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This Week's Mass Schedule

31/12/2025 **Wednesday** **No Mass**

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

02/01/2026 **Friday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

03/01/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

04/01/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year A (p.137) in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
- **Psalm** - Ps 128 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Colossians 3:12-21
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Next weekend: The EPIPHANY of the LORD - Year A (p.145).
- **1st** - Isaiah 60:1-6
- **Psalm** - 72
- **2nd** - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
- **Gospel** - Matthew 2:1-12

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 28th December 2025
The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year A

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

The Christian family

Jesus shows us the importance of family by choosing to be born into the family of Joseph and Mary. The Catholic Church, in recent writings, places emphasis on the importance of family by referring to it as the domestic church. The family is considered a sacred community where parents, by word and example, are the first evangelizers of their children. Their vocation, as parents, is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus's love to their children through their words and deeds.

The Christian family has an important place in the Church and in society. In the family, we learn moral values and we begin to honour God (see CCC, number 2207). It is in family that we come to know how to care for others, to be other-oriented. This understanding of self-giving, one that Jesus models in the Gospels, should be the cornerstone of family life (see CCC, number 2208). Authentic family life naturally spills over its own boundaries and impacts everyone that comes into contact with it.

In choosing to be an active member of the family of Joseph and Mary, Jesus heightens the dignity of family life.

Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the new Moses. Early on, Matthew wants his readers to understand that the future promise of the People of God rests with Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who has been called from Egypt to live, work, and die in the land of God's own people. God is acting through Jesus, as God did through Moses, but in a new way, to bring about the salvation of all people.

Through the genealogy listed in chapter one, Matthew demonstrates continuity between Jesus and the Jewish tradition. Then in chapter two, Matthew directs our attention to how Joseph's actions, guided by the angel, fulfill what the prophets had spoken. The history of Jesus and Christianity is grounded in the Old Testament. The New Testament does not make the promises of God to the Israelites obsolete.

Each Sunday, the first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament, because the Old Testament sheds light on the New Testament. The New Testament gives fuller meaning to the Old Testament.

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Supporting local families to get their kids back to school

GIVE a cash donation online

FUNDRAISE in your community

DROP preloved school uniforms or school supplies at a donation point

SPONSOR the School Savvy initiative as a business

Coming to Maryborough in January 2026, the School Savvy pop-up shop will be stocked with affordable uniforms and essential school items.

SCHOOL SAVVY POP-UP SHOP

Wednesday 14 January 2026
The Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre 25 Ellena Street, Maryborough

https://centacare.com/community-and-pastoral-care/community-support-and-education/school-savvy/school-savvy-maryborough/

St. Mary's Catholic Church—Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES

St Mary's

Saturday - 6.00 pm
Sunday - 8.00 am

Sacred Heart, John St, Tiaro

Sunday - 10.00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Mary's

Wednesday - 8.00 am
Thursday - 12 noon
(with Adoration 1st Thurs from 11.20am)
Friday - 09:15 am

RECONCILIATION

St Mary's: Saturday - 5 - 5.30pm

God's Word 2026

The God's Word Daily Reflection 2026 is now available for purchase at the Piety Stall for $17. This publication provides the daily liturgical readings along with a reflection on the Gospel for each day and information on Feasts and Solemnities.

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

With one voice we lift up our hearts
to thank you today for our lives,
our vocation and all your gifts to us.
Inspire us all to know and live our vocation.
Give courage to young people,
to listen and follow the call,
to serve you in the Archdiocese
as your priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers.

Bless us, your family of Brisbane.
Help those you call to listen
to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us.
Guide them to serve in your vineyard,
that they may fulfil your holy will and make all things new.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ENTRANCE: FATHER WELCOMES

Refrain: ***Father welcomes all His children***
To His family through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life for ever has been won.

Little children come to Me,
For My Kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give:
Mercy for your sin. R/

In the water, in the Word,
In the promise be assured:
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again. R/

Let us daily die to sin.
Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. R/

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PSALM RESPONSE:

Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

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.

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.
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: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: ***This, this is Christ the King***
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here,
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of Kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him

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RECESSIONAL: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: ***Gloria,***
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the Angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of Angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Traditional French carol (Les Anges dans nos Campagnes)

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, Dick Cumming, Patrick Berrell, Terry Walsh, Leo & Ellen Clancy and Arthur & Eileen Walker.