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This Week's Mass Schedule

29/07/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
30/07/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
31/07/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
01/08/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
02/08/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

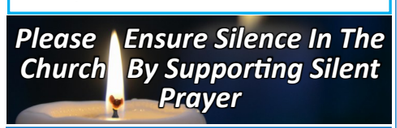
READINGS

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.428).

- **1st -** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
- **Psalm -** 118 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd -** Romans 8:28-30
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel -** Matthew 13:44-52

Next weekend: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.432).

- **1st -** Isaiah 55:1-3
- **Psalm -** 144
- **2nd -** Romans 8:35, 37-39
- **Gospel -** Matthew 14:13-21



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 26TH JULY 2026
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

GOD IS IN HIS HOLY PLACE,
GOD WHO UNITES THOSE WHO DWELL IN HIS HOUSE;
HE HIMSELF GIVES MIGHT AND STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE.

"The kingdom of heaven is like …"

In this Sunday's parables, Jesus points out that the two individuals sell everything to gain the buried treasure and the fine pearl, and that they do it with joy. Sacrificing everything for the Kingdom of heaven brings the disciple great joy because it restores hope—hope in the happiness of eternal life. Eternal life is promised to every believer who lives a life dedicated to Jesus and his teachings. This hope creates within the believer a desire or longing for the Kingdom of heaven. Through the grace of God, the believer begins living the reality of the Kingdom here on earth.

Emboldened by the hope of eternal life, believers live in a way that empowers them to follow Jesus's teachings—to love God and others. Believers allow every circumstance in their lives to be influenced by the conviction that they are living as members of the Kingdom here on earth. Committed to lives of holiness, believers are filled with joy and perseverance because they are intimately connected to Jesus, here and now, and look forward to the promise of eternal life and happiness (see CCC, number 1821).

Today's Gospel teaches us the great value of the Kingdom of heaven. The parables express the joy a person experiences in finding the great treasure of God in her or his life and the total commitment required in being a member of the Kingdom. Whether we come to know the Kingdom by accident or after a long search, we must recognize that it is priceless, and we must be ready to sacrifice everything to hold on to it. To be a disciple is to be single-hearted in accepting the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus wants his listeners to break out of their conventional way of thinking about the Kingdom of God and not confine it to a worldly kingdom that idealizes the past.

You may have heard the saying, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Luke 12:34)." Is there anything for which you would sell everything to have? The cost of being part of the Kingdom of heaven is no less than everything.

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The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

Training/Retraining:

1) **Readers:** ***Saturday August 1st - 5pm at St. Mary's.***
2) **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** ***Saturday August 8th - 5pm at St. Mary's.***
3) **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.

Congratulations, Fr. Lucius, on completing five years as our Parish Priest. We wish you joy and peace, and pray that God continues to grant you strength, wisdom, and inspiration in your sacred ministry. May you remain a shining light of faith, hope, and love in our community.

Entrance: Bring Forth the Kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: ***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,***
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the Ci ty of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

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Psalm Response:

Lord, I love your command.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain:
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him,
If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. R/.

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me;
Wherever I am My servants will be. R/.

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. R/.

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you;
Then you will be My disciples. R/.

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Thanksgiving: Micah's Theme

Refrain: ***Hear, then what [God] asks of you:***
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. R./

Ask and you shall receive;
Knock and it shall be yours. R./

Father, Your Kingdom come,
May Your will be done. R./.

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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: Nina Perez, Patricia Burkett, Ma Brock, Sandra Brock, Sister Lyn Freestone, Jocelyn Schuh, Denis Cahil, Maria Lucia Foz Lopez, Andrew Ready, Michael Dessousa, Trevor Spencer, 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: Marjorie Yarrington, Billy Chu, David Moffett and Vince Del Popolo.

Anniversary of Death: Barney Baxter, Frank Bajada, Jean ("Bonnie") Andersen, Bill Bartels and Denise Elmer.