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This Week's Mass Schedule

15/04/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
16/04/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
17/04/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
18/04/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
19/04/2026	**Easter Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A
(p.311- in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 2:42-47
- **Psalm** - Ps 117 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 20:19-31

Next weekend: Third Sunday of Easter - Year A (p.316).
- **1st** - Acts 2:14, 22-33
- **Psalm** - 15
- **2nd** - 1 Peter 1:17-21
- **Gospel** - Luke 24:13-35

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 12TH APRIL 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

LIKE NEWBORN INFANTS,
YOU MUST LONG FOR THE PURE, SPIRITUAL MILK,
THAT IN HIM YOU MAY GROW TO SALVATION, ALLELUIA.

"MY LORD AND MY GOD"

An elderly Priest looks over his large congregation on Easter morning and startles them with this announcement: "My friends, realizing that I will not see many of you until next Easter, may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!"

Why are many well-meaning Catholics so uncommitted to attending regular Sunday masses? The answer could be given in one word: doubt or crisis of faith. People today, like people of all times, do have a hunger for God. They are searching for the meaning of life. But they doubt whether the answer to these existential questions can be found within the four walls of the church. For this reason, they are more disposed to spend time in social action, in work, and in intellectual pursuit rather than in church worship. Today's gospel gives us an example of a man who felt exactly like that. His name is Thomas.

Thomas was absent from mass when Jesus appeared to his disciples. But being a wise man, Thomas resolves never again to miss the Sunday gathering of believers. And when Jesus reappeared to them, this time Thomas had his own share of the resurrection experience. Immediately his doubt changed into faith, and he fell and worshiped, saying, **"My Lord and my God!"**.

Now let us ask ourselves, what if Thomas had stayed away from church saying, "Prove it to me that Jesus is risen and then I will come," would it be possible to prove it to him by arguments alone? Sometimes the best argument you can give to someone out there who is in doubt and does not believe is a sentence in three words: "Come and see."

This is reinforced by the words of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed' (20:29). According to the Evangelist, readers 'who have not seen' cannot be like Thomas who saw Jesus; but they (and we!) can be like Thomas by believing. Though the way in which people come to believe may be different, the belief is always the same: Jesus is 'Lord and God.

Therefore, my dear sisters and brothers, come, let the risen Lord who is always present in the **word** and **sacrament** encounter you and speak to you, and you will doubt no more but believe.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

AED Familiarisation Event

We are currently undertaking the vital task of equipping both the Church and Parish Hall with Automated External Defibrillators (AED) along with First Aid kits, aiming to enhance the safety and well-being of our community.

An AED familiarisation and education session will be held on Sunday, 19th April, following Mass.

We invite interested parishioners to consider attending this session. Your involvement is greatly valued, whether you wish to learn for the first time or refresh your skills. Together, we can ensure that our community is prepared to respond confidently and compassionately in times of need. Thank you for considering this important opportunity.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jacob, Jayden, Danielle, Monica, Leona, Elleyce and Josephine on completing The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)! After devotedly participating in preparatory sessions, they were warmly welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil Mass. Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who offered encouragement and support along their journey. Let us celebrate these new members and continue to lift them up in our prayers, that their faith may flourish with enduring strength and joy.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

The Sacrament of Confirmation is open for all who are Baptised and in grade 3, 8 years and above

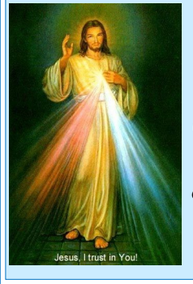
Session Times

- **Session 1 & Parent Information Meeting**
  Saturday 16th May 5pm at St. Mary's.
- **Session 2**
  Saturday 23rd May 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 3**
  Saturday 30th May 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 4**
  Saturday 6th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 5**
  Saturday 13th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **Session 6** **(Practice night)**
  Saturday 20th June 5pm at St. Mary's
- **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**
  Sunday 21st June 8am - St. Mary's
  (Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).

All sessions will be followed by 6pm Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



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Entrance:
This Day was Made by the Lord

Refrain:
This day was made by the Lord,
Let us rejoice, let us be glad!
This day was made by the Lord,
Let us rejoice in salvation.

I thank You, Your love is eternal.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

Your Hand raised me up in triumph.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

The stone which the builders rejected
Is the cornerstone.
Is the cornerstone.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

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Psalm Response:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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: Give Thanks

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *(Repeat)*

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong' ,
Let the poor say, 'I am rich' ,
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(Repeat)*
Give thanks.

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Recessional: We Walk By Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands or side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found.

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are
In full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, an not by sight:
No gracious words we hear of him
Who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

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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, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Marie Wain and Ian Rattray.

Anniversary of Death: Eileen Hogan, Margaret Lyons, Richard Hogan, Con & Jean Deere, Brian Deere, Peter Pham and Joseph Nguyen.