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This Week's Mass Schedule

15/07/2025 **Wednesday**
Rite of Distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **8:00am**
Chelsea **10:00am**

16/07/2026 **Thursday**
Rite of Distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **12:00pm**

17/07/2026 **Friday**
Rite of Distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

18/07/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

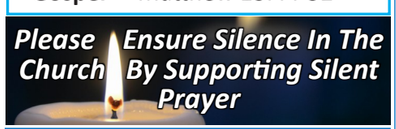
19/07/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A **(p.423).**
- **1st** - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- **Psalm** - 85 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 8:26-27
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 13:24-30

Next weekend: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A **(p.428).**
- **1st** - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
- **Psalm** - 118
- **2nd** - Romans 8:28-30
- **Gospel** - Matthew 13:44-52



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 19TH JULY 2026
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SEE, I HAVE GOD FOR MY HELP.
THE LORD SUSTAINS MY SOUL.
I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU WITH WILLING HEART,
AND PRAISE YOUR NAME, O LORD, FOR IT IS GOOD .

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field ... smallest of all the seeds ... biggest shrub of all. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.

In three parables Jesus describes the kingdom as we presently experience it: there are weeds among the wheat, a bush is in growth, the dough is rising. In this present age we are to live with patience and confident assurance that the kingdom will become fully manifest: there will be a harvest, there will be a large bush, there will be a loaf of bread. We readily identify with the disciples who again ask Jesus to explain a parable. In the end it is less important to understand with our minds than it is to live according to the values of the kingdom.

Matthew's expression 'kingdom of heaven' is an equivalent but more reverential term for 'kingdom of God.' The kingdom is central to the thought world of Matthew who has more references to the kingdom than any of the other gospels. 'Kingdom' implies both a king and a people. The king is God who is sovereign over all. While God's rule may be opposed by the rival kingdom of Satan, in no way is God's rule in jeopardy: God's power is absolute. God exercises rule on earth through Jesus who is a descendant of King David. In the covenant God made with David (2 Samuel 7) God chose to work in the world through a human agent whom God adopts as a 'son' (Pss 2, 110). Thus, to call Jesus 'son' has royal connotations: Jesus is an agent of the heavenly King. Each time Jesus casts out demons, heals the sick, alleviates hunger and suffering, he is weakening the hold of Satan on the world and advancing God's reign. A king needs a people to govern. Just as God elected Israel, Jesus constitutes a new people - the Church. In responding to the call of discipleship, people are accepting God as the sovereign over their lives.

Finally, the kingdom, though present and becoming more manifest in the ministry of Jesus, will not be fully realised in this present age. Only in the Age to Come will the rule and kingdom of God be fully revealed. All three parables in this Sunday's gospel have a future orientation. Only at harvest time (judgment day) will the weeds be separated from the wheat, and each go to its proper fate - fire or barn. In the meantime, the kingdoms of heaven and of Satan coexist. The mustard seed is sown but before birds can nest in it, it must grow. The yeast had been kneaded into the dough, but it must rise and then be baked. Each parable speaks of a process begun but an outcome that must await a future time; in Jesus, God's rule and kingdom are inaugurated but not yet fully realised.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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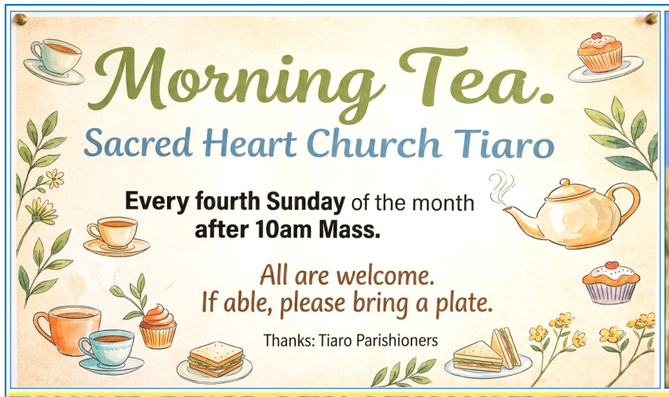

World Youth Day (WYD) - Seoul 2027

World Youth Day (WYD) is an international gathering of young people established by Saint John Paul II. First held in Rome in 1986, WYD is led by the Holy Father and takes place every few years in a host city chosen by the Pope.

This is primarily intended for young people aged 14-30, all who wish to participate are welcome.

- **Register Your Interest** to Join the Brisbane Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day: https://www.catholiccollective.org.au/wyd
- **Official Prayer for World Youth Day:** https://wydseoul.org/en/introduction/prayer

Here are the upcoming programs/specific Masses with their poster links:

⇒ **The Assumption of Mary** (15 August) https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/assumption_orig.jpg

⇒ **Parish Feast Day** (16 August) https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/parish-feast-day-poster-v3_orig.jpg

⇒ **Sacrament of Holy Communion – 2026** https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/poster-sacrament-of-holy-communion_orig.jpg

- St Mary's Parish Maryborough 2026 parish calendar: https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/parish_events_calendar_2026_-v2_-a2.pdf

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,
With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers.
Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen
to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.
Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfil your holy will and
make all things new.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

Training/Retraining:

1) **Sacristans:** ***Saturday July 25th - 5pm at St. Mary's.***

2) **Readers:** ***Saturday August 1st - 5pm at St. Mary's.***

3) **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** ***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 Sacristans, 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.

Entrance: Glory and Praise to our God

Refrain: ***Glory and praise to our God,***
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
To those who trust in His ways.

We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains,
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings. R./

In His wisdom He strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save. R./

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save,
Always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray. R./

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Psalm Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia No. 1

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. R./

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Communion: Table of Plenty

Refrain: ***Come to the feast of heaven and earth!***
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

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Thanksgiving: A Trusting Psalm

Refrain: ***Lord, let your mercy be on us***
As we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him. R/.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him. R/.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
So let us place our trust in him. 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: 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: Billy Chu, David Moffett and Vince Del Popolo.

Anniversary of Death: Frank Bajada, Jean ("Bonnie") Andersen, Bill Bartels, Denise Elmer, Marion & Arthur Bartels and Kath Hogan.