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**NEWSLETTER 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Easter - Year C**

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

**This Week's Mass Schedule**

30/04/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
01/05/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
02/05/2025	Friday	09:15am
	Maryborough Community Aged Care	1:00pm
03/05/2025	Saturday	06:00pm
06/05/2025	Sunday	8:00am
	Maryborough Tiaro	10:00am

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm**

**READINGS**

**2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.789 in St Pauls Missal)**

- 1st - Acts 5:12-16
- Psalm - Ps 117 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 20:19-31

**Next weekend: 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.789).**

- 1st - Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
- Psalm - Ps 29
- 2nd - Revelation 5:11-14
- Gospel - John 21:1-14

*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

**"My Lord and my God"**

The Gospel begins by giving us information about the day and time of Jesus's appearance. The day is the first Easter Sunday and the time is evening. So much has happened already, from the discovery of the empty tomb to the appearance of the risen Jesus to Mary Magdalene. The disciples, gathered together out of fear behind locked doors, have received Mary's report of the risen Jesus. They do not know what to believe. Into this fear-filled situation Jesus appears. Jesus has come to dispel the disciples' fear and give them courage to continue his ministry.

After his greeting, John tells us that Jesus "showed them his hands and his side" (20:20). Jesus does this because he wants the disciples to know that the risen Christ is the same person as the crucified Jesus, who was raised up on the cross and pierced by a lance. The disciples rejoice because they realize this truly is the same Jesus they have been following for the past three years. He then commissions the disciples to continue the ministry he began and to bring the peace and joy they experienced on the first Easter night to future generations of frightened disciples. In sharing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the disciples the courage and vision to continue his ministry.

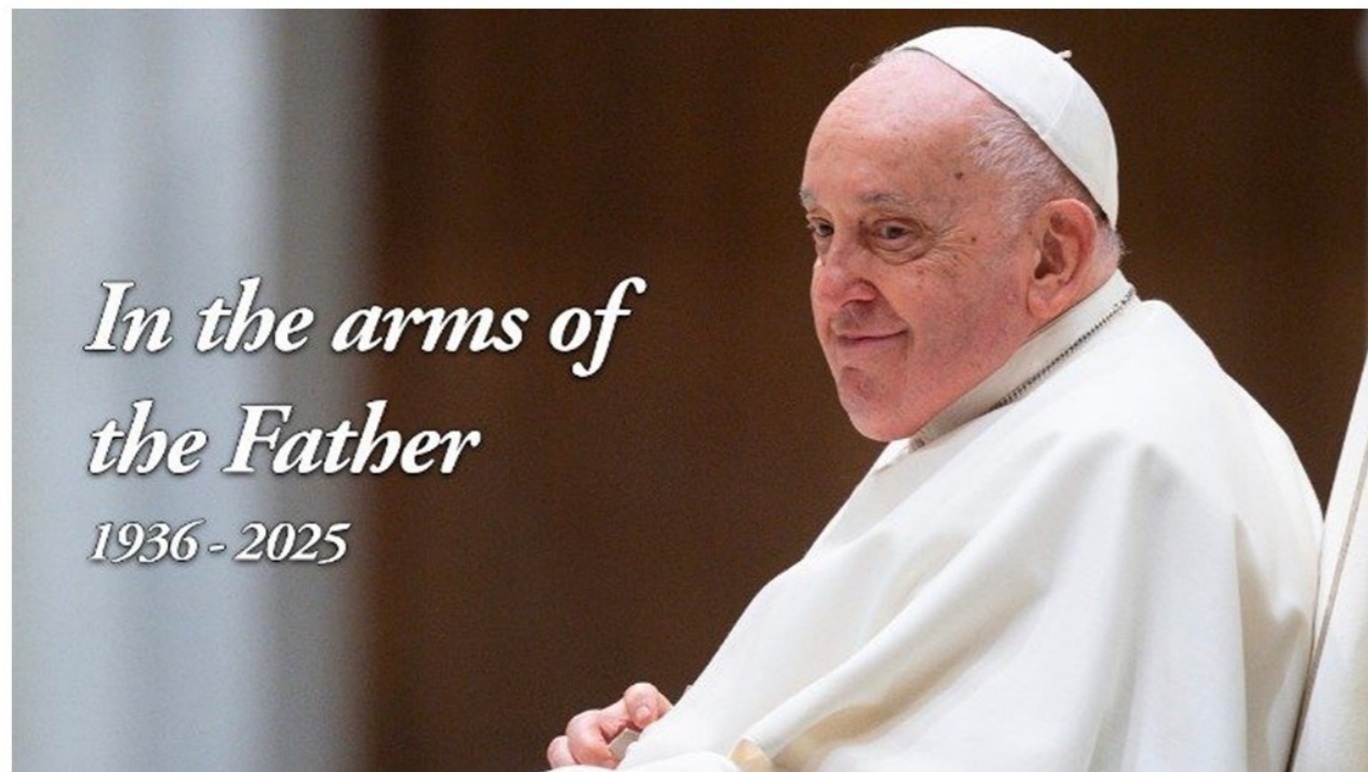
Thomas, one of the twelve, is not present that first Easter evening. Yet Thomas is willing to believe that the crucified Jesus appeared to the disciples only if he can touch Jesus's wounds.

