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This Week's Mass Schedule

08/04/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
09/04/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
10/04/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
11/04/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
12/04/2026	**Easter Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
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1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Easter Sunday - Year A (p.306 - in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 10:34, 37-43
- **Psalm** - Ps 117 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 28:1-10

Next weekend: Second Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.311).
- **1st** - Acts 2:42-47
- **Psalm** - 117
- **2nd** - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- **Gospel** - John 20:19-31

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 5TH APRIL 2026
EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A

I HAVE RISEN, AND I AM WITH YOU STILL, ALLELUIA.
YOU HAVE LAID YOUR HAND UPON ME, ALLELUIA.
TOO WONDERFUL FOR ME, THIS KNOWLEDGE,
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA .

EASTER GLORY FILLS THE EARTH!

Last night we celebrated the most Holy night of the year, the most important feast in the Christian calendar. We kept watch together as the Lord passed over from death to life, and we celebrated the fact that as his followers we too pass over from death to life in baptism. We thanked God for all the signs of new life and new hope in our world and we committed ourselves once again to bring that promise into the lives of others. Last night we heard Matthew's story of the womb at the empty tomb. Today, we heard John's story of the empty tomb and how Mary Magdalene and the other women brought spices to anoint Jesus at the tomb, who sees the stone moved away. And Peter and the other disciple going there for themselves, seeing the burial sheets still there but the body gone. It is the Beloved Disciple who sees and believes.

Today we celebrate the empty tomb which is the sign of the victory of life over death, the victory of forgiveness over sin, the victory of hope over despair, the victory of joy over sorrow. The great stone that sealed the tomb shut was meant to keep the body of the dead Jesus out of sight and to keep him inside forever. In our own lives we have many great stones that trap us where we do not want to be.

We all have relationships that have broken down—with a family member, a neighbour, a work colleague—where it seems that nothing can be done to fix things. The glory of the resurrection has pushed that boulder aside and life has burst forth from its jail. The linen cloths used for burial were meant to keep the body wrapped up tightly. In our own lives we have many linen cloths that tie us down, that keep us trapped in an old way of life, unable to move, unable to let go. The glory of the resurrection has loosened the bonds of sin and freed us from the clutches of the living death that it brings.

Easter is our most Holy season of the year. Yet, every Sunday is a little Easter; indeed, every day, as the sun rises to extinguish the darkness of the night, is also a little Easter. Preaching to his community in North Africa in the fifth century, St Augustine of Hippo reflected on the fact that the joy and hope of the new life of Easter is meant to be a daily reality for us.

Dear friends, Though the disciples of Jesus came to believe in his resurrection after they encountered him alive, their understanding was not yet complete. Our own understanding of the resurrection gradually grows as we encounter the risen Christ, eat and drink at his table, and pour out our lives as he did.

Happy Easter everyone!
Fr Lucius

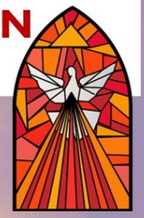
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Every first Thursday at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in the various activities during Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum. Your dedication and presence made these times especially meaningful.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026



The Sacrament of Confirmation is open for all who are Baptised and in grade 3, 8 years and above

Session Times

- **Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting**
  Saturday 16th May 5pm at St. Mary's.
- **Session 2**
  Saturday 23rd May 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 3**
  Saturday 30th May 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 4**
  Saturday 6th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 5**
  Saturday 13th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 6** **(Practice night)**
  Saturday 20th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**
  Sunday 21st June 8am - St. Mary's
  (Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).

All sessions will be followed by 6pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 2026

First Holy communion is open to those who already had their Confirmation

Session Times

- **Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting**
  Saturday 8th August, 5pm at St. Mary's.
- **Session 2: 15th August, 5pm at St. Mary's**
- **Session 3: 22nd August, 5pm at St. Mary's**
- **Session 4: 29th August, 5pm at St. Mary's**
- **Session 5: 5th September, 5pm at St. Mary's**
- **Session 6: 12th September,5pm at St. Mary's**

Celebration of the Sacrament

Sunday 13th September at the 8am Mass.

(Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).

All sessions will be followed by 6pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

AED Familiarisation Event

We are currently undertaking the vital task of equipping both the Church and Parish Hall with Automated External Defibrillators (AED) along with First Aid kits, aiming to enhance the safety and well-being of our community.

An AED familiarisation and education session will be held on Sunday, 19th April, following Mass.

We invite interested parishioners to consider attending this session. Your involvement is greatly valued, whether you wish to learn for the first time or refresh your skills. Together, we can ensure that our community is prepared to respond confidently and compassionately in times of need. Thank you for considering this important opportunity.

Entrance: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which He endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured; Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky He's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as His love; Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise Him, now His might confess, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest. Al-le-lu-ia!

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Psalm Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.

Spread the Good News o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.

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Communion: We Remember

Refrain:
We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come,
In Your glory, Lord,
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here a million wounded souls
Are yearning just to touch You and be healed.
Gather all Your people,
And hold them to Your heart. R./

Now we recreate Your love,
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
The presence of the Lord. R./

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart.
Peace beyond all telling
And freedom from all fear. R./

See the Face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person
Standing by your side.
Gift to one another,
And temples of Your love. R./

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Thanksgiving: Give Thanks

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong' ,
Let the poor say, 'I am rich' ,
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)
Give thanks.

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Recessional: Lord, the Light of Your Love

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: ***Shine, Jesus, shine,***
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Maria Lucia Foz Lopez, Andrew Ready, Michael Dessousa, Trevor Spencer, Josephine Toriaga, Chona Hall, Ewa Danda, Christine Waerner, Agnes Martel, Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Alfonso Diaz, Jenny Camilleri, Bohdan Pastuch, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Marie Wain, Ian Rattray, Dawn Candida and Janet Jackson.

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