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Musicians	Bong / Cody	SMP	Amy	Robyn
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This Week's Mass Schedule

24/06/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Chelsea	**10:00am**
25/06/2026	**Thursday**	**12:**00pm
26/06/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
27/06/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
28/06/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

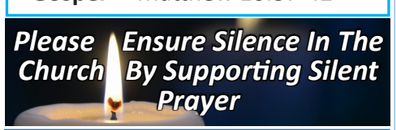
1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

- **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A** (p.407).
- 1st - Jeremiah 20:10-13
- **Psalm** - 68 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 5:12-15
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 10:26-33

Next weekend: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.411).

- **1st** - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
- **Psalm** - 88 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
- **Gospel** - Matthew 10:37-42



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 JUNE 2026
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF HIS PEOPLE,
A SAVING REFUGE FOR THE ONE HE HAS ANOINTED.
SAVE YOUR PEOPLE, LORD, AND BLESS YOUR HERITAGE,
AND GOVERN THEM FOR EVER.

DISCIPLESHIP AND FIDELITY

This weekend is the second of three consecutive Sundays on which we read from 'The Mission Sermon'. The grim descriptions of opposition, the challenge of fidelity, the danger of infidelity, and ultimate punishment or reward are all addressed to disciples whom Jesus sends out to make known what he has taught them privately (10:27).

In these verses Matthew is addressing the situation of the Church and its missionaries in the last third of the first century. Escalating hostility and active persecution would certainly challenge and discourage disciples from leaving the relative safety of their Christian community. But the message of Jesus and the message about Jesus must not be contained. Still, Jesus acknowledges that the task will be difficult and the stakes are high: 'Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father' (10:32). Thus, success in carrying out the mission of Jesus is measured by fidelity to Jesus.

Fidelity is never easy. In the first reading and responsorial psalm two individuals (Jeremiah and the psalmist) describe in painful detail their hardships - terror, vengeance, insult, shame, being outcast. All this they suffer because of their fidelity to God: 'to you [God] I have entrusted my cause' (Jer 20:12); 'zeal for your house consumes me' (Ps 69:10). Yet, precisely because of their fidelity they turn to God in prayer: Jeremiah says, 'O Lord of hosts . . .' (20:12); and the psalmist, 'I pray to you, O Lord . . .' (69:14).

Finally, the outcome of such fidelity is as surprising as it is reassuring Jeremiah, and the psalmist move from suffering to prayer to - rejoicing! Jeremiah exclaims, 'Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord' (20:13); and the psalmist counsels others to 'be glad . . . praise him' (69:33, 35). Both state the reasons for their confidence: God 'has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked' (Jer 20:13); and 'the Lord hears the poor' (Ps 69:34). The disciples of Jesus can learn from their ancestors in faith: fidelity brings hardship but, fear not: God delivers from distress. Fidelity to God is overmatched by God's fidelity to disciples.

This weekend, our parish Celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation which is both a **spiritual milestone** and a **community event**. Proper preparation, reverent liturgy, and thoughtful family and parish celebrations have helped our seven confirmed children to understand the sacrament's significance, embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and commit themselves to a life of discipleship and service within the Church. As the Sacrament is a communal event, I therefore encourage everyone, to participate actively in supporting our children with our prayers in thanksgiving to God.

Happy Celebration!
Fr Lucius

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes for the next year are now available for collection near the Piety Stall. If you would like a set, please contact or visit the Parish Office.

Planned Giving may also be made by direct debit through weekly, fortnightly, or monthly contributions to the Parish account. Direct Debit forms are available at the main church entrance.

"Lord, in your great love, answer me"

Psalm 68(69)

The Garage Sale

on the last Thursday of each month.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, MARYBOROUGH

269 ADELAIDE STREET

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE

7AM TO 12 PM

Please continue to contribute 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

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

for **Sacristans, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**.

Training/Retraining:

1) **Sacristans:** Training/retraining for all new and existing Sacristans will be on **Saturday July 25th - 5pm at St. Mary's.**

2) **Readers:** Training/retraining for all new and existing Readers will be on **Saturday August 1st - 5pm at St. Mary's.**

3) **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Training/retraining for all new and existing Communion Ministers will be on **Saturday August 8th - 5pm at St. Mary's.**

4) **The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment:** The Rite of Commissioning / recommitment after training for all new and existing Communion Ministers and Readers will be during the Mass on Parish Feast Day, **Sunday 16th August 10am Mass.**

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

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. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

St. Mary's - Fundraising - Raffle Tickets

Raffle Draw to Be Held on Parish Feast Day, 16 August

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Society good works

The Annual Winter Appeal will be held on the weekend of 4th and 5th July as a retiring collection, and a delegate will speak on this important appeal.

Your generosity can provide people facing hunger with healthy, nutritious food.

Your kindness can help people keep the lights on, the car running and pay for vital essentials like clothing.

Your gift can help people stay on top of their rent, so they can keep a roof over their heads.

We warmly invite you to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

This is also a valued opportunity for our Parish to acknowledge with gratitude the remarkable service and dedication of the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy communion is open to those who already had their Confirmation

Session Times

- **Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting** Saturday 8th August, 5pm at St. Mary's.
- **Session 2**: 15th August, 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 3**: 22nd August, 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 4**: 29th August, 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 5**: 5th September, 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 6**: 12th September,5pm at St. Mary's

Celebration of the Sacrament

Sunday 13th September at the 8am Mass.

(Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).

All sessions will be followed by 6pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

(Please note that the details below apply only to the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 20th June. The music and other details for the Mass (Confirmation) on Sunday, 21st June will be displayed on the screens).

ENTRANCE: FATHER WELCOMES

Refrain:

Father welcomes all His children
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,
For My Kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give:
Mercy for your sin. R/

In the water, in the Word,
In the promise be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again. R/

Let us daily die to sin.
Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. R/

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: COMMUNION SONG

We see bread and wine before us,
But hidden there from our view
Lies the Flesh and Blood of Jesus,
Now sacrificed for us anew.

Refrain:

Jesus, we bring to You our bodies.
Jesus, we bring to You our souls.
Needing nourishment,
Needing healing,
Seeking peace.

On the night before He suffered,
He took the bread into His Hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
Saying, "Take and eat, this is My Body." R./

And when supper was then ended,
He took the wine, again gave thanks,
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.
This is My Blood, to be shed for you." R./

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THANKSGIVING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Refrain:

The light of Christ has come into the world,
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We must all be born again
To see the Kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world,
So that all who believe in him
Will live for ever.

The light of God has come to us
So that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
Into glory with Christ Jesus.

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RECESSIONAL: CELEBRATE

Refrain:

Celebrate what we have been given,
Celebrate what we have received.
Celebrate the spirit of Jesus , alive
In our hearts.

No longer shall you be people who walk in darkness,
It is the Spirit who draws you into the light. R./

Even the earth cries out.
It longs to receive new life.
It is the Spirit who fills the world with new life. R./

You who are gather'd here share life and love together.
It is the Spirit who calls you out to give. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Patricia Burkett, 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: Peter Corfield, Denise McKenna (née Wilson), Alan Thomson, Moira Hansen, Lynette Allan and Toni Large.

Anniversary of Death: Michael Paul Bryant, Emily Pianta, Sheila Rooney, Richard Elmer, Valda Russell, Henry Hogan and Aileen Mackie.