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.

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2nd Reader	Tom	Pat	Steve	Peter
Communion	Steve Felicity	Con Anne	Gerry Beverley	Rebecca Remy
Servers	Han Aaliyah	Xavier Rafael Felix	Frances Euginea	Elissa Pius Eleena
Musicians	Bong / Cody	Robyn	Justin	Robyn
Singers	Filipino Choir	Men	Theresa	Janette or Theresa
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This Week's Mass Schedule

23/09/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Chelsea	**10:00am**
24/09/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
25/09/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
26/09/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
27/09/2026	**Sunday**	
Maryborough		**8:00am**
Tiaro		**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

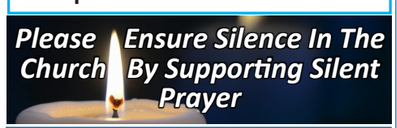
READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.459).

- **1st -** Isaiah 55:6-9
- **Psalm -** 144 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd -** Philippians 1:20-24, 27
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel -** Matthew 20:1-16

Next weekend: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.463).

- **1st -** Ezekiel 18:25-28
- **Psalm -** 24
- **2nd -** Philippians 2:1-11
- **Gospel -** Matthew 21:28-32



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 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

I AM THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLE, SAYS THE LORD.
SHOULD THEY CRY TO ME IN ANY DISTRESS,
I WILL HEAR THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR LORD FOR EVER.

THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

Last Sunday, the Gospel invited us to reflect on how often we should forgive our brothers and sisters. This Sunday, it asks us to consider not how much time we give to our Christian duties, but how much love we bring to them. What matters most is not the length of our service, but the love with which we serve. In God's eyes, a thousand years are like a day, and every act of service, great or small, has value and will be rewarded according to God's plan. As the First Reading reminds us: "*My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways*" (Isaiah 55:8).

The Lord gives this warning because he wants us to live with inner peace. Nothing disturbs that peace more than the desire for praise and recognition. When we constantly compare ourselves with others, we become vulnerable to anxiety, envy, stress, anger, and uncertainty. But when we simply strive to give our best for Christ, seeking God's glory rather than our own and recognising the abundant generosity of God's love for all, our trust in him grows. Selfish motives fade, and we begin to experience the peace that the world cannot give.

There is a story about Greg, an engineer who worked for a construction firm that built houses. As he approached retirement, he thought to himself, "I have worked hard for this company, but what have I received? All my life, I have built beautiful mansions for wealthy people."

One day, the owner of the firm said to him, "I want you to build a large and beautiful house. Do not worry about the budget; I simply want it done well." But Greg, filled with envy and resentment, decided to embarrass the owner. "After all," he told himself, "I will be retiring soon." So, he built the house with inferior materials: rusty steel, worn roofing, old timber, and poor fixtures. The façade looked impressive, but Greg knew the house would not last because of the poor workmanship and materials.

At last, the day of Greg's retirement arrived. During his retirement party, the owner said to him, "In gratitude for your years of service to the company, I am giving you the house I asked you to build. It was meant to be a surprise." Greg regretted what he had done, but by then it was too late.

Dear friends, let us recognise that each of us is uniquely created and gifted by God, and that each person is equally precious in his eyes. As God gives to whomever he chooses, let us not allow envy to destroy what we have worked for in this life. What matters is not so much how much time we spend, but the love with which we serve. Therefore, let everyone enter into the kingdom and joy of the Lord.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Congratulations

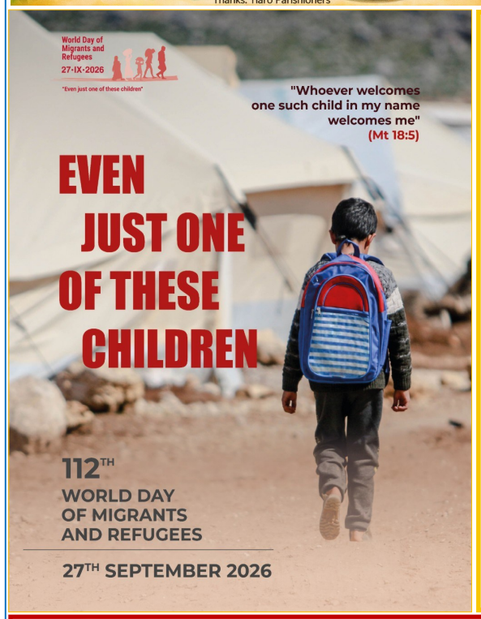
to the First Communion Candidates who received their

First Communion

on 13 September 2026

https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/recent-pictures.html

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at *https://thepmrc.org/survey*



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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

MULTICULTURAL DAY RAFFLE

Draw: Sunday 18th October 2026 – 12 noon
St Mary's Parish Hall – Multicultural Day Celebrations
Winners notified by phone
Facebook : St Mary's Parish Maryborough QLD

Prizes - Total Value $1,000

- $150 Repco Car Wash Kit
- $100 Bunnings Gift Voucher
- $100 Bakeware Set
- $90 Remington Hair Dryer
- $70 Five-Piece Comforter Set
- $50 Betta Electrical Hair Dryer
- $50 Coles Gift Voucher
- $30 Dan Murphy's Voucher
- $30 BWS Wine & Glass Set
- $30 Friendlies Gift Basket

Tickets: $2 each

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- After Saturday Night Mass
- After Sunday Morning Mass
- Parish Garage Sale (Last Thursday Monthly)

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The Garage Sale

on the last Thursday of each month.

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Thursday 24th September
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.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Gynette Macnamara, Sabine Lihb, Nina Perez, 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 and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Luke Thompson, Joseph Kulda, Evelyn Keys and Noel Rollings.

Anniversary of Death: Timothy Hackett, Matthew Rahe, Frank & Mollie Walker, Ted Twomey, Raymond Proctor, John D'cruz, Edwin Abraham, Robert William Robertson, Terry Tappin, David John Bertram & Michael Philip Bertram, Colin Hogan and Mrs Moyna Caines & Mr. Neville Caines.