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This Week's Mass Schedule

10/12/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
11/12/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
12/12/2025	**Friday**	**9:15am**
13/12/2025	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
14/12/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A (p.106) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Psalm** - Ps 71 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 15:4-9
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 3:1-12

Next weekend: Third Sunday of Advent - Year A (p.111).
- **1st** - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
- **Psalm** - 145
- **2nd** - James 5:7-10
- **Gospel** - Matthew 11:2-11

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 7TH DECEMBER 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

O PEOPLE OF SION, BEHOLD,
THE LORD WILL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS,
AND THE LORD WILL MAKE THE GLORY OF HIS VOICE HEARD
IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEART.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

In Matthew's gospel today, we see the prophecy of Isaiah ushering in John the Baptist in the desert, who calls out to the people of Judea and all of us, to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: come out into the open desert and let God find them. A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. To go into the desert simply means going out of our comfort zones, to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend. Such life props we often find in our jobs, in relationships and in routine religious practices.

Dear friends, God cannot do much with us, so long as we hope and trust in these passing things as though they give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We have first to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go, according to John, is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert where we encounter God's divine mercy and forgiveness.

Therefore, on this second week of Advent, we pray that God grants us the discernment to use this moment of grace to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and our hearts are restless till they rest in God. When we realize this and make room for God in our lives, then we are on the way to true repentance after the example of John the Baptist.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, during this Holy season of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, let us remember that repentance simply means turning away from our old safe and putting on a new one. Therefore, our role towards the mission of Christ is not different from that of John the Baptist, like him, each one of us has been called to true repentance and to communicate the message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others, so that none of us will be left out at the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Come, Lord Jesus!
Fr Lucius

The Magnificat

Luke 1 46 -55

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

⇒**Carols**: 7:45am followed by

⇒**Mass**: 8am St. Mary's.

⇒**Mass**: 10am Sacred Heart, Tiaro.

RCIA - 2026
-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-

We are pleased to announce the schedule for RCIA 2026 - a comprehensive formation program designed to convey the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office to obtain an enrolment form.

- **Session 1**: Saturday 20th December 2025: 5-6pm.
- **Session 2**: Saturday 31st January 2026: 5-6pm.
- **Session 3**: Saturday 14th February 2026: 5-6pm.
- **Session 4**: Saturday 28th February 2026: 5-6pm.
- **Session 5**: Saturday 14th March 2026: 5-6pm.
- **Session 6**: Saturday 28th March 2026: 5-6pm.

Celebration: Saturday 4th April 2026 - Easter Vigil Mass - 6pm.

school savvy centacare

Supporting local families to get their kids back to school

Centacare's School Savvy initiative unites communities to give children the best start to their school year. By donating preloved uniforms, school supplies or funds, we can help ease the financial burden on families. Together, we can ensure children feel included, confident and ready to learn.

Coming to Maryborough in January 2026, the School Savvy pop-up shop will be stocked with affordable uniforms and essential school items.

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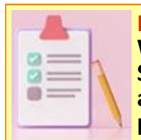

Roster for Christmas: We kindly request the Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans to have a look into the list available near the Piety Stall and support to complete the roster for Christmas Masses.

Piety Stall

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

Christmas 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.

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:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

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: Patrick Berrell, Terry Walsh, Leo & Ellen Clancy and Arthur & Eileen Walker, Brian Lunn, John Hill, Anne Neill, Barry Massingham, Gavin McPherson and Cecil Russell.