A week later, the disciples again are gathered; this time Thomas is with them. Jesus stands among them and extends the same greeting, "Peace be with you" (20:26). To everyone's surprise Jesus not only accepts Thomas's conditional faith but also challenges him to believe that the risen Jesus is the crucified Jesus. "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe" (20:27), Jesus says to Thomas. Jesus's statement tells us not to put conditions on our willingness to believe that the crucified Jesus is also the risen Jesus. Thomas's response is dramatic: "My Lord and my God" (20:28). Thomas's words are an act of faith. He professes that Jesus is who he says he is—the Son of God.

"My Lord and my God" (John 20:29) is Saint Thomas's profession of faith—a free expression of his recognition of the risen Jesus. The valuable lesson to be learned from Thomas's experience is given to us by Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:7: "We walk by faith, not by sight." Faith is a free gift from God given in freedom by God's initiative with the intention of sharing this gift with others.

We as Church, the community of believers, do this "faith thing" together. Individually, we support and are supported in our faith by the Body of Christ, just as the disciples supported one another on the first Easter, when Jesus appeared in their midst. Jesus guarantees his presence any time a Christian community gathers in his name.





*In the arms of  
the Father*  
1936 - 2025

Pray for Pope Francis  
Rest in Peace

Remembering Pope Francis— Archbishop Mark Coleridge:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/archbishop-mark-coleridge-remembering-pope-francis/>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) 2025**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for those who already received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

**Session Times**

**Session 1**  
Saturday 10th May 5pm at St. Mary's.

**Session 2 & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 17th May 5pm at St. Mary's followed by 6pm Mass.

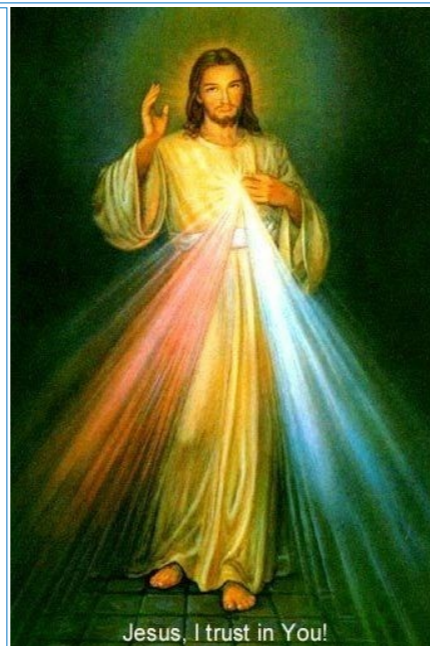
Please contact the Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the enrolment forms.

JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**Year of Jubilee 2025**

**"Pilgrims of Hope"**

**Congratulations** to Lauraine and Anthony who went through The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They went through many preparation sessions and during the Easter Vigil Mass accepted the invitation for reception into full communion. Thank you to each one who supported and continue to support in their journey. Let us continue to pray for those who completed their full initiation into the church, that they may remain steadfast in their faith.



**Church Maintenance**

- Pest control for all buildings in the Church ground including pest inspection and treatment for the Parish Hall was done on 22nd April.
- The insurance assessment was done last week for the recent roof leaking in the Church.
- **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: COME AS YOU ARE**

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven;  
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.  
Rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by My promise,  
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you  
All will be well, just come as you are.

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**PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. 1**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.**

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His Name.**

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**COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION**

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.  
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.  
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.  
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find  
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.  
Food for the journey will answer your need.  
Don't be afraid to walk; love, My love will lead.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.  
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of Mine.  
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.  
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.  
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.

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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:**

**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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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those in ill health:** 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:** Norman Winn and Ester Ceniza.

**Anniversary of Death:** Allan Schmidt, Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel, Eileen and Michael Hogan and Florence Schmidt.