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NEWSLETTER 11TH MAY 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF THE LORD FILLS THE EARTH;
BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE MADE, ALLELUIA .

This Week's Mass Schedule

14/05/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
15/05/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
16/05/2025	Friday	09:15am
17/05/2025	Saturday	06:00pm
18/05/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
4th Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.798 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 13:14, 43-52
- Psalm - Ps 99 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Revelation 7:9, 14-17
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 10:14

Next weekend: 5th Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.802).

- 1st - Acts 14:21-27
- Psalm - Ps 144
- 2nd - Revelation 21:1-5
- Gospel - John 13:31-35

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**

SHEPHERDS AND MOTHERS

The title "shepherd" in the Hebrew Bible refers primarily to God who shepherds His people. This is brought out in Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd" (responsorial psalm). Here God is portrayed as a faithful and good shepherd who leads the flock into well-being and abundance ("green pastures") and keeps them safe from every danger, such that they lack nothing and fear no evil even as they are surrounded by their foes.

Kings, as God's anointed, were also referred to as shepherds. But some of them only got the title and not the qualities of a shepherd. Instead of feeding the sheep entrusted to their care they fed on them. And so, God raised up prophets like Ezekiel to denounce such shepherds, by that, God differentiates between an ordinary shepherd and a Good shepherd. Before Jesus left the world, he commissioned Peter to feed his lambs and tend his sheep (John 21:15-16). The work of shepherding God's flocks is an ongoing task that is entrusted to the church and to each and every one of us, with Peter as head.

As we continue to face enormous challenges in our world today, may we never lose sight of Jesus, the Good Shepherd per-excellence, whose entire earthly ministry was one of service and care for others. At these uncertain times, we may have to ask ourselves some questions; How am I responding to the needs of others who are in much greater need? How am I helping the church in her mission to spread the good news of the Resurrected Jesus? For me to be a Good shepherd, I must be a faithful servant of God's flock. Remember it's only those sheep who follow the guidance of the shepherd could ever hope to arrive at the green pastures or be safe from the ravenous wolves.

Finally, dear sisters and brothers, how could we participate more closely in the work of shepherding God's flock? Especially as mothers, bishops, priests, Politicians etc., as well as parishioners - all of us are called to participate in various ways of shepherding God's flock, to become better shepherds in our various families- reaching out with understanding and compassion to the weak and misguided dropouts of church and society, so that through us they may find their way back to Jesus the true gate, who says "Anyone who enters through me will be safe: she/he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pastures" My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. (John:10) Let us pray for all Christian mothers, that they may learn from Jesus the Good shepherd, who came to serve and not to be served.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Jubilee Mass

Jubilee of Families, Children,
Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday June 1 2025 - 10 am at St. Mary's
Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"



This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

(On Sunday June 1 2025 there will be no 8 am Mass at St. Mary's and there will be no 10 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Tiaro)

Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day



Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day is celebrated on May 13th, the first day in 1917 on which the Blessed Mother appeared to the three shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal.

We will have a Mass at 11am on Tuesday 13th May at St. Mary's to mark this day.



Year of Jubilee 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"

**BLESSED AND HAPPY
MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL MOTHERS**



A Prayer for Mother's Day

"All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen."

**World Day
of Prayer
for Vocations** "Pray the Lord
of the harvest
to send out
labourers into
His harvest."

11 MAY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



(MT 9 :38)

Garage SALE

The Church Fundraising Group is working towards a Garage Sale event for fundraising for Church Maintenance. All are welcome to contribute books or other materials for this event. Please contact the Church Fundraising Group or the Parish Office.

Church Maintenance

Fundraising for Church Maintenance: Should you feel you can help, the church account details for online donations are:

Account name: St. Mary's Parish
BSB: 064786
Account number: 100026161

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ENTRANCE: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain:

Like a shepherd He feeds His flock
And gathers the lambs in His arms,
Holding them carefully close to His heart,
Leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:

'Prepare the way of the Lord.'

Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:
'Jerusalem, here is your God.' R./

I Myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest. R./

Come unto Me
If you are heavily burdened,
And take My yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest. R./

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION:

UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Refrain:

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the
ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.**

If we have died with Him then we shall live with Him,

If we hold firm we shall reign with Him. R./

If any one serves Me then they must follow Me;
Wherever I am My servants will be. R./

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;
Those who remain in Me bear much fruit. R./

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you;
Then you will be My disciples. R./

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THANKSGIVING:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet Him there,
To lay myself down in His love.
The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders He's given to me.

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RECESSIONAL:

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain:

All the ends of the earth,
All you creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord,
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders He has done in every age. R./

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in His might;
Every heart every nation call Him Lord. R./

The Lord has made His salvation known,
Faithful to His promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
Let the sea and all it holds,
Make music before our King! R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Leo G. Amar, Erin Mallet, Annemarie Lyons, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Warren Mernin-Meath and Norman Winn.

Anniversary of Death: Wally Redivo, Tonino Pavarazzi, Margaret Hogan, Philip Bertram, Juanito Garlitos, Margaret Twomey, Allan Schmidt and Elwyn Baxter.