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This Week's Mass Schedule

03/12/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
04/12/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
05/12/2025	**Friday**	**9:15am**
Maryborough Community Aged Care		**1:00pm**
06/12/2025	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
07/12/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

First Sunday of Advent - Year A (p.102) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Psalm** - Ps 121 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 13:11-14
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 24:37-44

Next weekend: Second Sunday of Advent - Year A (p.106).
- **1st** - Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Psalm** - 71
- **2nd** - Romans 15:4-9
- **Gospel** - Matthew 3:1-12

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 30TH NOVEMBER 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, O MY GOD.
IN YOU, I HAVE TRUSTED; LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.
NOR LET MY ENEMIES EXULT OVER ME;
AND LET NONE WHO HOPE IN YOU BE PUT TO SHAME.

STAY AWAKE!

With the First Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. The Church invites us to wake from spiritual sleep and turn our hearts once more toward the coming of the Lord. Advent begins not with sentimentality, but with urgency and promise, a call to live alert, attentive, and ready for the dawn of God's peace.

Isaiah offers a radiant vision: all nations streaming toward the mountain of the Lord, seeking the ways of peace. Swords are beaten into ploughshares, and weapons become tools for cultivating life. This is the hope that shapes the Christian imagination, the transformation of a wounded world through divine mercy and human cooperation.

St Paul echoes the same invitation: "It is time to wake from sleep." Salvation is nearer than when we first believed. To live in Christ is to put aside the works of darkness and to clothe ourselves with the light of the Lord Jesus, letting our lives bear witness to the coming Kingdom even now.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour. The point is not fear but vigilance born of love. Like a household preparing for an honoured guest, we stay awake not out of anxiety but out of longing. God's coming is not intrusion but fulfilment, the arrival of the One for whom our hearts were made.

Advent calls us to a hopeful attentiveness, to notice signs of God's presence already at work, and to prepare room for the Lord who comes continually into our lives. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we begin again to walk in the light of the Lord, learning his ways and walking in his paths of peace.

Come, Lord Jesus
Fr Lucius

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Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Appeal will be on the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December.

There will be a retiring collection after each Mass. Parishioners support will be very much appreciated.

This is also an occasion for our Parish to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible work the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers do.

Advent & Christmas

- **With Children:** https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-children/
- **An Advent Story:** https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/an-advent-story/
- **Preparing for Advent at home:** https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/preparing-for-advent-at-home.html
- **Who is St. Nicholas?** https://www.stnicholascenter.org/
- **An abundant Christmas:** https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/an-abundant-christmas.html

God's Word 2026

The God's Word Daily Reflection 2026 is now available for purchase at the Piety Stall for $17. This publication provides the daily liturgical readings along with a reflection on the Gospel for each day and information on Feasts and Solemnities.

Roster for Christmas: **We kindly request the Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans to have a look into the list available near the Piety Stall and support to complete the roster for Christmas Masses.**

Piety Stall

- **God's Word 2025 is now selling for $17.**
- **Christmas Cards are now available and some cards on discount sale.**

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2025

⇒Carols: 6:30pm 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.

Ordination Anniversary

Thanking God for Fr. Lucius Edomobi's 13 years of service as a Catholic Priest within the Archdiocese of Brisbane and beyond. The Ordination Anniversary is on December 7th.

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the main entrances. All the offerings that we receive through Christmas Offerings this year will be set aside to obtain new robes for Altar Servers.

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.

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for next months (December, January and February) which is available in the Church now.

The Garage Sale @ St Mary's Church

Maryborough 269 Adelaide Street

Thursday 18th December 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: Prepare the Way

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Refrain:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see His face;
Prepare the way of the Lord.

He's the lamb of God and you must follow Him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For He has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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Psalm Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Bread Broken, Wine Shared

Refrain:
Bread broken, wine shared;
Jesus, here, Taking our lives, opening our hearts,
Making us whole, setting our loving free.

Take all our dreams, all that we are,
All we could ever be.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We take bread and eat.

Open our minds, open our hearts,
Let love set us free within.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We pour wine and drink.

Make us alive, filled with Your hope,
Living what's really true.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours,
We know this is You.

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Thanksgiving: Advent Chant

Twilight, then darkness, night falls and candles glow.
Gently surrounding us, a new birth of hope.
Watching, waiting, awak'ning a new birth of hope. (repeat)

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Recessional: Joyful in Hope

Joyful in hope, Your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
We believe, Lord, You are near,
In the smile and open heart of a friend.

Joyful in hope, Your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
There's sunshine after rain,
There's laughter after pain,
And I am with you always, so rise again.

Mary, so open to the Lord,
When you answered, "Yes,"
Our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand,
In trust you took his hand.
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

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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: Thomas Shambrook, Loreta Hall and Ross Keys.

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