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This Week's Mass Schedule

18/02/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
19/02/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
20/02/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
21/02/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
22/02/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A **(p.383- in St Pauls Missal)**
- **1st** - Sirach 15:15-20
- **Psalm** - Ps 118 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 5:17-37

Next weekend: First Sunday of Lent - Year A **(p.163).**
- **1st** - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
- **Psalm** - 50
- **2nd** - Romans 5:12, 17-19
- **Gospel** - Matthew 4:1-11

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 15th February 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

"Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Today's gospel marks the beginning of a three-part series where Jesus instructs his followers on the way of life. Part One which is heard today, deals with the Law. Jesus says that it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments, but that true virtue requires a deeper, sincere observance. While the Law prohibited killing, Jesus exhorts his listeners not even to become angry.

Not only must adultery be avoided in a physical sense, but mentally as well. Jesus clearly demands more of his followers than strict obedience of rules and regulations. Rather, the aim is that God's law might transform a person's interior disposition and find wholehearted expression in outward action and loving relationship. The interpretation of the law through tradition is thus superseded by the authoritative teaching of Jesus.

The first reading introduces the theme of obedience, and the importance of steadfastly avoiding sin. It emphasises the human power to choose between good and evil, and warns that each person is responsible for the choices they make. This is followed by the responsorial psalm where the entire assembly proclaims, "Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

The demands of Christian discipleship are set out in uncompromising fashion in Matthew's gospel. A thorough conversion of heart and mind is required, such that the purity of a person's inmost thoughts is reflected in the goodness of their outward actions.

Finally, Jesus declares that he has not come to abolish the Law, but requires more than blind outward obedience to the Law. Instead, he demands purity of heart and mind in addition to outward actions.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

The ashes used in this observance come from branches that were blessed on Passion Sunday last year. On this day, we gently enter the season of Lent - a time to reflect, pray, fast, and practice charity over the six weeks before Easter.

- **St. Mary's:** 18th February 8 am Mass
- **Sacred *Heart Church, Tiaro:*** *Parishioners are welcome to receive ashes during Sunday 10 am Mass on 22 February.*

(Individuals who were unable to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass are invited to receive ashes following the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, 22nd February at St. Mary's or during the 10:00 am Mass at Tiaro).

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.

Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2026

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

Wednesday 18th February- Ash Wednesday - Mass 8am - St Mary's

The Second Rite of Reconciliation (Communal Celebration).

Sacred Heart, Tiaro:	**Sunday 8th March**	**-**	**After 10 am Mass**
St Mary's:	**Friday 13th March**	**-**	**5.30 pm**

Mass Timings

Saturday 28th March-	**Vigil for Passion**	**- 6 pm -**	**St Mary's**
Sunday 29th March -	**Passion Sunday**	**- 8 am -**	**St Mary's**
		10 am -	**Tiaro**
Thursday 2nd April -	**Lord's Supper**	**- 7 pm -**	**St Mary's**
Friday 3rd April	**-Stations of the Cross**	**- 10 am -**	**St Mary's**
	Solemn Liturgy	**- 3 pm -**	**St Mary's**
Saturday 4th April-	**Holy Saturday Vigil-**	**6 pm -**	**St Mary's**
Sunday 5th April -	**Easter Sunday**	**- 8 am -**	**St Mary's**
		- 10 am -	**Tiaro**

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.

(The World Day of Prayer is a global event led by Christian women from various traditions, held annually on the first Friday in March. Each year focuses on a different country and theme, promoting prayer and action for peace and justice. This year, the service features stories from Nigerian women and girls with the theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come.")

GARAGE SALE

NEXT GARAGE SALE THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 7AM TO 12PM

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible generosity and support of the Garage Sale. It is truly uplifting to see the community come together, and because of your contributions, we have raised an impressive $4,610 so far. The Garage Sales team is humbled by the collective effort and is thoughtfully exploring, depending on the willingness of our dedicated volunteers, available new volunteers and continued support, whether hosting the sale twice a month would be valuable.

In the lead-up to each monthly sale, we would be most grateful for any help with pricing and setting up. If you can lend a hand, please get in touch with Glenda on 0401307110.

We are also sincerely appreciative of donations of quality books or other suitable items, which can be dropped off at the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday. These gifts are vital for the continued success of the Garage Sale. If you are planning to deliver a large quantity of items, we recommend parking near the garage and kindly ask that you contact the Parish Office to arrange access.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Envelopes for supporting Caritas Australia will be available at the church entrances throughout the Lenten season. If you wish to contribute, please place your envelope on the collection plate. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated and plays a vital role in making a difference through Caritas Australia's initiatives.

ENTRANCE: A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Refrain:
Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through Your word,
Open our eyes to Your call,
United as one for Your world.
Heighten our minds to Your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in Your name
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the Cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is You promising hope, promising truth. R./

Restless, the hearts who yearn for Your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems. R./

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: EYE HAS NOT SEEN

Refrain:
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,
What God has ready for those who love Him;
Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus,
Teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord.
Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within Your peaceful word. R./

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
Yet all our days are in Your hands, so we return in love what love has made. R./

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
Reflected in the faces, of all the poor and lowly of the world. R./

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THANKSGIVING: MICAH'S THEME

Refrain:
Hear, then what [God] asks of you:
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life
And have it to the full. R./

Ask and you shall receive;
Knock and it shall be yours. R./

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RECESSIONAL: CELEBRATE

Refrain:
Celebrate what we have been given,
Celebrate what we have received.
Celebrate the spirit of Jesus , alive
In our hearts.

No longer shall you be people who walk in darkness,
It is the Spirit who draws you into the light. R./

Even the earth cries out.
It longs to receive new life.
It is the Spirit who fills the world with new life. R./

You who are gather'd here share life and love together.
It is the Spirit who calls you out to give. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: 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: Gloria Gray and Rita Sempf.

Anniversary of Death: Jerome Parker and John Charles Hunt.