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| ROSTER | Sat 8 Aug | Sun 9 Aug | Sat 15 Aug 10am Mass | Sun 16 Aug 10am Mass |
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| 2nd Reader | Ron | Peter | Need Volunteers | Gail |
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| Musicians | Justin | Gail | Need Volunteers | Robyn |
| Singers | Janette | Choir | Need Volunteers | Combined Choir |
| Mass set up | Gerry | David<br>Rebecca | Need Volunteers | David<br>Rebecca |
| Morning Tea | | | | Combined :<br>*Kindly bring a dish to share* |
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**This Week's Mass Schedule**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 12/08/2025 | **Wednesday** | **8:00am** |
| 13/08/2026 | **Thursday** | **12:00pm** |
| 14/08/2026 | **Friday** | **9:15am** |
| 15/08/2026 | **Saturday** | **10:00am** (No 6pm Mass) |
| 16/08/2026 | **Sunday** | |
| **Maryborough** | | **10:00am** (No 8am Mass) |
| **Tiaro** | | **No Mass** |

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm**

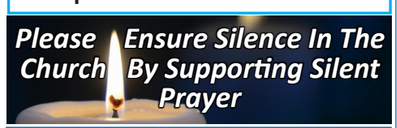
**READINGS**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A** (p.436).

- **1st** - 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
- **Psalm** - 84 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 9:1-5
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 14:22-33

**Next weekend: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A** (p.439).

- **1st** - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
- **Psalm** - 66
- **2nd** - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
- **Gospel** - Matthew 15:21-28




## 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 9TH AUGUST 2026
## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

LOOK TO YOUR COVENANT, O LORD,
AND FORGET NOT THE LIFE OF YOUR POOR ONES FOR EVER.
ARISE, O GOD, AND DEFEND YOUR CAUSE,
AND FORGET NOT THE CRIES OF THOSE WHO SEEK YOU.

## JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

As with last Sunday's miraculous feeding of the 5,000, this Sunday's Gospel points to more than Jesus' power over nature.

The story reaches its climax when Jesus reveals himself to his terrified disciples: 'It is I' (14:27). In Greek, however, the phrase is simply 'I am,' echoing the divine name revealed to Moses at the burning bush: 'I AM WHO AM' (Exodus 3:14). It also recalls the Lord's distinctive self-identification in Isaiah 40–55. In one striking passage, God declares, 'I am the Lord . . . who opens a way in the sea, a path in the waters' (Isaiah 43:15–16), referring to the dry path through the Red Sea by which God saved the Hebrews from oppression.

That saving work at the sea is now revealed in Jesus, who rescues Peter on the water (Matthew 14:30–31). In the Old Testament, God alone has power to walk on water (see Job 9:8; 38:16); Jesus therefore does what belongs to God alone. Through both his self-revelation and his walking on the sea, Jesus enacts one of Matthew's central theological claims: in him, 'God is with us' (1:23; see also 28:20).

The story carries a further meaning. In the Old Testament, and throughout the ancient Near East, the sea often symbolised chaotic, hostile forces. In Canaanite myth, Baal battles 'Prince Sea'; in the Babylonian creation story, Marduk defeats Tiamat, the evil sea-goddess. In each case, only a god can subdue the sea. In Matthew's account, the storm evokes the powers of evil threatening the community of disciples, who, without Jesus among them, are tossed about and endangered. Yet Jesus walks on the water and overcomes those forces. Neither Peter nor the disciples can do what Jesus does; but with him, they are secure. Their response is to worship him and confess him as 'Son of God' (14:33).

Let us ask Jesus who is truly the son of God to increase our faith so that we may doubt no more but always believe in his revelations and designs for us in this world and in the world to come, Amen.

**Peace be with you!**
**Fr Lucius**

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*"Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart."*

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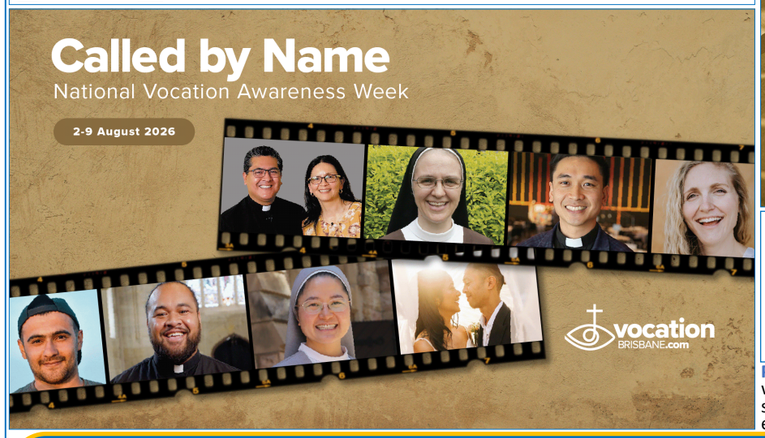

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## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

**All are welcome for the Mass on Saturday August 15th at 10am.**

- **NO MASS** - Saturday 15th August 6pm at St. Mary's.
- **NO MASS** - Sunday 16th August 8am at St. Mary's.
- **Mass: Parish Feast Day Mass will be on Sunday 16th August 10am at St. Mary's.**
- **NO MASS** - Sunday 16th August 10am at Tiaro.

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

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## Entrance: Summoned by Love

Be still and know I am God.
Listen to me and see.
You're not alone in your journey.
Trust in yourself and trust in me.

***Refrain:***
***Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.***
***We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.***
***Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.***
***Our lives we give in offering to you.***

Be not afraid of the night.
Darkness shall not prevail.
My light will guide and make clear your way.
Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.
Your life will be my sign.
Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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## Psalm Response:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## Communion: Bread Broken, Wine Shared

***Refrain:***
***Bread broken, wine shared;***
***Jesus, here, Taking our lives, opening our hearts,***
***Making us whole, setting our loving free.***

Take all our dreams, all that we are,
All we could ever be.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We take bread and eat.

Open our minds, open our hearts,
Let love set us free within.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We pour wine and drink.

Make us alive, filled with Your hope,
Living what's really true.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We know this is You.

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## Thanksgiving: Be still and know

Be still and know that I am God,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one who calls you my friends,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one whose love never fails, And
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one who says, "Follow me," And
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

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## Recessional: Galilee Song

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me,
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I can't clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind,
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

***Refrain:*** ***So I leave my boats behind,***
***Leave them on familiar shores,***
***Set my heart upon the deep,***
***Follow you again my Lord!***

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days,
Dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in!

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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 and David Moffett.

**Anniversary of Death**: Kenneth Peter Rooney, Barney Baxter and Frank Bajada.