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NEWSLETTER 22ND FEBRUARY 2026
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT- YEAR A

WHEN HE CALLS ON ME, I WILL ANSWER HIM;
I WILL DELIVER HIM AND GIVE HIM GLORY,
I WILL GRANT HIM LENGTH OF DAYS.

This Week's Mass Schedule

25/02/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
	Chelsea	10:00am
26/02/2026	Thursday	12:00pm
27/02/2026	Friday	9:15am
28/02/2026	Saturday	6:00pm
01/03/2026	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

First Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.163 - in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
- Psalm - Ps 50 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Romans 5:12, 17-19
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11

Next weekend: Second Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.168).

- 1st - Genesis 12:1-4
- Psalm - 32
- 2nd - 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

*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**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ to Calvary. As a journey that will last for about 40 days, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life and thus equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, forgiveness, salvation, and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our fathers in faith. Through our participation this Lent God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

This season, therefore, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil, but failed, so will the devil not succeed with us too if we do not give him any opportunity in our lives. In Matthew's gospel, the temptations set the scene for the ongoing struggle between Jesus and Satan and between the kingdom of heaven and 'the kingdoms of this world. May the Holy Spirit guide us to make the right choice this Holy season.

Above all, dear brothers, and sisters, we must allow the Holy Spirit to oversee our lives by being docile to Him. Because trusting in the arm of our own flesh will not help us this season. Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Let our father, who sees everything that is done in secret reward all our good deeds during this Holy season of Lent.

Wishing you all a spiritually refreshing Lenten Season!
Fr Lucius



Stations of the Cross will be observed each Friday during Lent at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's. All are warmly invited to join as we quietly reflect together on Jesus' journey to Calvary, finding meaning and connection during the Lenten season.



Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2026

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

World Day of Prayer 2026

A service for everyone!



Theme

"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
 Matthew 11:28-30

Friday 6 March

St Paul's Anglican Church— 10:00 am
 (Corner of Lennox & Ellena St)
 Please bring a plate of food for refreshments afterwards.

(The World Day of Prayer is a global event led by Christian women from various traditions, held annually on the first Friday in March. Each year focuses on a different country and theme, promoting prayer and action for peace and justice. This year, the service features stories from Nigerian women and girls with the theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come.")

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We extend our congratulations to all candidates who have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We also express our gratitude to Fr. Lucius and the Sacramental Team for their dedicated efforts in preparing the candidates for this important Sacrament.



Roster for Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum:

The roster for the Palm Sunday Passion Reading and Triduum is now available at the church near the Piety Stall.

We warmly invite you to consider adding your name, as your participation would be greatly appreciated in helping us complete the roster for these special occasions.

Kindly remember not to enter another person's name unless you have their consent — thank you for your thoughtfulness and cooperation.

EUCHARIST28

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ.

Amen.



<https://www.eucharist28.org/>

ENTRANCE: HOSEA

Come back to me with all your heart.
 Don't let fear keep us apart.
 Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
 So must we to others call.

Refrain: *Long have I waited for your coming
 Home to me and living
 Deeply our new life.*

The wilderness will lead you
 To your heart where I will speak.
 Integrity and justice with tenderness
 You shall know. R./

You shall sleep secure with peace;
 Faithfulness will be your joy. R./

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus,
 Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain: *Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Come to Me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 Trust in Me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life,
 The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
 But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,
 And I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread,
 Will live for ever.

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THANKSGIVING: 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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RECESSIONAL: 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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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, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Doris Fernandez and Gloria Gray.

Anniversary of Death: Sally D'cruz, Jerome Parker and John Charles Hunt.