FUNDRAISER: Contribute to Parish through Containers For Change. The recycling centre is on 3 Kingston Drive off Walker St. **Quote ID C10151538** for the funds to be paid directly to the Parish.

ROSTER	Sat 15 Aug 10am Mass	Sun 16 Aug 10am Mass	Sat 22 Aug	Sun 23 Aug
Welcomer	Need Volunteers	Eris	Felicity	Pat
1st Reader	Need Volunteers	Ann	Steve	Susan
2nd Reader	Need Volunteers	Gail	Ron	Gerard
Communion	Need Volunteers	Con, Anne, ...	Gerry Beverley	Cris Remy
Servers	Han Frances Euginea Aaliyah	Eliss Pius Eleena	Nicholas Charlotte Isabella	Xavier Rafael Felix
Musicians	Need Volunteers	Robyn	Amy	Justin
Singers	Need Volunteers	Combined Choir	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Need Volunteers	David Rebecca	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca
Morning Tea		*Combined : Kindly bring a dish to share*		
Floral Arrgmt	Geraldine and Robyn			

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This Week's Mass Schedule

19/08/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
20/08/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
21/08/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
22/08/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
23/08/2026	**Sunday**	
Maryborough		**8:00am**
Tiaro		**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.439).

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

Next weekend: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.443).

- **1st -** Isaiah 22:19-23
- **Psalm -** 137
- **2nd -** Romans 11:33-36
- **Gospel -** Matthew 16:13-20

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***

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NEWSLETTER 16TH AUGUST 2026
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

TURN YOUR EYES, O GOD, OUR SHIELD;
AND LOOK ON THE FACE OF YOUR ANOINTED ONE;
ONE DAY WITHIN YOUR COURTS
IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.

HAVE A LITTLE LAUGH!

There was once a happy family who enjoyed trying their luck with the lotto. The father would buy tickets and give them to his children, as well as to their 85-year-old grandfather.

One day, the father bought more tickets. When the winning numbers were announced, one of their tickets had won the jackpot of $10 million - and it belonged to Grandpa. The trouble was that they were afraid to tell him because he had a weak heart and might die from the excitement.

So, they looked for a gentle way to break the news. They invited a priest friend from the parish, explained the situation, and asked for his help. The old priest quickly accepted, secretly hoping he might receive a share. He visited the family and spent some time talking with the grandfather. After exchanging pleasantries and stories, the priest said casually as he was leaving, "By the way, Grandpa, suppose you won the lotto jackpot of $10 million—what would you do with the money?"

"What, $10 million?" the grandfather replied. "That is a lot of money, Father." He paused for a moment, smiled, and said, "Here is what I would do: I would give $5 million to my children and grandchildren, and donate the other $5 million to you!" The priest was so surprised and overjoyed that he collapsed and died instantly of a heart attack.

LET YOUR WISH BE GRANTED

Today, we gather as the believing community of St Mary's Parish to celebrate our Feast Day and to profess our faith in Jesus, the bread of life who came down from heaven. We also come together to show the friendship and love that unite us as God's family. As the Psalmist says, "How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!" (Ps 133:1)

Living in harmony is shown in our willingness to love and serve the Church, our Maryborough community, and the people we meet. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

Finally, dear friends, in today's Gospel Jesus healed the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith. As we share this celebration at Mass and over morning tea, I pray that God may grant the desires of our hearts and give us the grace and generosity to be open to one another. May we always recognise and welcome Jesus, the great healer, in our neighbours - especially the sick, the troubled, and the needy.

Happy Feast Day to us!
Fr Lucius

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to
others.

You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the
vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.

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A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come.

To find out how you can support your parish through a gift in Will, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au/eternalguardians

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The late Patricia Schmidt, Eternal Guardian and St Mary's parishioner

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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, 5 September 2026
- Saturday, 7 November 2026

Location: Near Parish Hall

Time: 11:00 am.

Please register you name in the list available near the Piety Stall.

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

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

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2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

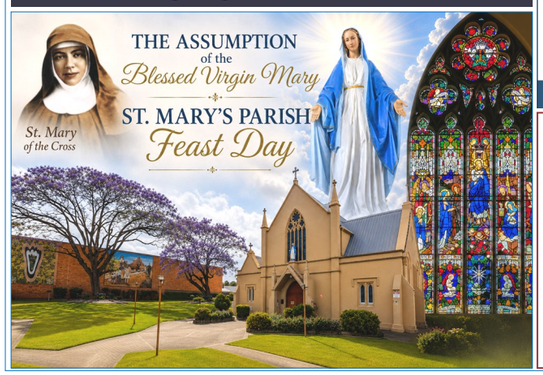
Our Church ▪ Our Mission ▪ Our Community

Next weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to provide support for local ministries and care for people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, cares for our elderly and retired priests, provides children in need with access to a Catholic education and gives hope to those in our community who are suffering physically and emotionally.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it here next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection or scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity and faithfulness.



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.

Anniversary of Death: Kenneth Peter Rooney and Barney Baxter.