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This Week's Mass Schedule

26/11/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Chelsea	**10:00am**
27/11/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
28/11/2025	**Friday**	**9:15am**
29/11/2025	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
30/11/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Christ the King Sunday - Year C (p.969) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- **Psalm** - Ps 12 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Colossians 1:12-20
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 23:35-43

Next weekend: First Sunday of Advent - Year A (p.102).
- **1st** - Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Psalm** - Ps 121
- **2nd** - Romans 13:11-14
- **Gospel** - Matthew 24:37-44

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 NOVEMBER 2025
CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

HOW WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN,
TO RECEIVE POWER AND DIVINITY,
AND WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND HONOUR.
TO HIM BELONG GLORY AND POWER FOR EVER AND EVER.

Christ the Universal King

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of Jesus Christ as the Universal King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year A. Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925, calling on humanity to submit once more to the authority of Christ who came to serve and not to be served. With our common knowledge of kingship, every king has a throne, symbolizing his power and authority. From where he administers justice, conducts diplomatic relations, receives petitions, and issues his commands. The throne reminds the people that the king is not just another citizen; he is the supreme authority. The throne is the symbol of this unique royal identity.

Hence, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the eternal King of the universe has a throne too, but his throne differs radically from those of the kings of this world. While the kings of the world rule from thrones of great power and influence, our Jesus' throne is a lowly one where he lies down in weakness; in a position of surrender to those who nailed him to a cross.

The cross is rough, plain wood; its only decoration is the blood of the king who gave up his life for the salvation of his people. The rulers of the world slaughter animals of choice to entertain their guests but Jesus gives his own body as food and his own blood as drink. The kings and queens of the world, when they are about to die, divide their kingdoms amongst their relatives and cronies; but Jesus, having no estates to share, offers himself as a ransom for our sin – as a memorial: "Do this in memory of me!" he says, and then gives away his own mother to his followers.

In the kingdoms of the world, everything is done to exclude strangers, to keep them "offshore", and the rulers say to them: "Go back to where you came from". But in the Kingdom of Christ, everything is done to welcome strangers, even many servants of the kingdom shed their blood to facilitate the inclusion of "outsiders", and the King says to them: "In my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:2) – there is room for everyone. This is the distinctive character of our Lord Jesus Christ, the universal King, whom we celebrate today.

In the Gospel of Luke today we see how the kingship of Christ attained its accomplishment not on a throne, but on a cross. His mission to bring salivation to all people made him to choose not to save himself on the cross, but to reward everyone according to their deeds.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, Jesus, by sharing in our suffering, allows us to share in his kingship, to join him on his throne, if only we unite our sufferings to his, if only we place our crosses on his altar of mercy and love. Let us therefore ask the servant-king Jesus Christ to grant us the humility to follow the path of love and service for the least of our sisters and brothers in need.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius r Lucius

The Season of Advent

About the Season of Advent

- The word 'advent' means 'waiting'. Advent is a time of preparing for Christmas, not celebrating Christmas (as the shops do).
- The season has three aspects – thanksgiving, Christ with us now, hope in future.
- The season encompasses three time dimensions – past, present, future.
- The season features three key figures – the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary.
- Advent has three distinct stages: the first focuses on the end of time when Christ will come again in glory; the second on John the Baptist heralding Jesus' public ministry; the last on Jesus' birth and the role of Mary in salvation history.

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About Liturgical Year and Seasons

The commencement of the new liturgical Year A begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The **liturgical year consists of six distinct seasons**:

•Advent	•Christmas	•Lent	•Paschal Triduum	•Easter	•Ordinary Time

The Liturgical Year / Calendar operates on a repeating three-year cycle:

Year A: Focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.	**Year B**: Centres on the Gospel of Mark.	**Year C**: Highlights the Gospel of John.

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE –
WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025

⇒Carols: 5:30pm followed by

⇒Vigil Mass: 7pm – St. Mary's.

Midnight Mass

⇒Carols: (24TH DECEMBER) 11:30pm followed by

⇒Midnight Mass:(25TH DECEMBER)12am St. Mary's.

Thursday 25th December

⇒Mass: 8am St. Mary's.

⇒Mass: 10am Sacred Heart, Tiaro.

November Memorial Mass
Wednesday 26th November
8am at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Parish
Christmas Carols On the lawn

Friday 5pm
28th November 2025

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.

The Garage Sale @ St Mary's Church, Maryborough 269 Adelaide Street - Thursday 27th November 7am To 12 pm

Please continue to contribute quality books or other 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

Entrance:
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To the throne your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore God's praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favour
To all people in distress;
Praise God, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
Mother-like, God gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights adoring;
You behold God face to face;
Saints triumphant now adoring,
Gathered in from every race:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Psalm Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion:
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast'.
I came to Jesus, as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The Living Water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til trav'ling days are done.

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Thanksgiving: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
When You come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When you come into Your Kingdom. (repeat)

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Recessional:
Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!
Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,
King, Whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain:
Angels, Saints and nations, sing:
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

King, Whose Name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
'Til in peace each nation rings
With Your praises, King of kings. R./

King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the wayward, guide the youth;
Christ our King of glory bright,
Be to us Eternal Light. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Ewa Danda, Christine Waerner, Agnes Martel, Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Ross Keys.

Anniversary of Death: Brian Lunn, John Hill, Anne Neill, Barry Massingham, Gavin McPherson and Cecil Russell.