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This Week's Mass Schedule

17/09/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
18/09/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
19/09/2025	**Friday**	**9:15am**
20/09/2025	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
21/09/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Year C (p.1021 in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Numbers 21:4-9
- **Psalm** - Ps 77 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Philippians 2:6-11
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 3:13-17

Next weekend: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C (p.933).
- **1st** - Amos 8:4-7
- **Psalm** - Ps 112
- **2nd** - 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- **Gospel** - Luke 16:10-13

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 14th September 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

"Cross" versus "Eternal Life"

John 3:16 is called the "gospel in miniature;" i.e., a concise but complete distillation of the gospel: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. Let's examine each element. *God:* The origin of all things is God. The mission of Jesus has its origin in God because it was God who sent Jesus (3:17). *Loved the world:* The motive of all God's activity - creation, incarnation, redemption - is expressed in one verb: love. This is so central to Johannine theology that it can be asserted, "God is love" (1 John 4:8,16).

Gave his only Son*:* God "gave" the Son in two senses: first, in the incarnation God sent the Son into the world (3:17); second, God gave the Son over to death, as the "lifting up" of the previous verse discusses (3:15). Thus, verse 16 links the incarnation (v. 17) to the death (v. 15). The expression "only Son" is used to describe Abraham's "only son Isaac" (Gen 22:2). Though Abraham's "only son" was spared, God gave the "only Son" over to death (see Rum 8:22).

Believes*:* God, who has done so much in love - creation, incarnation, redemption - requires only one response: that people believe in Jesus. Believing means entering a deep and abiding personal relationship with Jesus. Believing leads to life (John 6).

Not Perish/Eternal Life: God's plan is not human destruction, condemnation, or punishment. After all, God sent the Son that "they may have life and have it more abundantly" (10:10). That abundant life is here described as "eternal life." This does not mean life-as-we-know-it stretched out indefinitely. It is the life associated with the Age-to-Come when death is destroyed, wrong is righted, illness is no more, and the fullness of shalom/peace is established. This is the "good news" of the Cross which we rightly exalt on this feast.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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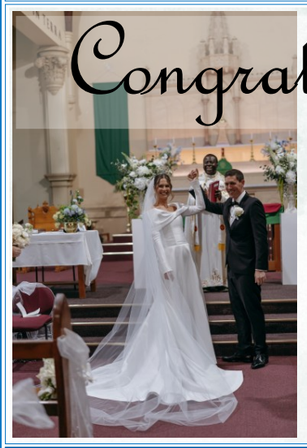
October, the month of the rosary:

- **Rosary: 30 Minutes before each Mass.**
- **Public Square Rosary: Saturday 11 October 9am in front of the Grotto.**



Congratulations

Michaela Beirne
&
Daniel Beatty

Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.

Congratulations

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Gerald and Daphne Silvester on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. In recognition of this remarkable milestone, Fr. Lucius had the honour of presenting them with a Papal blessing, officially issued by the Vatican.

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment

for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training/Retraining 2025:

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**: Saturday 20th September at 5pm.
- **Lectors/Readers**: Saturday 27th September at 5pm.

The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment:

Once the training has been completed one could attend The Rite of Commissioning and recommitment on Saturday 4th of October at 6pm mass or Sunday 5th of October at 8am Mass. **If you are interested to be part of the Communion Ministers or Readers, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office by 14th September.**

Congratulations to all

The 97th St Mary's Catholic Parish Debutant Ball was held on Friday 22nd August 2025 at Maryborough's City Hall.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make this event a success. Your hard work and commitment have been truly invaluable.

A special thank you goes to Lisa Lewis for her exceptional dedication and support throughout the planning and execution of the event.

Fr. Lucius Edomobi, Gerry Donoghue and Margaret Jarvis represented the St. Mary's Parish.

More pictures at https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Debutante-Ball-Maryborough/100070589584517/

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Songs - Saturday Vigil Mass

Entrance: Tree of Life

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
In Your death we are reborn,
Though You die in all of hist'ry,
Still You rise with er'ry morn,
Still You rise with ev'ry morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in You,
If we learn to live Your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Ev'ry person lost and broken
Wears the Body of our Lord,
Wears the Body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit
If we bear the Cross with You,
If we bear the Cross with You.

Christ, You lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with You in joy and sorrow,
We the river, You the sea,
We the river, You the sea.
We the river, You the sea.

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Psalm Response:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: One Bread, One Body

Refrain:
One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
One Cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. R./

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. R./

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. R./.

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Thanksgiving: O Lord Hear my Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise.
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life.

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Recessional: Alleluia No. 1

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

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation. R./

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

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. R./

Come let us praise the Living God.
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. R./

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SONGS FOR SUNDAY MASS WILL BE DISPLAYED ONLY ON THE SCREENS.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Allan Russell, Robert William Robertson, Raymond Paine.

Anniversary of Death: Matthew Rahe, Frances Steemson, Raymond Proctor, Ted Twomey & Vince Walker, Frank & Mollie Walker, Moyna & Nev Caines, Edwin Abraham, John D'cruz, Michael Philip Bertram, David John Bertram, Kevin Schmidt, Ernest Schmidt, Colin Hogan.