mother Church calls our attention to a very important Christian virtue, humility. It is an attribute and quality of God our father which all of us his children must strive to possess and live. We are therefore enjoined this Sunday to reflect deeply on this great virtue, and to imitate the humility of Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to serve and not to be served.

Both the first and second reading today remind us of the key to a successful fellowship with God, and of course, with one another. "Behave humbly and you will find favour with the Lord." As our citizenship is in heaven, the city of the living God where "everyone is a first born and a true citizen. However, in this city, only the humble can enter it. Certainly, the proud cannot because, a proud heart cannot worship the Lord. Hence, as citizens of this city we must cloth ourselves with humility just like Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

Also in Luke's gospel today, Jesus emphasises the importance of humility and simplicity in our personal lives "Everyone who exalts him/herself will be humbled, and the one who humbles him/herself will be exalted." By this teaching, we have a lot to learn from our Blessed Virgin Mary who humbled herself totally in accepting that the will of God be done in her life. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the Mother of His Son. Truly, there is nothing to lose by being humble. Proverb tells us that: "Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth, honour, and life" (Prov. 22, 4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat, shame and damnation.

Finally, dear sisters and brothers, let us pray for all the leaders of our world, especially those in our country, that they may learn from the humility of the Holy family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph in carrying out their leadership responsibilities to the people.

We also remember our role models and exemplary leaders who distinguished themselves in their selfless services and care for the poor and the weak, who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our hearts and nourish us with their love, may they continue to enjoy the company of the saints in heaven.

Peace be with!
Fr Lucius

This Week's Mass Schedule

03/09/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
04/09/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
05/09/2025	Friday	9:15am
	Maryborough Community Care	Aged 1:00pm
06/09/2025	Saturday	6:00pm
07/09/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.920 in St Pauls Missal)

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

Next weekend: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.924).

- 1st - Wisdom 9:13-18
- Psalm - Ps 89
- 2nd - Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17
- Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

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**

Rearrangement and an addition - Statues in front of the Presbytery.

- Updates -

Online Donations, Fundraising and Fees.

You could now make donations and some payments using the St. Mary's webpage.
<https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/donations-fundraising--payments.html>

Currently this is for Parish Donation, Fundraising, Baptism Program and Sacramental Program.

A new path for better accessibility towards the murals (Thank you Rob)

A new little gate

New Noticeboard and frame

New fundraising initiative - Garage Sale - last Thursday of each month) (Thank you fundraising team)

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music & Roster for next months (Sep., Oct. and Nov.) which is available in the Church now.



2025 Annual Catholic Campaign

Thank you again for your time and generosity

If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au

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.

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:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

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: COME TO ME

Refrain:

**Come to me, all who labour
 And are heavy burdened,
 And I shall give you rest.
 Take up my yoke and learn from me,
 For I am meek and humble of heart
 And you'll find rest for your souls.
 Yes, my yoke is easy
 And my burden is light.**

The Lord is my shepherd,
 I shall never be in need.
 Fresh and green are the meadows
 Where he gives me rest. R./

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RECESSIONAL: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
 A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
 The people in darkness have seen a great light.
 The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

**Let us build the City of God.
 May our tears be turned into dancing!
 For the Lord, our light and our love,
 Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
 The one Who has loved us has brightened our way.
 The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
 A light for His people to set their hearts free. R./

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
 Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
 O comfort My people; make gentle your words.
 Proclaim to My city the day of her birth. 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: Raymond Paine.

Anniversary of Death: Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Michael Philip Bertram, David John Bertram, Kevin Schmidt, Ernest Schmidt, Colin Hogan, Carmelita Garlitos and Ron, Eileen & Terry Tappin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION



Every first Thursday at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

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