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Musicians	Amy	Justin	Cody	Robyn
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This Week's Mass Schedule

26/08/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
27/08/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
28/08/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
29/08/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
30/08/2026	**Sunday**	
Maryborough		**8:00am**
Tiaro		**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

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

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

Next weekend: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.447).

- **1st -** Jeremiah 20:7-9
- **Psalm -** 62
- **2nd -** Romans 12: 1-2
- **Gospel -** Matthew 16:21-27

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 23RD AUGUST 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

TURN YOUR EAR, O LORD, AND ANSWER ME;
SAVE THE SERVANT WHO TRUSTS IN YOU, MY GOD.
HAVE MERCY ON ME, O LORD,
FOR I CRY TO YOU ALL THE DAY LONG.

BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

The above Jesus' question in Matthew's gospel today resonates in the heart of a young person struggling with addictions and the glamour of sin. It's a question that whispers in the minds of a couple striving to keep the right balance in their relationship. The question is pondered by the widow or single mum struggling to provide for her young children, during the time of inflation and high cost of living. It is a question contemplated by the public servant faced with the challenge of serving with integrity and compassion. The same question bothers the mind of a priest or religious struggling with the demands of his/her vocation. We all need to answer this question in our everyday decisions if we are to have the right relationship with the Lord.

An elderly man was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years, and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving and adorable pet names. "The old man scratched his head and responded very slowly "I must tell you the truth," "I forgot her name about 10 years ago."

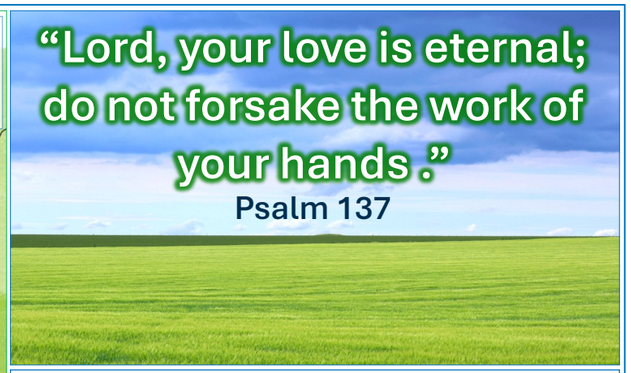
Unlike Peter, in today's gospel, who after going through many years of tribulations and persecution with Jesus and the other disciples, did not forget who Jesus truly is, as he spoke up, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' By so doing Peter acknowledged Jesus for who he really is, His mission on earth, not just because of the protections he got in following him, rather in appreciation of what he has done for us. As St Paul clearly states, "*while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8) in the end, Jesus was pleased with Peter's answer and finally gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

It is therefore up to each one of us to seek God's wisdom in answering this all- powerful question such that we can avoid seeing Jesus in a give-and-take mindset in our faith journey. When life is good, we praise the Lord, but when difficult moments arise, like sickness or death in the family, we start to grumble that God has let us down, and such questions arise as to why God would let us suffer. We've all heard statements like: "Why did God allow disease into the world? Why am I still without a child? Why did God let my wife die? Why am I still without a good job after many years of graduation? I go to Mass every day and do a lot of good works in the parish, so why is all this happening to me? This obviously calls for self-examination by each one of us!

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, as we re-acknowledge today the foundation of the Church of Jesus Christ on the Rock of Peter, may we continue to pray for His Successor Pope Leo, the bishops, priests, Religious and all women and men of faith, that all may mirror the image of Jesus the good Shepherd, who offered his life as a ransom for many.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Safeguarding Sunday, 13 September 2026



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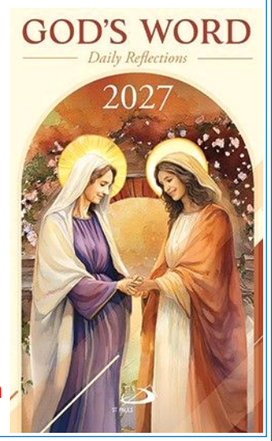

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Children's Liturgy Team:

We are in the process of recommencing Children's Liturgy in our Parish. **If you are interested in joining th e Children's Liturgy Team, please contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office**.

The Children's Liturgy Team helps children celebrate and reflect on the Word of God in a way that is adapted to their understanding and age.

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance.

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

The Garage Sale

on the last Thursday of each month.

St Mary's Church, Maryborough
269 Adelaide Street

Thursday 27 th August 7am To 12 pm

Please continue to contribute quality materials for this event through the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday.

Leading up to each monthly sale we would appreciate help with pricing and setting up. Enquiries to Glenda on **0401307110.**

Social Justice Sunday 30th August

On 7 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released their latest Social Justice Statement, Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division. The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission encourages anyone passionate about social justice to read and absorb the statement, which includes a helpful list of actions that parishes, communities and families can take.

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Please contact the Parish Office if you need a printed copy of the document.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Nina Perez, Patricia Burkett, Ma Brock, Sandra Brock, Sister Lyn Freestone, 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: Blanche Byrne and Erwin Linortner.

Anniversary of Death: Carmelita Garlitos, Kevin Schmidt & Ernest Schmidt and Kenneth Peter Rooney.