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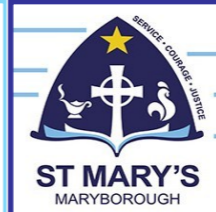
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NEWSLETTER 07TH SEPTEMBER 2025
23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C

YOU ARE JUST, O LORD,
AND YOUR JUDGEMENT IS RIGHT;
TREAT YOUR SERVANT IN ACCORD WITH YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

10/09/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
11/09/2025	Thursday	Rite of distributing Holy Communion
	Outside of Mass	12:00pm
12/09/2025	Friday	Rite of distributing Holy Communion
	Outside of Mass	9:15am
13/09/2025	Saturday	6:00pm
14/09/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

- READINGS**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Year C (p.924 in St Pauls Missal)
- 1st - Wisdom 9:13-18
 - Psalm - Ps 89 Resp. hymns page
 - 2nd - Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17
 - Gospel Accl. hymns page
 - Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

- Next weekend: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C (p.1021).**
- 1st - Numbers 21:4-9
 - Psalm - Ps 77
 - 2nd - Philippians 2:6-11
 - Gospel - John 3:13-17

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**

“HATING” THOSE WE LOVE”

We know the old commandment, “Honour your father and your mother” (Exodus 20:12). We know the new commandment of Jesus, “Love one another; even as I have loved you” (John 13:34). And today Jesus declares: “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26). How can we reconcile these seemingly contradictory demands? How can we “hate” those we are supposed to love? And, more importantly, why?

The paradox of hating those we love was dramatized in a most fascinating way on Saturday, September 8, 2001, in the women's finals of the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing, New York. For the first time in the history of the tournament, the world watched a sportive and emotional two sisters who love themselves so much that they live in the same house and share the same hotel room fought each other. Could you imagine what was going on in the minds of Venus and Serena Williams as they battled and slugged it out against each other, suspending their love for each other and at least temporarily “hating” each other? They had to “hate” each other because one was standing in the way of the other becoming the world champion. One was an obstacle to the realisation of the other's dream to wear the world crown. And so, they had to hate and fight each other.

Venus won. But she did not do her usual victory leap and celebratory display. Instead, she ran to the net, put an arm around her defeated junior sister's shoulder and said, “I love you.” Why did she say that? Because the game is over now and her sister is no longer an obstacle in the way of her victory. She said, in other words, “I am sorry, but I had to do it: I had to fight you so hard, I had to “hate” you because you were standing in my way. But I still love you.” That was a rare example of hating those we love, and from it we can learn much about the injunction to “hate” our loved ones.

Naturally, Venus loves Serena, except when Serena becomes an obstacle that could prevent her from realising her ambition to win the crown. Similarly, we are to love our parents and siblings and spouses, and indeed everyone else, except when they become obstacles in our bid to win the crown of eternal life. The crown of heavenly glory that the Father gives us is worth much more than the ephemeral crown that Venus won on that day. So, we should be prepared to wage an uncompromising war to see that no person or thing stands in our way to make us lose the crown. Possessions constitute a formidable obstacle in many people's bid for the crown of salvation. That is why Jesus concludes today's gospel with these words: “So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions” (v. 33). Jesus implies that to be his disciple is to relativize every other thing in life: family or wealth, prosperity or health, pleasure or fame. He means that on the list of our goals and priorities in life, attaining the kingdom of God must come first and then everything else will follow.

Finally, dear sister and brothers, let us pray for all fathers today, especially those in our parish, that they may learn from the humility of the Holy family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph in carrying out their parental responsibilities to their families. We also remember fathers, grandfathers and great grand fathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our heart and nourish us with their love, may they continue to enjoy the company of the saints in heaven.

Happy Father's Day to all dads!
Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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.**

The Solemn Installation Mass of the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay

The Solemn Installation Mass of the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay as the seventh Archbishop of Brisbane will be on Thursday 11 September 2025 at 11am.

The live streaming will be available and you could watch the streaming at St. Mary's from 11am.

You could also follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane/streams> to watch online.

GARAGE SALE

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

NEXT GARAGE SALE THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 7AM TO 12PM

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

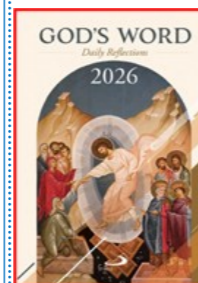
Leading up to each monthly sale we would appreciate help with pricing and setting up. Enquiries to Glenda on 0401307110

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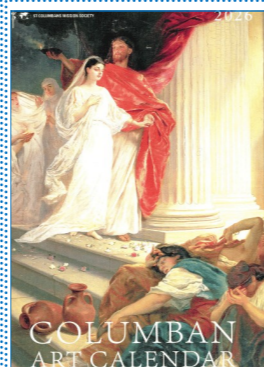
PIETY STALL

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.

2026 God's Word Pre-Orders



Please fill the list is available at the Piety Stall



2026 Columban Art Calendar

The 2026 Columban Art Calendar is now selling for \$10.

Thank you and Happy Retirement, Archbishop Coleridge!

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was appointed to Brisbane Archdiocese in the early 2012, and immediately our part crossed as I became the first Diocesan priest he ordained on the 7th of December 2012, at St Stephen's cathedral in Brisbane. Since then, I have enjoyed a special relationship with him, not just as my bishop but also as my pastoral supervisor. He has always helped and supported me in my ministry.



As he takes on the new chapter in his life, I on behalf of our St Mary's Maryborough parish community wish him a happy and healthy retirement.
Fr Lucius Edomobi, pp

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

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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:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
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/.

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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: Robert William Robertson, Raymond Paine.

Anniversary of Death: Raymond Proctor, Ted Twomey & Vince Walker, Frank & Mollie Walker, Moyna & Nev Caines, Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Michael Philip Bertram, David John Bertram, Kevin Schmidt, Ernest Schmidt, Colin Hogan.