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This Week's Mass Schedule

24/09/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Chelsea	**10:00am**
25/09/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
26/09/2025	**Friday**	**9:15am**
27/09/2025	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
28/09/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.933 in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Amos 8:4-7
- **Psalm** - Ps 112 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 16:10-13

Next weekend: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C (p.938).
- **1st** - Amos 6:1, 4-7
- **Psalm** - Ps 145
- **2nd** - 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- **Gospel** - Luke 16:19-31

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***

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

I AM THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLE, SAYS THE LORD.
SHOULD THEY CRY TO ME IN ANY DISTRESS,
I WILL HEAR THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR LORD FOR EVER.

JESUS CHOSE TO BE POOR TO MAKE US RICH

After addressing the 'Pharisees and the scribes' in last Sunday's gospel, Jesus now teaches his disciples once again. The subject matter is the proper use of wealth. This troublesome parable about the dishonest steward looks both forward and backward. It starts the same way as next Sunday's parable about Lazarus, 'There was a rich man' (Luke 16:1,19), and in many details looks back both to the parables of the rich fool (12:13-21; Sunday 18) and to the prodigal son (15:11-32; Sunday 24) who, like the steward in this Sunday's gospel, squandered his possessions (15:13; 16:1).

The parables of the rich fool and the dishonest steward find someone in a situation requiring action. The rich man with bountiful harvest and the steward both ask themselves the same question: 'What shall I do?' (12:17; 16:3). Each answers his own question: the rich man says, 'this is what I shall do'(12:18), while the steward says, 'I know what I shall do' (16:4). What is surprising is that while the rich man's plan to build a larger storehouse seems reasonable, God calls him a 'fool' and demands of him his life 'this night' (12:20), but the dishonest steward is commended by his master (literally, 'lord kurios') 'for acting prudently' (16:8). The folly of the rich man was to think that his bountiful harvest would guarantee a future of comfort and pleasure.

By contrast the steward recognised his situation as a crisis that required immediate and decisive action. With his employment and security about to end, he put his master's debtors in the position of owing him (the steward) a favour: this quid pro quo obligation which the debtors would be honour-bound to repay guaranteed the steward's future survival. The parable doesn't comment on the morality of the steward's actions, only his decisiveness in recognising a crisis and acting immediately to avert disaster. This is the skill 'the children of light' must learn from 'the children of this world'.

Finally, dear friends, Jesus does not commend the steward's dishonesty; he commends his prudence in responding quickly to the crisis of his future. We should therefore be as decisive in conducting our own daily affairs, for what is at stake is not security in this world but eternal life. So, we are to treat everything of this world in relation to what is of ultimate worth. Let us act now before it is too late.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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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.**

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - 2026

The process of becoming Catholic is a faith journey supported by the parish community. This pathway, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), provides opportunities for participants to gather, reflect, pray, and gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

RCIA is structured as a gradual journey, progressing through several formative stages and emphasizing conversion of heart and mind to Christ. The program is adapted to meet the individual needs of each participant.

We are pleased to announce the schedule for RCIA 2026 - a comprehensive formation program designed to convey the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office to obtain an enrolment form.

•Session 1:
Saturday 20th December 2025: 5-6pm.

•Session 2:
Saturday 24th January 2026: 5-6pm.

•Session 3:
Saturday 14th February 2026: 5-6pm.

•Session 4:
Saturday 28th February 2026: 5-6pm.

•Session 5:
Saturday 14th March 2025: 5-6pm.

•Session 6:
Saturday 28th March 2025: 5-6pm.

Celebration:
Saturday 4th April 2025
Easter Vigil Mass - 6pm.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the candidates.
Wishing you Love, Peace, and Blessings
as you continue your spiritual journey.
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October, the month of the rosary:

- **Rosary:** 30 Minutes before each Mass.
- **Public Square Rosary:** Saturday 11 October 9am in front of the Grotto.

Entrance: Come to the Water

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

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Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion:
Jesus You are Bread for Us

Refrain:
Jesus, You are bread for us.
Jesus, You are life for us.
In Your gift of Eucharist
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that we need love
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

In communion we believe
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

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Thanksgiving: The Cry of the Poor

Refrain: ***The Lord hears the cry of the poor.***
Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
With praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
Who will hear the cry of the poor. R/

Let the lowly hear and be glad:
The Lord listens to their pleas;
And to hearts broken, He is near,
Who will hear the cry of the poor. R/

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Recessional: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys,
O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Please remember in your prayers:

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