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NEWSLETTER 25TH JANUARY 2026
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD;
SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
IN HIS PRESENCE ARE MAJESTY AND SPLENDOUR,
STRENGTH AND HONOUR IN HIS HOLY PLACE.

This Week's Mass Schedule

28/01/2025 **Wednesday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **8:00am**

29/01/2026 **Thursday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **12:00pm**

30/01/2026 **Friday**
Rite of distributing Holy Communion
Outside of Mass **9:15am**

31/01/2026 **Saturday** **6:00pm**

01/02/2026 **Sunday**
Maryborough **8:00am**
Tiaro **10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A (p.371) in St Pauls Missal

- 1st - Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
- Psalm - Ps 26 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 4:12-17

Next weekend: 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A (p.375).

- 1st - Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
- Psalm - 145
- 2nd - 1 Corinthians 1:26 -31
- Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12

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**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus personally calls the Apostles to follow him. Does Jesus continue to do the same today? Yes! Through Baptism, Jesus personally calls each of us to a life of holiness and Christian witness. This activity of Jesus in our life is called grace. God is the one who initiates the personal call to each of us through the Holy Spirit, and in response to that grace, we turn toward God, accepting forgiveness (see CCC, number 1989).

The first Apostles come to understand that they are called to a special relationship with Jesus, which results in a unique co-ministry with Jesus, as ministers of a new covenant (see 2 Corinthians 3:6), servants of God (see 2 Corinthians 6:4) and ambassadors for Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:20). Today Jesus continues to invite and help us to understand how we are being called to live out our Christian vocation, which began at Baptism, as ambassadors of Christ to the world.

From the beginning of his public life, Jesus preaches a message of reform: repent and change one's life in preparation of the coming of the Kingdom of heaven. Throughout this year, Matthew's Gospel will provide insights on how to bring about this kind of change in our lives. Jesus's call for change can be as dramatic today as it was for the first disciples. Peter and Andrew leave their nets, their means of livelihood, to follow Jesus. When James and John are called to follow Jesus, they leave their boat, a symbol of possessions, and their father, a symbol of security.

For Matthew, it is important to know not only what one is turning away from but also what one is turning toward. For Jesus, it is not good enough to simply turn away from sin. We must also turn toward God with 100 percent of our heart and soul. God asks us to be who we are, fully and authentically, thus serving as credible witnesses of God in the world.

Flower Arrangements Team



Ms. Lisa Baker, Flower Lady for St. Mary's passed away on News Years Day – Thank you kindly dear Lisa for your dedication. You were a ray of sunshine and will be remembered and missed.

Judy Zaia and Felicity Borg have announced their retirement from volunteering with the Flower Arrangements Team.

St. Mary's Parish wish to formally acknowledge and express our gratitude to Judy and Felicity for over twenty years of dedicated service in preparing flower arrangements for St. Mary's Church.

Thank you, Judy Zaia and Felicity Borg, for your remarkable generosity and commitment in enhancing the church altar with beautifully arranged flowers for more than two decades. Your artistry has been deeply valued and will be fondly remembered by many appreciative parishioners.

We are also pleased to welcome Remy and Harris as new members of the Flower Arrangements Team.

We appreciate Sue Flavel for her thoughtful remarks and commend her exemplary leadership as Convenor of the Flower Arrangements team.



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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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RHYTHMS OF PRAYER IN LENT

A 3 Day Lenten Retreat
27 Feb - 1 March
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

Scan for Info and Registration

The Garage Sale
on the last Thursday of each month.

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THURSDAY
29TH JANUARY
7AM TO 12 PM

Please continue to contribute quality books or other quality materials for this event through the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday.



Leading up to each monthly sale we would appreciate help with pricing and setting up. Enquiries to Glenda on 0401307110

ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG

Refrain:

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,
I know my Saviour lives.

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PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION: 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:

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

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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THANKSGIVING: 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: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:

*Let us build the City of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one Who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free. R/.

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
O comfort My people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth. 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, Jenny Camilleri, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Doris Fernandez, Sebastian Manjooran, Agustin Frivaldo Jnr, Lisa Baker, Gerald Silvester and Dawn Clancy.

Anniversary of Death: Edward James Rooney.

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

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