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NEWSLETTER 4TH MAY 2025
Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH;
O SING TO THE GLORY OF HIS NAME.
O RENDER HIM GLORIOUS PRAISE, ALLELUIA.

This Week's Mass Schedule

07/05/2025	Wednesday	8:00am
08/05/2025	Thursday	12:00pm
09/05/2025	Friday	09:15am
10/05/2025	Saturday	06:00pm
11/05/2025	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS
3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.789 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st - Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
- Psalm - Ps 29 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - Revelation 5:11-14
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 21:1-14

Next weekend: 4th Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.798).

- 1st - Acts 13:14, 43-52
- Psalm - Ps 99
- 2nd - Revelation 7:9, 14-17
- Gospel - John 10:14

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**

BEING FED AND FEEDING OTHERS

Today's gospel is the one that we heard at Pope Francis' funeral. It speaks beautifully of the Petrine ministry as one of nurture and love. As Francis fed his flock of hungry, lonely, thirsty, imprisoned and marginalised sheep, he moved amongst them, taking on their smell. Francis modelled what Jesus asks of Peter, (and all of us) as disciples: extravagant love of God and others.

We hear that Jesus showed himself to the disciples – again. This was the third time since his resurrection and transformation. The disciples were fishing on the Sea of Tiberias, also known as the Sea of Galilee-the place where Jesus calmed the storm, walked on water and called fisher folk to follow him. And now, he fills their nets with fish, when they were unable to catch anything. And he fed them – again.

Jesus also gives Peter the chance to proclaim his love for him 3 times. Did Jesus need to hear it, or did Peter need to say it to free himself from the guilt of those 3 denials?

Over these 3 weeks of Easter, we have heard the stories of Mary Magdalene's despair, and perhaps with wept her as at times we wonder, "Why has Jesus gone from my life?" Did the doubting Thomas cause you to question your own unbelief? And Peter's rejection of Jesus...why does that make me squirm, just a little?

But Jesus doesn't let their story (or ours) end in the doldrums. Whilst we don't know exactly what this new way of Jesus' being present looked like, it doesn't hurt to ask why it took time for these disciples, who were his closest friends, to see him, at first. It was in the saying of a name, the wounds, an extravagant and unexpected catch that they recognised him. Christ appeared to them in the ordinary. As Catholics, we believe that God is present in all things when they are viewed with our sacramental imagination. This has been true from the beginning, is true today and will be true tomorrow.

Jesus didn't wait for his friends to be perfect before appearing to them. Again, he came to them just as they were, offering yet another chance to know him, and have a new life through him. And in coming face to face with the risen Christ, Mary, Thomas and Peter were transformed. Grief became joy, doubt was replaced by faith and from fear, love grew. That's what Jesus offers us, too: transformation – again and again. He shows up in our lives, longing to transform us.

The poet, Rumi, suggests that we live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again. That's a good description of faith. Faith isn't something you nail down and possess once and for all. Sometimes you walk on water and sometimes you sink. Faith is knowing that Jesus is there to save us from ourselves. If only we can recognise him. I wonder where I will see Jesus today...

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius
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Mass Attendance Count

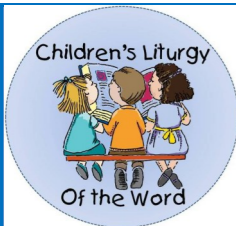
The annual mass attendance count happens in the month of May for the Parish church, other Churches in the parish or Mass centre. The mass attendance count is taken for four consecutive weekends starting from May 3rd. Usually the counting happens along with collection.



Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day is celebrated by the Catholic Church on May 13th, the first day in 1917 on which the Blessed Mother appeared to the three shepherd children of Fatima in Portugal.

We will have a Mass at 11am on Tuesday 13th May at St. Mary's to mark this day.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

We invite any Parish members who would like to join the Children's Liturgy Team to contact Parish Office or Fr. Lucius. The team will undergo formation and are formally authorised by the Parish Priest. Children's Liturgy of the Word is to familiarise the children with various aspects of the Liturgy of the Word, to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME – 2025

- **Penance:** For Children who had their Confirmation and First Holy Communion
 - ⇒ **1st Session:** Saturday 10th May 5pm at St. Mary's.
 - ⇒ **2nd Session & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10th May 5pm at St. Mary's followed by 6pm Mass.
- **Confirmation:** For children in years 3 and above and they have been baptised Catholic and Parents wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - ⇒ **1st Session and Parent Information Meeting:** Saturday 24th May 5pm at St. Mary's
 - ⇒ **2nd Session:** Saturday 31st May 5pm.
 - ⇒ **3rd Session:** Saturday 7th June 5pm.
 - ⇒ **4th Session:** Saturday 14th June 5pm.
 - ⇒ **5th Session:** Saturday 21st June 5pm. (Practice night).
 - ⇒ **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT:** Sunday 22nd June 8am - St. Mary's.
- **First Holy Communion:** First Holy communion will be open to year 4 and above who already had their Confirmation.
 - ⇒ **1st Session and Parent Information Meeting:** Saturday 16th August 5pm at St. Mary's
 - ⇒ **2nd Session:** Saturday 23rd August 5pm.
 - ⇒ **3rd Session:** Saturday 30th August 5pm.
 - ⇒ **4th Session:** Saturday 06th August 5pm.
 - ⇒ **5th Session:** Saturday 13th September 5pm. (Practice night).
 - ⇒ **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT:** Sunday 14th September 8am - St. Mary's.

Please contact the St. Mary's Parish Office or St. Mary's Primary for the Enrolment Forms.

Jubilee Mass

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday June 1 2025 - 10 am at St. Mary's
Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"



This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.



(On Sunday June 1 2025 there will be no 8 am Mass at St. Mary's and there will be no 10 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Tiaro)

Year of Jubilee 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"

Church Maintenance

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Account name: St. Mary's Parish
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ENTRANCE:

ALL GLORY, PRAISE, AND HONOUR

Refrain:

All glory, praise, and honour
To you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. R/.

The company of angels
Are praising you on high;
And mortals, joined with all things
Created, make reply. R/.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before you went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present. R/.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
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.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

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THANKSGIVING: WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night
And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

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RECESSIONAL:

CHRIST IS ALIVE! WITH JOY WE SING

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the grain of wheat that died;
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,
Yielding a harvest of new life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He is the sun which brings the dawn:
He is the light of all the world,
Setting us free from death and sin,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Please remember in your prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased: Warren Mernin-Meath, Norman Winn and Ester Ceniza.

Anniversary of Death: Juanito Garlitos, Margaret Twomey, Allan Schmidt, Elwyn Baxter, Merv Flavel, Eileen and Michael Hogan and Florence Schmidt.