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This Week's Mass Schedule

07/01/2025 **Wednesday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **8:00am**

08/01/2026 **Thursday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **12:00pm**

09/01/2026 **Friday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

10/01/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

11/01/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year A (p.145) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Isaiah 60:1-6
- **Psalm** - Ps 72 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 2:1-12

Next weekend: The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year A (p.151).
- **1st** - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- **Psalm** - 28
- **2nd** - Acts 10:34-38
- **Gospel** - Matthew 3:13-17

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 4TH JANUARY 2025
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

BEHOLD, THE LORD, THE MIGHTY ONE, HAS COME;
AND KINGSHIP IS IN HIS GRASP,
AND POWER AND DOMINION.

"We have come from the East to worship the king."

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Catechism defines Epiphany as "the feast which celebrates the manifestation to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world" (page 876). Epiphany is about the world coming to know the true identity of Jesus.

The story of the Epiphany has been embellished over the centuries. In the fifth century, the three kinds of gifts that were given gave birth to the tradition of three wise men. By the eighth century, each wise man had a name: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. In some parts of the Christian world, Epiphany is celebrated on its traditional date of January 6, and people exchange gifts then rather than on Christmas Day. In other places, house blessings include writing on the door lintel the first letters of the wise men's names in the middle of the current year. So, for example, the blessing for this year of 2026 would look like 20+C+M+B+26. The letters also stand for the expression Christus mansionem benedicat, which is Latin for "Christ, bless this home."

It is important to realize that Jesus continues to reveal his true identity as the Messiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world.

Matthew gives us a couple wonderful insights in this passage. He shows that for the wise men, and for us, knowledge is important, but the wisdom found in the Scriptures is essential in coming to know and experience God.

This Sunday's Gospel also shows that there are different paths to faith. Let's compare the wise men with the shepherds in the Gospel of Luke. The wise men dedicate their entire lives to acquiring knowledge so that when the star appears, they know to follow this significant sign, even though the journey is hard. Near their journey's end, they have to seek further knowledge to finally find Jesus. On the other hand, the shepherds are not educated, but they know what their senses tell them, in the way people close to the earth know. So when the angels appear to them, the shepherds accept what they hear and go to see for themselves.

For some people, coming to faith in Jesus is a process that includes studying and taking a long, challenging journey. For others, the journey is short and direct. Both paths are valid ways to come to know and believe in Jesus the Christ.

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Wednesday 14 January 2026
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Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus
May we welcome the kingdom of God
anew into our hearts and lives,
embracing discipleship and openness to others.

You call us to walk with integrity
in the service of others.
May our service be filled with kindness,
and respect for all God's people,
giving special protection to children and the vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,
Listen to those wounded by abuse,
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,
to serve humbly and faithfully,
and to love one another
as we are so loved by You.
Amen.

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GIVING THROUGH YOUR WILL

St Mary's Parish MARYBOROUGH

Reflect on the ways your Catholic faith has influenced your life. Discuss your wishes with family and loved-ones and seek professional legal advice before preparing or updating you WILL.

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ENTRANCE:
WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain: ***O star of wonder, star of night,***
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold we bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
Worshipping God on high.

John H. Hopkins.
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PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION:
JESUS YOU ARE BREAD FOR US

Refrain: ***Jesus, You are bread for us.***
Jesus, You are life for us.
In Your gift of Eucharist
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that we need love
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that things aren't fair
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

In communion we believe
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R..

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THANKSGIVING:
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King
And peace to men on earth.

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RECESSIONAL: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain: ***Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;***
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev'ry land:
"Hosanna to our king.".

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Nations tremble, wise men amazed
A child is born this night
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
Our Father, Prince of Peace

Songs of angels,
"Glory on High, And Peace to men on earth.
I bear glad tidings: Born this day,
Your Savior and Your God."

R.Dufford
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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Josephine Toriaga, Chona Hall, Tom Massingham, 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: Thomas Shambrook, Loreta Hall and Ross Keys.

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