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ROSTER	Sat 31 Jan.	Sun 1 Feb.	Sun 7 Feb.	Sun 8 Feb.
Welcomer	Beverley	Gerard	Warren	Anne
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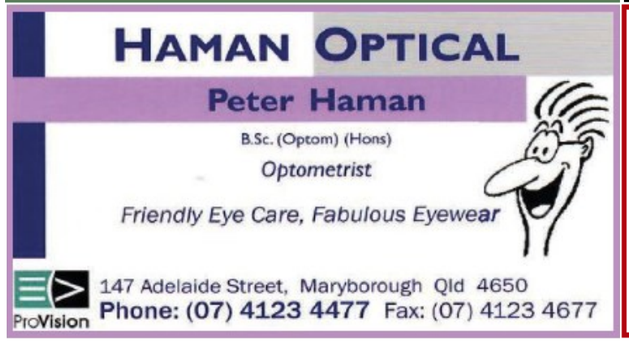
2nd Reader:	Ron	Eris	Steve	Pat
Communion	Marion Judy	Anne Con	Wayne Judy	Remy Cris
Servers	Aaliyah Frances Euginia	Elisse Pius	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte Isabella	Xavier Rafel Felix
Musicians	Bong	Robyn	Robyn	Justin
Singers	Children's Choir	Men	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Carmel	David Rebecca	Carmel	David Rebecca
Morning Tea				Perry
Floral Arrgmt	Sue Flavel and Jennifer Williams			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

04/02/2025 **Wednesday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **8:00am**

05/02/2026 **Thursday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **12:00pm**

06/02/2026 **Friday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

07/02/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

08/02/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A (p.375) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
- **Psalm** - Ps 145 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 31
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 5:1-12

Next weekend: 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A (p.375).
- **1st** - Isaiah 58:7-10
- **Psalm** - 111
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- **Gospel** - Matthew 5:13-16

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 1st February 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

"Happy are the poor in spirit"

The Beatitudes form the foundation of the teaching of Jesus and are proclaimed as the way of redemption for all people. Matthew presents this early on in his Gospel in order to build upon the significance of the Beatitudes, which are at the heart of Jesus's preaching. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises made to Abraham and Sarah, and their descendants (see CCC, number 1716). At the core of the Beatitudes is Jesus's response to the deep human desire for happiness, a longing placed in our hearts by God, who is the only one who can fulfill it. (Jesus, in his teaching, continuously provides for us the understanding of true happiness that is gained only when one depends completely on God. As our Creator, God has always wanted us to be happy. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us advice in how to reach that goal in our lives. The Beatitudes are a way of life, or a vocation, that brings those who live in this way into the Kingdom of heaven.

The Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes, which are an announcement of a new order. In this new construct, God's love and justice are victorious over evil. Jesus wants his followers to know that God will make his presence known, and if they are beatitude people, they will be Kingdom people. The Kingdom of God is coming to those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are meek, those who have a hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are merciful, those who are pure in heart, those who are peacemakers, and those who are persecuted because of Jesus's perspective of justice.

The second reading for this Sunday, from Zephaniah (2:3; 3:12–13), summarizes what Jesus is asking of his followers, then and now: to seek righteousness and humility. In the Beatitudes, Jesus explains concretely what it means to be righteous and humble. Matthew tells us that when God is at the center of our lives, happiness can come to anyone—even the marginalized, the poor, and the oppressed. In the Kingdom of God, the characteristics that are held up as blessed are meekness, mourning, righteousness, showing mercy, and suffering in pursuit of justice. We expect that happiness belongs to those who are successful in life. We often look for security in economic and social status, in a comfortable bank account, and in having the "right" friends. The Beatitudes are countercultural, for it is in what is weak and despised that redemption comes forth.

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The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus began to speak to the crowds.
This is what he taught them:

'**How happy** are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'**Happy** are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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St Mary's Parish
MARYBOROUGH

Do you desire to leave a legacy to the Church as a way of thanking God for the gifts you've been given in your lifetime? Once you've cared for your loved ones, please consider a gift in your Will to sustain the sacramental life of our parish at St Mary's, Maryborough.

A gift in your Will can make a meaningful difference and personally advance the good works of the Church in this community for generations to come.

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Eternal Guardians of our faith

The late Patricia Schmidt, Eternal Guardian and St Mary's parishioner

"Helping my parish community and our retired priests has always been an important part of my faith"

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Catholic Social Teachings

Catholic Social Teachings guide the way we live out our faith in the community.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Printed copies of the roster for February, March, April, and May are available at the church for those who require a hard copy.

Thank You

Thank you to Father Lucius, Felicity, the Choir, ladies in the kitchen, who served morning tea, Ross Funerals, and any others who helped in any ways with Thomas' funeral.

Elaine Shambrook & Family

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

If you are interested in ordering a niche or plaque for yourself or for your dear ones, please contact the parish office.
Brochure is available at the Parish Website - https://www.stmarysparishmaryborough.com/uploads/1/3/8/6/138621922/columbarium_brochure.pdf

Entrance: The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called God's children.

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Psalm Response:

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Love Calls Me Back

Come to my table, taste of my Word
Bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing. Bring in the pain.
Bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story no-one's ever heard,
The times on the road you were scared,
Bring me the gifts no-one wanted to share.
Let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you that can't taste my Word.
There's nowhere our spirit can't fly!
I've laughed in the dancing and cried in the pain.
I've loved the whole of your journey.

I've lived in the desert where hearts have run dry.
I've loved in the gaol of your pain.
I live in the poor and I give you my name.
I live the whole of your journey.

Remember my arms open wide on the tree.
Remember the tears in my eyes.
Remember the wonder when death fell away
And love called you back to the journey.

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Thanksgiving: I'll Be Always Loving You

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

Refrain:
Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. R/-

Bridge:
I will be your God your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. R/-

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Recessional: Let Heaven Rejoice

Refrain:
Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
"Hosanna to our king."

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
The glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in ev'ry land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
He will come again.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: 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: Gloria Gray, Rita Sempf, Doris Fernandez, Sebastian Manjooran, Agustin Frivaldo Jnr, Lisa Baker, Gerald Silvester and Dawn Clancy.

Anniversary of Death: Edward James Rooney.