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This Week's Mass Schedule

30/09/2025 **Wednesday**	**8:00am**
01/10/2026 **Thursday**	**12:00pm**
02/10/2026 **Friday**	**9:15am**
Maryborough Community Aged Care	**1:00pm**
03/10/2026 **Saturday**	**6:00pm**
04/10/2026 **Sunday**	
Maryborough	**8:00am**
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1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

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

- **1st -** Ezekiel 18:25-28
- **Psalm -** 24 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd -** Philippians 2:1-11
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel -** Matthew 21:28-32

Next weekend: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.467).

- **1st -** Isaiah 5:1-7
- **Psalm -** 79
- **2nd -** Philippians 4:6-9
- **Gospel -** Matthew 21:33-43

Please Ensure Silence in the Church by Supporting Silent Prayer

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***

NEWSLETTER 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

WHICH OF THE TWO SONS DID THE FATHER'S WILL?

Today's chapter from Matthew's Gospel (ch. 21) opens with Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. There he comes into conflict with the chief priests and elders (21:28) on their own ground: Jerusalem, home of the Temple, the centre of their authority.

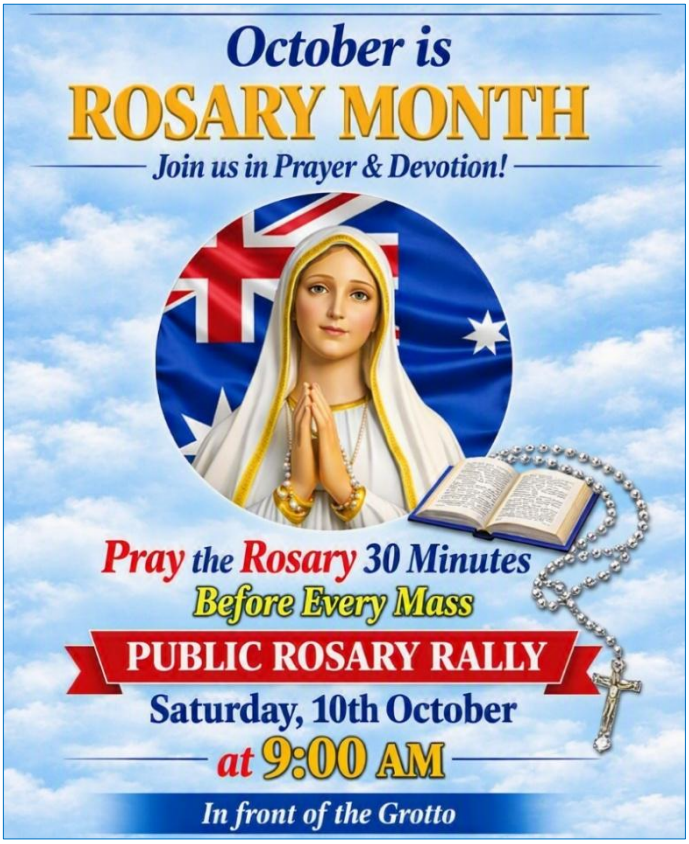
In this short parable, Jesus uses the familiar image of a father and two sons. This personal, family-based image differs from others we have recently encountered, such as a king and servant (18:23-33—Sunday 24) or a landowner and labourers (20:1-15 - Sunday 25). In his explanation, Jesus makes clear that the son who first refuses his father's command but later changes his mind represents the tax collectors and prostitutes (21:31), while the son who says "yes" but fails to act represents the chief priests and elders.

