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This Week's Mass Schedule

01/07/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
02/07/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
03/07/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
Maryborough Community Aged Care		**1:00pm**
04/07/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
05/07/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
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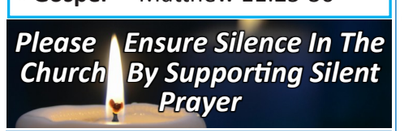
1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

- **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 Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 10:37-42

Next weekend: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.415).

- **1st** - Zechariah 9:9-10
- **Psalm** - 144 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 8:9, 11-13
- **Gospel** - Matthew 11:25-30



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 28th June 2026
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Choosing God above all else

Today's Gospel concludes Jesus' "Mission Sermon." It began when Jesus "summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness" (10:1). In this Sunday's final section, Jesus tells them they must also "take up their cross" (10:39). This is fitting: those who share in Jesus' power and authority must also share in his suffering and death. As always, the disciple's path must follow the Master's.

Because this sermon is addressed to missionaries in both Jesus' time and Matthew's, it naturally considers the reception they might expect and encourages Christians to welcome travelling missionaries. Above all, those who receive a Christian disciple or apostle receive Christ himself and therefore receive God (see also Gal 4:14; John 13:20). After all, Jesus himself is an apostle—that is, one sent by God (10:40). This reflects the Jewish belief that "a man's agent is like [the man] himself".

Jesus then gives three examples of "receiving" others. The term may mean offering hospitality, accepting the message, or both. To receive a prophet who speaks for Christ is to receive Christ himself. If the prophet is rewarded for faithful service, then the one who welcomes the prophet shares in that reward. The same applies to receiving a righteous person and a "little one." Here, "little one" does not literally mean a child. Scholars differ on its exact meaning: it may refer to Matthew's term for apostles or disciples, Christians generally, or poor members of the community.

In each case, receiving such a person brings a reward because it is equivalent to receiving Christ. In this sense, the disciple, prophet, righteous person, and little one is equal: each represents Christ. For example, we saw in the First Reading the Shunemite woman who served the prophet Elisha and provided for his needs; by so serving she received in turn the gift of life. May we always recognise the presence of Christ in every good person around us.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, 27 July 2025

Prayer

Holy Father
Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.
You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)
Amen.

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Please follow the link to access the Message From His Holiness Leo XIV for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2025/fifth-world-day-for-granparents-and-the-elderly.html

Men's Group Barbecue

The Men's Group is pleased to announce a recurring barbecue event, scheduled for the first Saturday of every second month. Please see the dates below:

- **Saturday, 4 July 2026**
- Saturday, 5 September 2026
- Saturday, 7 November 2026

Location: Near Parish Hall

Time: 11:00 am.

Participants are requested to BYO Drinks; soft drinks will be available at the venue.

St. Mary's - Fundraising - Raffle Tickets

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

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

Church Garden

Rose Pruning: The roses have now been pruned for winter. Thank you, team, for your dedicated care and attention to the garden. We look forward to the beautiful display of colourful roses that will bloom over the coming weeks / months.

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.

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.

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:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Communion:
An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those He loved until the end:
And His disciples still gather there
To celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
To share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His cross shall lift us up.

And after supper He washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Him our joy shall be made complete—
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.
he loves beyond our uttermost:
In ev'ry room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

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Thanksgiving: Receive the Light

Receive the light of Christ,
May He shine within our heart,
May the Christ light fill us
With joy and peace. (Repeat)

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Recessional:
Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.
Mercy He has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: ***Come, then, all you nations,***
Sing of Your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise Him with your music,
Worship him and bless His Name.

Power He has wielded, honour is His garment,
Risen from the snares of death.
His Word He has spoken,
One bread He has broken, new life He now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high.
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
Splendour of the living God./

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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) and Alan Thomson.

Anniversary of Death: Marion & Arthur Bartels, Kath Hogan, Erik Kreskas, Erin Mallet, Michael Paul Bryant, Emily Pianta, Sheila Rooney and Richard Elmer.

Remembering Fr John Pickering

I first met Fr. John when he came to Maryborough to celebrate Mass for the deaf here in June 1978. My husband John and I were invited as our son Patrick is deaf. Patrick was playing football and did not come.

Fr. John opened a whole new world for us filled with a language foreign to us. As Patrick had attended a rural school, we knew nothing of Sign Language. It took me sometime, but Fr. John gave us the means to embrace the challenge to start a Social Group and learn this new language at the same time. The local deaf did have a Group but were meeting ad hoc.

Over the next few years, we would meet in a different home each month. Fr. John coming from Brisbane would celebrate Mass and Sacraments for the Deaf Community in the Wide Bay Area and we became firm friends.

It was through his suggestions and encouragement over the years that our Deaf Community first started and grew strong to become such a valued part of our lives and our community.

He supported our work for the deaf and really is responsible for the forming of what became a centre for the deaf and hearing impaired and their families in our community. Fr. John also started the same with Sr. Patrice in Rockhampton. We visited each other over the years. We have shared many happy social and educational experiences that have enriched our everyday lives and those of our community.

We Started off as a Wide Bay Deaf Society and formed The Kathleen Costello Centre for the Deaf, started a branch of Better Hearing Australia, formed a Deaf Choir, to provide TAFE education for the deaf we did the Instructional Skills Course – These are only some of the our achievements over the years to make our centre truly unique – deaf, hearing impaired and hearing people working happily together.

All this is the direct result of that one man, Fr. John challenging us to make the deaf and hearing impaired, their language, culture and specific needs met by all in our community.

Fr. John's Pastoral Care for the deaf community and promotion of Auslan has been a life changing blessing. We have achieved much good and now we acknowledge the gift of God has given us in Fr. John and are grateful for his friendship and Pastoral Care for almost 50 years. God Bless his holy soul, with gratitude, love and peace - farewell Fr. John. — *Pat Phillips (Serves as a sign language interpreter during parish Masses and participates actively in parish life).*

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In 1988, Fr. John was appointed chaplain for the Spanish speaking community and the same year John received recognition from the Chilean council for his services. He completed a course in Sign Language Auslan and became a social worker as he felt a need to work in the field of special education. He worked in Latin America, Philippines, Spain, Chile and in Australia for a major part of his pastoral work.

Fr. John was passionate and understanding, gentle and kind, controversial, stubborn and forthright. Who couldn't love a man with all these attributes. His loud laughter could be heard wherever he was, enjoying a good conversation, be it inside or out in the field. He enjoyed his life and loved his calling with a passion. He worked with the underprivileged and the handicapped and his life was fulfilled. — *Marie Murphy (Fr. John's sister)*

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