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NEWSLETTER 1ST MARCH 2026
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT- YEAR A

OF YOU MY HEART HAS SPOKEN: SEEK HIS FACE.
IT IS YOUR FACE, O LORD, THAT I SEEK;
HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME.

This Week's Mass Schedule

04/03/2025 Wednesday 8:00am
05/03/2026 Thursday 12:00pm
06/03/2026 Friday 9:15am
Maryborough Community Aged Care 1:00pm
07/03/2026 Saturday 6:00pm
08/03/2026 Sunday
Maryborough 8:00am
Tiario 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.168- in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Genesis 12:1-4
- Psalm - Ps 32 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Next weekend: Third Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.171).

- 1st - Exodus 17:3-7
- Psalm - 94
- 2nd - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- Gospel - John 4:5 - 42

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**

CHRIST'S GLORY IS OUR HOPE

Twins, a sister and brother were talking to each other in the womb. The little sister said to the little brother, 'I believe that there is life after birth!' Her brother protested: 'No, no, this is all there is. This is a dark and cozy place, and we have nothing else to do but to cling on to the cord that feeds us.' But the little girl insisted: 'There must be something more than this dark place, there must be something else where there is light and freedom to move.' Still, she could not convince her twin brother. Then...after some silence, she said hesitantly: 'I have something else to say, and I am afraid you won't believe that either, but I think there is a mother!' Her little brother now became furious: 'A mother, a mother, what are you talking about? I have never seen a mother and neither have you. Who put that idea in your head? As I told you, this place is all we have so let's be content.'

The little sister finally said: 'Don't you feel this pressure sometimes? It's unpleasant and sometimes even painful.' 'Yes,' he answered, 'what's special about that?' 'Well,' the sister said, 'I think this pressure is there to get us ready for another place, much more beautiful than this, where we will see our mother face to face! Don't you think that's exciting!'

In this story the twin brother did not believe there was anything beyond what he could see and hear and touch while his twin sister believed there was a life beyond what she could see and hear and touch. Like the girl in the womb who could not see her mother, we too believe that eternal life follows this life and that there is more to this life than we can see and hear and touch.

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye. During the transfiguration they got a glimpse of the future glory of Jesus' resurrection. Like them we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now.

We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, in a nice Rose flower around us or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a chord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives.

Dear Friends, we get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. So, in the spirit of Lent, let us listen to God; let us go to the mountain to encounter and to behold his glory.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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.

FROM
DARKNESS
TO LIGHT

A Regional Lenten Retreat

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026

10am-4pm, St Peter's Church,

17 Victoria St, Biggenden

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.

For more information and to register scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/ChildersRR26 before **1 March 2026**



Newsletter Sponsorship

We are currently seeking to renew our Newsletter Sponsorship. If you wish to advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

We extend our sincere thanks to those businesses that have already confirmed their ongoing financial support of the newsletter. Your continued contributions are greatly appreciated.

We also encourage parishioners to support these businesses in return and to consider them whenever you need services they provide.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION



- **On Sunday, 1 March 2026**, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction will follow the Sunday Mass. Our parish will participate in nationwide prayers as the church initiates a new stage of spiritual preparation for the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney.
- **Every first Thursday** at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

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.

Envelopes for supporting **Caritas Australia** is available at the main church entrances during the Lenten season.

Those wishing to contribute are invited to place their envelope on the collection plate. Your generosity is greatly valued and significantly contributes to the ongoing efforts of Caritas Australia.

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Unite Against Poverty this Lent

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:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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

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: 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: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert

But you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety

Though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands

And all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

***Antiphon: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames

You shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the pow'r of hell

And death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor

For the kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn

For one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked tongues insult and hate you

All because of me,

Blessed, blessed are 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.

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

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

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