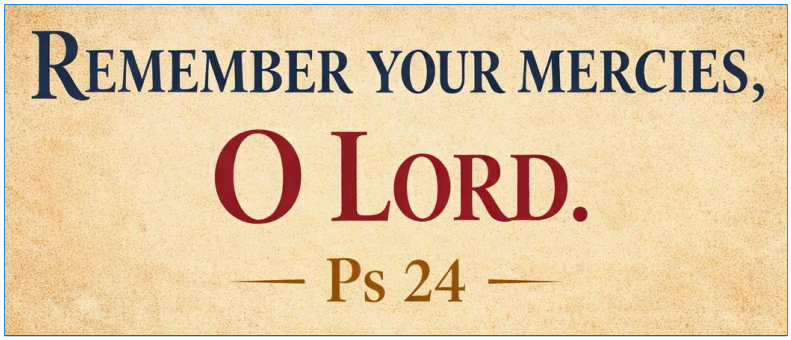
Notice what the father-son image implies: the chief priests and elders are brothers of the tax collectors and prostitutes. Simply placing them in the same family would have been offensive to the religious leaders. Tax collectors and prostitutes were considered public sinners and despised for two main reasons.

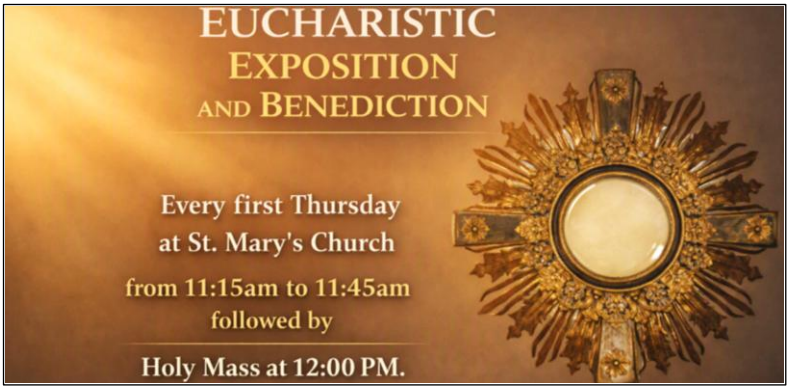
First, their behaviour was judged sinful: tax collectors were commonly suspected of cheating people, while prostitutes violated moral and ritual laws. Second, both groups were seen as collaborators with the hated Roman occupiers: taxes were collected for Rome, and prostitutes often served Roman soldiers. Yet, in the parable, these sinners share the same father as the religious leaders.

The parable is not detached from real events. Earlier in the Gospel, when John the Baptist was preaching and baptising, "the people of Jerusalem and all Judea" came to him and were baptised in the Jordan; among them were "many Pharisees and Sadducees" (3:5-7). These leaders appeared to say "yes" to John's call to repentance, but by rejecting Jesus their actions said "no." In rejecting both John and Jesus, they rejected the "way of righteousness" (21:32). To enter the kingdom, they must change their minds about John, about Jesus, and even about tax collectors and prostitutes. Dear sister and brothers, change of my mind must always be a genuine act of repentance that returns us back to doing the will of God our father. Anything short of that, comes from the evil one.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius







Saturday & Sunday Mass Roster

(Readers and Communion Ministers)

The new roster is available to collect in the Church for anyone who would like a printed copy.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing generosity and faithful service to our parish community.

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

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You could also buy or sell a book of 10 raffle tickets

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

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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

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: Jill Costello, Luke Thompson and Joseph Kulda.

Anniversary of Death: Timothy Hackett, Matthew Rahe, Frank & Mollie Walker, Ted Twomey, Raymond Proctor, John D'cruz & Edwin Abraham and Alan Bartels.

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1st Reader	Felicity	Gerard	Ron	Anne
2nd Reader	Steve	Peter	Tom	Eris
Communion	Gerry Beverley	Rebecca Remy	Wayne Judy	Tony Anne
Servers	Frances Euginea	Elissa Pius Eleena	TBA	TBA
Musicians	Justin	Robyn	Bong / Cody	Gail
Singers	Theresa	Janette or Theresa	Children's Choir	Theresa
Mass set up	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca	Carmel	David Rebecca
Morning Tea		Deem Girls		
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