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This Week's Mass Schedule

28/05/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
29/05/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
30/05/2025	**Friday**	**09:15am**
31/05/2025	**Saturday**	**06:00pm**
01/06/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

Ascension Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.811 in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 1:1-11
- **Psalm** - Ps 46 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 24:46-53

Next weekend: Pentecost Sunday - Year C (p.817).
- **1st** - Acts 2:1-11
- **Psalm** - Ps 104
- **2nd** - Romans 8:8-17
- **Gospel** - John 14:15-16, 23-26

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***

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NEWSLETTER 1ST JUNE 2025
The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year C

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY GAZE IN WONDER AT THE HEAVENS? THIS JESUS WHOM YOU SAW ASCENDING INTO HEAVEN WILL RETURN AS YOU SAW HIM GO, ALLELUIA.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD INTO HEAVEN

On this seventh Sunday of Easter we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven. As a church and the body of Christ, we rejoice because today we celebrate the final victory of Jesus over death and this world.

This is a sign of hope that, as Christ our head defeated Satan and defiled the force of gravity to ascend to the father, we too shall one day overcome all the forces (of sickness, poverty, humiliation, wars, disasters, starvation, hunger, injustice, oppressions, etc.), that try to subdue us in this world. This is certain because the same Holy Spirit that raised and ascended Christ is in us (Rom 8, 11). Thus, Ascension reminds us that we are on a Pilgrim journey and that, rather than this world, heaven is our final destination.

There are two messages of hope for us to take home today: The first is the promise of the **Advocate**: *"…But you will receive the Holy Spirit…and you shall be my witness…to the ends of the earth."* This means that Christ is not leaving us as orphans. Instead, he remains with us through the Holy Spirit *"till the end of time."* Therefore, the ascension of Christ does not mean his absence from us. Rather it means his continuous presence through the Holy Spirit.

The second is the promise of his return (the **Parousia**). So, today we also celebrate hope because Christ has gone to prepare a place for us in his kingdom. And the hope that one day he shall return to take us in order to be with him. (" Unless I go, you will not come")

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, by virtue of our baptism, each one of us here belongs to a ministry either as an apostle, a pastor, an evangelist, or a teacher, as we rejoice today that Christ has ascended into heaven and, as we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us strive to fulfill our baptismal and missionary calling by carrying one another along in our journey of faith. As we celebrate in our parish today the Jubilee mass which was declared by our beloved late Pope Francis last year, let us be encouraged by the fact that the HOPE we placed in Christ will never fail us.

Happy Ascension!
Fr Lucius

PLANNED GIVING

We are in the process of preparing to order the new sets of envelopes for Planned Giving for the next 12 months for weekly donation from July 2025 to June 2026. If you would like to have a set of envelopes, please contact or visit the Parish Office.

We are unable to meet the day-to-day expenses without your assistance. We encourage more people to participate in this essential financial support of our Parish. If you do not wish to have envelopes, you could choose the Planned Giving as direct debit which could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit regular payments to the Parish account.

PETER'S PENCE

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses the weekend around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Therefore, this year's collection will be taken up on the 28/29 June, 2025 (13th Sunday of Ordinary Time).

- *The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.*
- *The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.*
- *In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Safeguarding Commitment

We have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activites, ministries and services.

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Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen
Franciscus

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Every first Thursday at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

Garage SALE

The Church Fundraising Group is working towards a Garage Sale event for fundraising for Church Maintenance. All are welcome to contribute quality books or other quality materials for this event. Please contact the Church Fundraising Group or the Parish Office.

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ENTRANCE: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
You, within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
Valleys and highways, He's waiting for me.

Refrain: I want to go to meet Him there,
To lay myself down in His love.
The Lord is my Shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever He leads me, wherever He goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders He's given to me.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

O, come and sit at my table,
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.

Refrain:
Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
to flood the depths of your soul.

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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:
LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: ***Shine, Jesus, shine,***
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Leo G. Amar, Erin Mallet, Annemarie Lyons, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Fr John Kilinko, Carmel Bird, and Terry Kelleher.

Anniversary of Death: Valda Russel, Henry Hogan, Aileen Mackie, Gretta Rodrigues, Laurel Dingle, Wally Redivo, Tonino Pavarazzi, Margaret Hogan and Philip Bertram.