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This Week's Mass Schedule

05/08/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
06/08/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
07/08/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
Maryborough Community Aged Care		**1:00pm**
08/08/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
09/08/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

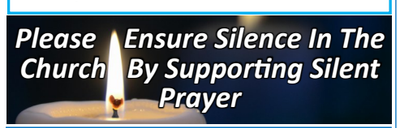
READINGS

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 2ND AUGUST 2026
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

O GOD, COME TO MY ASSISTANCE;
O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME!
YOU ARE MY RESCUER, MY HELP;
O LORD, DO NOT DELAY.

THE BANQUET OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

The Eucharistic overtones in this familiar story of the feeding of the 5,000 are clear; in this story as at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it (13:19; 26:26). Yet the Eucharistic understanding of this miracle story does not exhaust its meaning.

This episode follows the story of King Herod's birthday banquet for his royal courtiers featuring the dance by Herodias' daughter and the execution of John the Baptist (14:1-12). Matthew now contrasts the banquet of the king of this world to the banquet provided by Jesus for the hungry crowd; this illustrates once again the ongoing conflict between kingdoms (Lent 1).

Several details of the miraculous feeding point readers to the 'eschatological banquet' in the kingdom of heaven. First, Matthew greatly enlarges Mark's number of 5,000 (Mark 6:44) by indicating that this 'vast crowd' (Matthew 14:14) did 'not count [ ] women and children' (14:21). This anticipates the last day when 'many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven' (8:11). The vastness of Matthew's crowd suggests the ingathering of the nations and at the same time enhances the miraculous provision of abundant food required for all to eat and be satisfied (14:20) - with leftovers! The 'twelve' baskets of leftovers is usually taken to symbolise all Israel. Thus, at this banquet, Israel and the nations are represented.

In a contemporary Jewish source (2 Baruch 29:4-8), the great banquet at the end time will consist of seafood and manna; thus, Jesus provides bread and fish (Matthew 14:17). Similarly, the earth shall 'yield fruits ten thousandfold,' thus the abundant leftovers (14:20); and the 'hungry will enjoy themselves and they will, moreover, see marvels every day,' such as the miraculous healings performed by Jesus (14:14). These signs indicate that people 'have arrived at the consummation of time.' Thus, Jesus' feeding the vast crowd demonstrates more than 'pity' (Matthew 14:14) and power; Jesus signals that the end of the age has come, and the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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— PARISH FEAST DAY —

PARISH FEAST DAY

SUNDAY
16TH AUGUST
• 10AM •

The Mass will be followed by morning tea.
Please bring a plate to assist with catering.

All are welcome!
Come celebrate our Parish Feast Day together.

MASS	Saturday 15th August 10am at St. Mary's – The Assumption of Mary.
NO MASS	Saturday 15th August 6pm at St. Mary's
NO MASS	Sunday 16th August 8am at St. Mary's
NO MASS	Sunday 16th August 10am at Tiaro

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The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

Training/Retraining:

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

2) **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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office.

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.

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Please write your **name** and the **quantity required** on the order sheet available at the **Piety Stall inside the Church** by the **end of August**.

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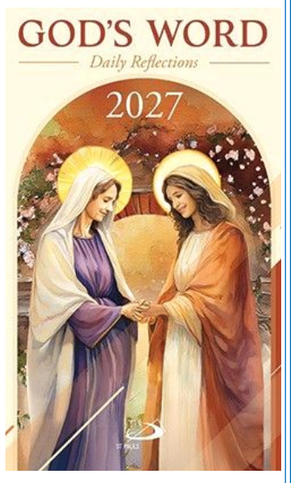

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 2026 :

Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting: Saturday 8th August, 5pm at St. Mary's .

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

If you are interested in ordering a niche or plaque for yourself or for your dear ones, please contact the parish office. Brochure is available at the Parish Website -
https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/columbarium_brochure.pdf

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:

The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God .
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong' ,
Let the poor say, 'I am rich' ,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat)
Give thanks.

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Recessional: They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one int he Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: ***And they'll know we are Christians***
By our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. R./

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. R./

All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. 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: Kenneth Peter Rooney, Barney Baxter, Frank Bajada, Jean ("Bonnie") Andersen and Bill Bartels.