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NEWSLETTER 11TH JANUARY 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

AFTER THE LORD WAS BAPTISED, THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED, AND THE SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM LIKE A DOVE, AND THE VOICE OF THE FATHER THUNDERED: THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.

This Week's Mass Schedule

14/01/2025 **Wednesday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **8:00am**

15/01/2026 **Thursday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **12:00pm**

16/01/2026 **Friday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

17/01/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

18/01/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough (Rite of distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) **8:00am**
Tiaro (Rite of distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass) **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year A (p.151) in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- Psalm - Ps 28 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Acts 10:34-38
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

Next weekend: 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A (p.367).

- 1st - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
- Psalm - 39
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
- Gospel - John 1:29-34

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**

"When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him."

For Matthew, Jesus's baptism is an event, witnessed by many, where God publicly claims Jesus as his Son, further clarifying the identity of Jesus. In the first two chapters, Matthew lists Jesus's genealogy, connecting Jesus to the honorable lineage of Abraham and David as well as recognizing him as the new Moses. Matthew also points out Jesus's sacred origin — his conception by the Holy Spirit — citing yet another piece of evidence that Jesus is the Son of God.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus's first act of his public life is to seek out John the Baptist and be baptized. We know from chapter 3, verse 11, that John's baptism was in repentance for sin. Jesus, however, is not in need of this baptism because Jesus is without sin. John, recognizing that Jesus does not need his baptism, is reluctant to baptize Jesus. "John would have prevented [Jesus], saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'" (3:14). Jesus convinces John that this act of baptism is the will of the Father. "Jesus answered [John], 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented" (3:15). This dialogue between John and Jesus appears only in Matthew and may refer to John's call that those who are baptized live lives that produce good fruit. By submitting to the baptism of John, Jesus pledges, in a public way, to act in accord with the call to righteousness that was fundamental to the baptism of John. This is Matthew's explanation of how Jesus, the sinless one, could have received a baptism of repentance.

Next in Matthew's account, Jesus's rising from the waters of the Jordan River is accompanied by extraordinary phenomena. The heavens, which had previously been closed by the sin of Adam, are opened. This symbolizes that a new way of communicating with God has dawned. The Holy Spirit descends "like a dove" and comes to rest on Jesus (3:16). This is similar to the image of the Spirit hovering over the waters in the Creation story (see Genesis 1:2 in the New Jerusalem Bible). Then a voice from heaven says, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (3:17). The climax of Matthew's account of Jesus's baptism is that Jesus is identified as the Son of God in the presence of many onlookers. For Matthew, the public acknowledgment of Jesus as the Son of God, which happens at the beginning of Jesus's public life, gives legitimacy to Jesus's ministry.



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2026.**

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Neighbourhood Centre
25 Ellena Street,
Maryborough**

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
(PENANCE) 2026**

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



Session Times

Session 1 :
Saturday 31st January 5pm.


Session 2 :
Saturday 7th February 5pm.

**Session 3 & SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Saturday 14th February 5pm at
St. Mary's followed by 6pm Mass.

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

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ACTIVITIES GROUP will re-commence on Wednesday 14th January from 2 – 4 pm in the parish hall meeting room. An invitation is extended to parishioners who would like to join a social group and make new friends. Games include Rummikub, Triominos, Sequence or May I and the main goal is to have fun and enjoy a laugh. A gold coin is the norm and afternoon tea is shared.



**Men's Group
Barbecue**

Date: Saturday, 17 January
Place: Near Parish Hall.
Time: 11:00 am
Please BYO Drinks. Soft drinks will be available.





Kindly RSVP by Thursday, 15 January.
(To confirm your attendance, please register on the list located near the Piety Stall).

GOD'S WORD
Daily Reflections
2026

Piety Stall

God's Word 2026 is currently available at the Piety Stall.


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**COLUMBAN
ART CALENDAR**

INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Fortnightly, Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



ENTRANCE: GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me,
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I can't clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close,
Lest I leave myself behind,
Calling me to walk into
Evening shadows one more time!

Refrain: *So I leave my boats behind,
Leave them on familiar shores,
Set my heart upon the deep,
Follow you again my Lord!*

In my memories I know
How you send familiar rains,
Falling gently on my days,
Dancing patterns on my pain.
And I need to learn once more,
In the fortress of my mind,
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within,
Restless, 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in!

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PSALM RESPONSE:
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: COME TO THE FEAST

Ho, ev'ryone who thirsts: Come to the waters!
Here is an end to hunger: Come to the feast!
And ev'ryone who labours: Come to the waters!
All you who have no money: Come to the feast!

For this is life: the waters of the Jordan:
For this is life: the waters of your birth:
For this is life: the waters that renew you:
O come to the feast! O come to the feast!

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THANKSGIVING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Refrain:
*The light of Christ has come into the world,
The light of Christ has come into the world.*

We must all be born again
To see the Kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world,
So that all who believe in him
Will live for ever.

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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./

You opened the gates of Heaven.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

You are my strength and my saviour.
You have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders You do. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Trevor Spencer, Josephine Toriaga, Chona Hall, 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: Agustin Frivaldo Jnr, Lisa Baker, Gerald Silvester and Dawn Clancy.

Anniversary of Death: Zita Hogan, Joseph Hogan, Alice Mary Bertram and Dick Cumming.