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This Week's Mass Schedule

25/03/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Chelsea	**10:00am**
26/03/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
27/03/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
28/03/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
29/03/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A
(p.183 - in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
- **Psalm** - Ps 130 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Ephesians 5:8-14
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 9:1-41

Next weekend: Palm Sunday - Year A (p.189).
- **1st** - Isaiah 50:4-7
- **Psalm** - 21
- **2nd** - Philippians 2:6-11
- **Gospel** - Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

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 22ND MARCH 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT- YEAR A

GIVE ME JUSTICE, O GOD,
AND PLEAD MY CAUSE AGAINST A NATION THAT IS FAITHLESS.
FROM THE DECEITFUL AND CUNNING RESCUE ME,
FOR YOU, O GOD, ARE MY STRENGTH.

RESURRECTION AND LIFE

The central affirmation of today's gospel narrative comes when Jesus tells Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life' (11:25). This is the climax of several identity-statements Jesus makes about himself: 'I am the bread of life' (6:35); '. . . the light of the world' (9:5); '. . . the good shepherd' (10:11); '. . . the way, the truth, and the life' (14:6); '. . . the vine' (15:5). Jesus also asserts simply 'I AM' (8:58; 13:19), thus echoing God's self-revelation to Moses in the burning bush, 'I AM WHO AM' (Exodus 3:14); this reinforces Jesus' claim that 'The Father and I are one' (John 10:30).

The statement 'I am the resurrection and the life' is especially significant in John's gospel. John is selective in reporting the miracles ('signs') of Jesus: he recounts only seven. In this carefully chosen series, the raising of Lazarus is the final and, therefore, climactic sign. Earlier in this gospel Jesus taught that he has power to give life: 'just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes' (5:21; see also 3:15-16; 5:24; 6:40; 10:10). In raising Lazarus Jesus demonstrates that he indeed raises the dead and gives life.

The resurrection and the life' have a present and future focus. Jesus is the source of life now for believers; he means this in not only a spiritual sense, for Lazarus indeed finds actual life in Jesus. But as wondrous as is the raising of Lazarus, it is merely resuscitation for he will die again. For this reason, Jesus makes the even more astounding claim: he is the resurrection. By this he signifies that he will raise all who believe from death to eternal life - a life that does not end. Yet life now and life to come are not easily distinguished: each is an aspect of the other, as is evident when Jesus tells disciples, 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day' (6:54). Jesus is both life (here and now) and eternal life (here after).

In our eucharist today we thank God for the gift of life. We thank God not simply for the eternal life we hope to enjoy after death, but for the eternal life we hope to enjoy while we live. We thank God, who is full of mercy and redemption, for us even when we sin. We thank God for the Spirit who gives us life. We thank God for the broken body and the spilt blood of the Lord, who gives us life. We thank God that the sin of death is transformed into the grace of life. As we thank God today, we commit ourselves once again in these remaining days of Lent to being those who believe in life by the way we live today.

God's hour of mercy is near, do not be left out!
Fr Lucius

Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2026

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

Wednesday 18th February- Ash Wednesday - Mass 8am - St Mary's

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration).

Sacred Heart, Tiaro: Sunday 8th March - After 10 am Mass

St Mary's: Friday 13th March - 5.30 pm

Mass Timings

Saturday 28th March-	**Vigil for Passion**	**6 pm**	**St Mary's**
Sunday 29th March -	**Passion Sunday**	**8 am**	**St Mary's**
		10 am	**Tiaro**
Thursday 2nd April -	**Lord's Supper**	**7 pm**	**St Mary's**
Friday 3rd April -	**Stations of the Cross**	**10 am**	**St Mary's**
	Solemn Liturgy	**3 pm**	**St Mary's**
Saturday 4th April-	**Holy Saturday Vigil-**	**6 pm**	**St Mary's**
Sunday 5th April -	**Easter Sunday**	**8 am**	**St Mary's**
		10 am	**Tiaro**

NOTE:

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 5.15pm at St Mary's.

Roster for Holy Week:

We kindly request that you review the Holy Week roster, which is currently available at the church near the Piety Stall. Your participation would be valued, and we encourage you to add your name to assist us in completing the roster for these important events.

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.

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers.

Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.
Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfil your holy will and
make all things new.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Choir Practice

for Easter masses will be-

- For Easter Thursday and Saturday vigil
  - ⇒After mass Saturday 21 March
  - ⇒4 pm Friday 27 March
- For Good Friday
  - ⇒after mass Sunday 29 March
- There may also be a practice at 4 pm Tuesday 31 March if necessary.

Entrance: Ashes

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures, we offer you attempts,
The gifts not fully given, the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction, give our vision wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes, let healing come to pain,
Though spring has turned to winter and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing, and create the world anew
From an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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Psalm Response:

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
You who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons.
Refrain:
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. R./

Unless you eat
Of the Flesh of the Son of Man.
And drink of His Blood
And drink of His Blood
You shall not have life within you. 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: See His Hands

See his hands, see the cruel marks of bitterness and shame.
See his hands reaching out to take the whole world's pain.
O, see his hands,
O, see his wounds,
O, see his hands reaching out to the world.

Feel his hands, feel his touch upon your tear stained face.
Feel his hands gently lifting you to beauty and grace.
O, feel his hands,
O, feel his wounds,
O, feel his hands reaching out to your pain.

Take his hands in your own, touch those precious scars.
Take the love from his wounds: heal your wounded heart.
O, take his hands,
O, touch his wounds,
O feel his love flowing into your heart.

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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: Ian Rattray, Dawn Candida, Janet Jackson, John Grabbe.

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