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This Week's Mass Schedule

09/09/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
10/09/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
11/09/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
12/09/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
13/09/2026	**Sunday**	
Maryborough		**8:00am**
Tiaro		**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

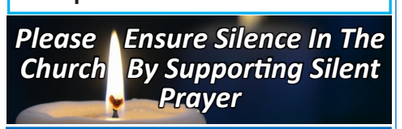
READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.451).

- **1st** - Ezekiel 33:7-9
- **Psalm** - 94 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 13:8-10
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 18:15-20

Next weekend: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.454).

- **1st** - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
- **Psalm** - 102
- **2nd** - Romans 14:7-9
- **Gospel** - Matthew 18:21-35



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 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

YOU ARE JUST, O LORD, AND YOUR JUDGEMENT IS RIGHT;
TREAT YOUR SERVANT IN ACCORD
WITH YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.

SEPARATION, RELATIONSHIP AND RECONCILIATION

Today's three readings are good example of how practical and relevant the word of God has always been in our lives as individuals as well as a church. Together they remind us that as faithful Christians it is our responsibility to reach out to our not-so-faithful brothers and sisters and bring them back into the fold. They even go on to recommend practical steps on how to go about doing this.

A young woman, Lydia, strayed away from the church as a teenager. After nine years of experimenting with atheism, Spiritism, and new age, she found her way back again to the church, by the grace of God. Relating her story, Lydia says that what hurt her the most in all her nine years of spiritual exile is that nobody in the church missed her. Nobody ever phoned or visited to find out what was wrong. "I got the impression that the church does not want me," she said. Of course the church wants her. But what are we doing to help the many men and women in her situation find their way back into full communion with the church? Today's readings invite us to review our I-don't-care attitude toward fallen and lax members of the church, reminding us that, yes, it should be our business to reach out to them.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus provides us with a model that can help us take more responsibility towards one another. He wants us to do something about sin. This is a tough call today given that we are used to thinking that tolerance, even tolerance of sin, is the highest value. Jesus surely wants his Church to care about tolerance, but he wants it to care even more about truth. Sin is real, and it is destructive, both for the sinner and for the whole community. Sin is like a destructive fire that starts in one person's soul. If it isn't put out quickly, it can destroy that person and spread like a spiritual forest fire through a whole community.

Following Jesus' model, we should first go one-on-one and gently encourage the person to come back to Christ. This is to be done in a friendly and dignified way, and not to humiliate the person. If that doesn't work, we are to take one or two others along. The aim should not be to show the person how wrong they are but for possible reconciliation. If that fails, we are to refer to the local community of faith (the parish). If the person won't listen to the Church community, we are to treat him/her "like a pagan or tax collector.

Dear friends, does that mean we should treat sinners with contempt? The answer lies in looking at how Jesus himself treated "sinners and tax collectors". He was their best friend and converted many of them, and his opponents often criticized him for that. We are not to despise the sinner but to love them while not sharing in their sin.

Let us ask the father of mercies to grant us the grace to resist sin and to reconcile with those who are struggling.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Father's Day Prayer

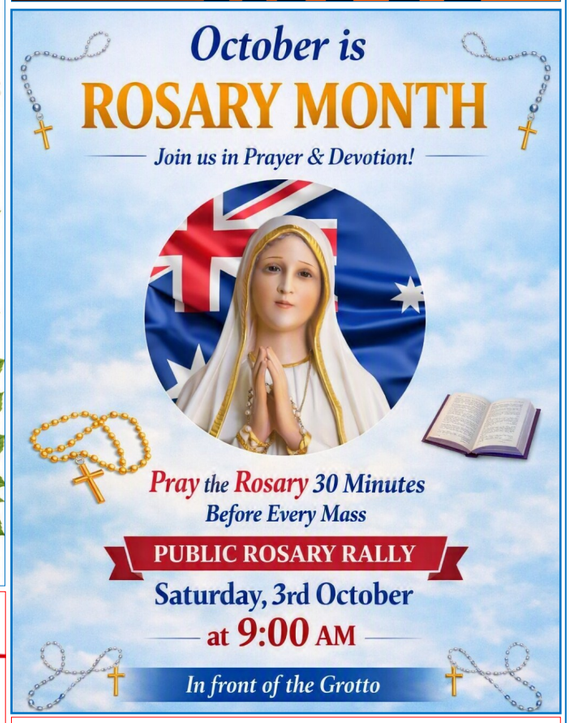
Heavenly Father,
You entrusted Your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, His earthly father.

Bless all fathers and grandfathers
with strength, wisdom, tenderness, and patience.

Help them love in a way that reflects Your love.
Support them in the work they do for their families
and protect those who look to them for guidance.

Heal all who carry wounds from imperfect fatherhood,
and grant eternal rest to the fathers
You have called home.

Through Jesus Christ, our rock and defender.
Amen.



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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 walk humbly and faithfully, and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

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CHAT POINT
— Towards —
MULTICULTURAL DAY

St. Mary's Church, Maryborough

Sunday, 18 October 2026

Come and chat with a
Multicultural Day
coordinating team member

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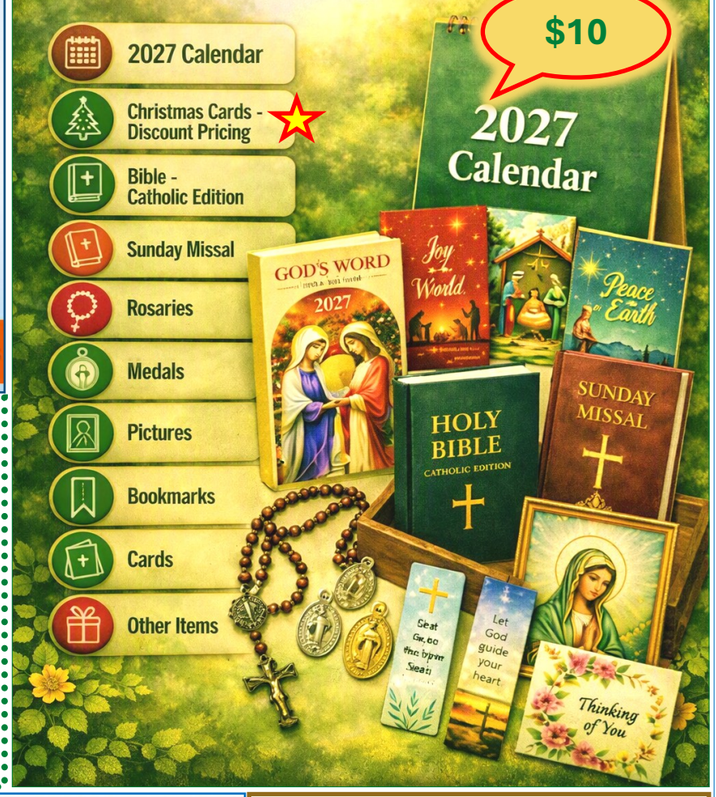

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th September

Sunday 27 September
112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026
"Even just one of these children"
Theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR)

Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 112th World Dav of Migrants and Refugees
https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html

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The Recently Deceased: Joseph Kulda, Evelyn Keys, Noel Rollings, Blanche Byrne and Erwin Linortner.

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