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This Week's Mass Schedule

13/05/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
14/05/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
15/05/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
16/05/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
17/05/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
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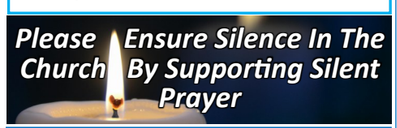
1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A
(p.329 - in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- **Psalm** - Ps 65 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Peter 3:15-18
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 14:15-21

Next weekend: The Ascension of the Lord Year A (p.333).
- **1st** - Acts 1:1-11
- **Psalm** - 46
- **2nd** - Ephesians 1:17-23
- **Gospel** - Matthew 28:16-20



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***

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NEWSLETTER 10TH MAY 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

PROCLAIM A JOYFUL SOUND AND LET IT BE HEARD;
PROCLAIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:
THE LORD HAS FREED HIS PEOPLE, ALLELUIA.

"I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate".

This Sunday's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel. Jesus is still responding to Philip's request: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied" (14:8). Remember that Jesus told his disciples they already know the Father because they know him: "I [Jesus] am in the Father and the Father is in me" (14:11). So when Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15), he speaks of the love the disciples should have for him and the Father. The love of God is the reason for keeping God's Commandments. We learn that Jesus and the Father will not abandon the disciples because of their love for the disciples. In fact, Jesus promises this: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (14:16). In 1 John 2:1, John refers to Jesus as the disciples' first advocate with the Father. Jesus wants his disciples to know that when the time comes for him to return to the Father, they—Jesus and the Father—will send another Advocate to be among them. This Advocate, this mediator, this Paraclete, is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity.

Jesus's departure does not result in God's absence; rather, it is a continuation of his presence through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the first mediator, but through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will come back as promised and remain. The disciples who love Jesus will be loved in return by the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit: "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them" (14:21). Jesus continues to reveal himself through his love relationship with his followers who keep the Commandments. In the future, after Jesus returns to the Father, this will be mediated by the Holy Spirit. All disciples can hope to dwell with Jesus in the future. He will remain with them through the Holy Spirit's dwelling in each disciple. The Spirit among us is a source of hope.

Obedience to Jesus is the way the disciples show their love for Jesus. This Sunday's Gospel begins and closes with an urging to keep Jesus's Commandments. Obeying Jesus is both the proof of love and the condition necessary for receiving the Holy Spirit. The word obedience comes from two Latin words: ob meaning "toward" and audire meaning "to hear." Obedience is turning one's ear toward the Commandments of Jesus to hear them clearly and to allow them to set the direction for one's life. Jesus prepares the disciples for the time when he will no longer be among them in a physical body. He desperately wants them to understand that he has not abandoned them, even though he is gone: "I will not leave you orphaned" (14:18). The physical absence of Jesus will be overcome by the never-ending presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus's going away will usher in a new era marked by the gifts of the Holy Spirit present among the believing community. This new era will be made manifest through love—the keeping of Jesus's Commandments—and the hope that God the Father and God the Son will abide forever with the faithful disciples, as he promised.

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A Prayer for Mother's Day

"Loving God, we offer our deepest thanks for mothers across the generations.

We lift up young mothers nurturing new life, praying that they are surrounded by your support and understanding as they care for others and themselves.

We are profoundly grateful for our own mothers, whose strength and gentle guidance have shaped us.

We remember mothers parted from their children by war, poverty, or conflict, and ask for your comfort and resilience for them.

We honour all women who, though not mothers, reflect your compassion and care, enriching the lives around them.

Finally, we remember with heartfelt gratitude our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who have passed on - may their enduring love, inspired by you, continue to guide us every day.

Amen."

Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

For children in years 3 and above and they have been baptised Catholic and Parents wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All Sessions will be at St. Mary's Church Maryborough

- **1st Session and Parent Information Meeting**: Saturday 16th May - 5pm.
- **2nd Session**: Saturday 23rd May - 5pm.
- **3rd Session**: Saturday 30th May - 5pm.
- **4th Session**: Saturday 6th June - 5pm.
- **5th Session**: Saturday 13th June - 5pm.
- **6th Session**: Saturday 20th June - 5pm. (Practice night).
- **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**: Sunday 21st June 8am Mass - St. Mary's.

Open House is a chance to welcome others into our parish and share our renewal journey. Thanks to Divine Renovation Ministry, the focus is on hospitality — sharing learnings, listening to others, and creating a warm, open environment.

The day offers stories, renewal insights, and conversations to inspire hope and imagination. We aim for a genuine exchange of ideas, encouragement, and questions.

The event runs from 9:45am to 4.15pm, with Mass at 5:00pm.

We hope everyone leaves with practical insights, a sense of welcome, and renewed confidence in parish life.

The event is free, but please register for catering: https://app.tickets.org.au/DRAU/OHC

Together we can prevent domestic and family violence

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Entrance: Let All the Peoples

Refrain:
Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,
Let all the peoples praise you.
Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord,
Let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord
and all the rulers of earth your glory,
when the Lord shall build Sion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia!

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples unborn may praise the Lord,
who has come down from the sanctuary on high
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia!

Sion shall hear the name of the Lord,
and God's praise in the heart of the city.
Peoples and nations shall gather to praise,
worshipping God our Lord: Alleluia!.

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Psalm Response:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: We Remember

Refrain:
We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come,
In Your glory, Lord,
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here a million wounded souls
Are yearning just to touch You and be healed.
Gather all Your people,
And hold them to Your heart. R./

Now we recreate Your love,
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
The presence of the Lord. R./

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart.
Peace beyond all telling
And freedom from all fear. R./

See the Face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person
Standing by your side.
Gift to one another,
And temples of Your love. R./

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Thanksgiving: I'll Be Always Loving You

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

Refrain: ***Wherever you go, whatever you do,***
I'll be always loving you.

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. R./

Bridge: ***I will be your God your comforter.***
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. R./

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Recessional: All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain:
All the ends of the earth,
All you creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord,
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders He has done in every age. R./

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in His might;
Every heart every nation call Him Lord. R./

The Lord has made His salvation known,
Faithful to His promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
Let the sea and all it holds,
Make music before our King! R./.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Ma Brock, Sandra Brock, Sister Lyn Freestone, Jocelyn Schuh, Denis Cahil, Maria Lucia Foz Lopez, Andrew Ready, Michael Dessousa, Trevor Spencer, Josephine Toriaga, Chona Hall, Ewa Danda, Christine Waerner, Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Alfonso Diaz, Bohdan Pastuch, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Madonna Suter, Mamerto June Ruyeras, Veronica Elliott, Graham Neill and Glenda Cunningham.

Anniversary of Death: Philip Bertram, Steven Wroe, Kevin Schmidt, Agnes Mallet, Elwyn Baxter, Margaret Twomey and Michael Hogan.