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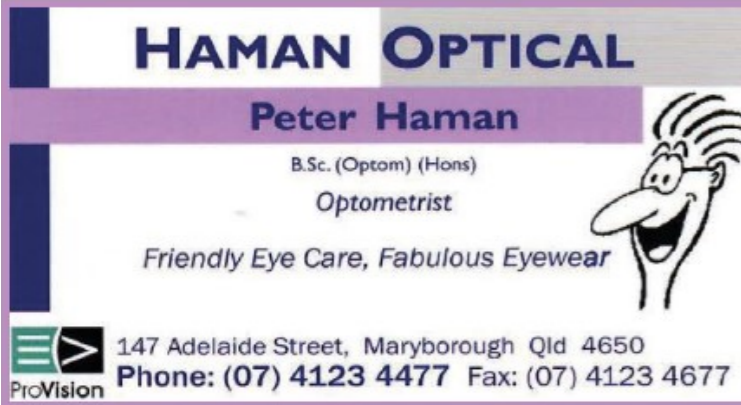
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This Week's Mass Schedule

22/02/2023 Wednesday	08.00am
Chelsea	10.00am
23/02/2023 Thursday	12:00pm
24/02/2023 Friday	08:30am
25/02/2023 Saturday	06.00pm
26/02/2023 Sunday	
Maryborough	08.00am
Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
 (Starting from Thursday April 20th). Third Thursday of every month, 5.30 to 6.30pm.

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer


UPCOMING EVENTS
 • **February 22nd:**
 Ash Wednesday.

READINGS
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.388)
 • 1st - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
 • Psalm - 102 Resp. in hymns page
 • 2nd - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 • Gospel Accl. in hymns page
 • Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48

Next weekend's: 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A (p.163)
 • 1st - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 • Psalm - 50
 • 2nd - Romans 5:12, 17-19
 • Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11



NEWSLETTER 19TH FEBRUARY 2023
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
 O LORD, I TRUST IN YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE.
 MY HEART WILL REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION.
 I WILL SING TO THE LORD WHO HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL WITH ME.

The other side of Christian Love
 Last week, Jesus warned us that our good deeds must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees for us to enter into the kingdom of heaven. This week, he wants us to love our enemies and pray for those who hate us. "But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; Jesus wants us to turn the other cheek when smacked. He therefore wants us to help overturn the culture of vengeance and intolerance by responding to insults and injuries with Love, grace, patience, forgiveness, and generosity.

Often, we think we know what love is, but (Jn. 15, 9-17) the Lord tells us what true love is: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." It is even more difficult if we must lay down our lives for our enemies as Matthew's Gospel today suggests. As Christians, we go through many levels of loving, but the bottom line of love is sacrifice, i.e., dying to oneself, and in some cases, literally dying for others.

More often love is expressed in the ordinary, day-to-day situations, like being kind when you're feeling irritable or sharing your time, your effort, even money for one who is in need, or being considerate of other's feelings. Remember what a writer once said: "Let us love with all our hearts and accept the unlovable side of others, for anyone can love a rose but only a great heart can include the thorns."

The second characteristic of Christian love is universal. Love applies to all. A constant temptation for the Christian is to draw lines in the practice of love: Racial lines, religious lines, personality lines. We tend to love those who are "naturally" lovable: the nice people, the attractive, and the good-looking. But how about the unlovable or difficult people who are sharp-tongued, critical, and sarcastic? Some of us would wash the feet of our neighbor, only if we were sure that those feet were clean - or even perfumed!

Finally, dear sisters and brothers, we are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. And making effort to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - 22nd February: St. Mary's 8 am.

The ashes to be used come from the branches blessed for Passion Sunday last year. On this day, we commence the season of Lent when we give special attention to Prayer, Fasting and Good Deeds during the six weeks culminating in the great feast of Easter.

Sacred Heart Church, Tiaro: Parishioners could receive the Ashes during Sunday Mass on 26th February

(Those who could not attend the Mass on Ash Wednesday will have an opportunity to receive the ashes after the Sunday 8am Mass on 26th February at St. Mary's or during the 10 am Mass at Tiaro).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's. This is another commitment to make the most during the Lenten season by walking the path to Calvary with Jesus. This year, music will be a part of the Stations together with altar servers carrying candles.



PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES will be available at the church entrances during the Lenten season if you would like to support the work of Caritas Australia during this Lenten season. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plate.

Thank you to all volunteers for your presence for the thanksgiving Mass. Thank you for your support and commitment. We request those who could not come to contact the Parish Office to renew the Safeguarding Induction and to update the documentation.

Thank You Norman Winn for coming and helping to resolve the issue with the grandfather Clock at the Presbytery

Commissioning and Blessing of Acolyte

The commissioning of Gerry Donoghue as an Acolyte will be on the first Sunday of Lent, 26th February during the Mass at St. Mary's. This will also allow our Parish, if needed, A Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Holy Communion or Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass.

Liturgy Group Meeting for the Lent and Easter Services will be on Tue 21 Feb 5pm at St. Mary's. Representatives from all ministries are requested to attend this meeting.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word will commence from this Sunday 19th February. The children will join the entrance procession and then leave the congregation to celebrate and reflect on the liturgy in a way that is appropriate for their age and adapted to their level of understanding.

Volunteers Needed: St. Paul's Community Kitchen is in need of a volunteer Soup chef and dessert maker. Please ring Wolfgang on 0408868284



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Mark Coleridge

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

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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ENTRANCE: "I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU"

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

Refrain:

Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. R./

Bridge: I will be your God your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me love the world through your heart,
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. R./

Bridge: I will be your God your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart

Let me see the world through your eyes,
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. R./

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PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)
The Lord is kind and merciful .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Whoever keeps the word of Christ Grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: COMMUNION SONG

We see bread and wine before us,
But hidden there from our view
Lies the Flesh and Blood of Jesus,
Now sacrificed for us anew

Refrain:

**Jesus, we bring to You our bodies.
Jesus, we bring to You our souls.
Needing nourishment,
Needing healing,
Seeking peace.**

On the night before He suffered,
He took the bread into His Hands.
Giving thanks and praise He broke it,
Saying, "Take and eat, this is My Body." R./

And when supper was then ended,
He took the wine, again gave thanks,
Saying "Take and drink, of My cup.
This is My Blood, to be shed for you." R./

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THANKSGIVING: A TRUSTING PSALM

Refrain:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
So let us place our trust in him

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RECESSIONAL HYMN:

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.

Mercy He has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days

Refrain:

**Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of Your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise Him with your music,
Worship him and bless His Name.**

Power He has wielded, honour is His garment,
Risen from the snares of death.
His Word He has spoken,
One bread He has broken, new life He now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high.
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
Splendour of the living God.

Praise Him with your singing, praise Him with the trumpet,
Praise God with the lute and harp.

Praise Him with the cymbals, praise Him with your dancing,
Praise God 'til the end of days

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Aileen Manthey, Jesus Zannoria, Brian Berry, and Germelina Basubas.

Anniversary of Death: Sally D'Cruz, Phang Du My, Kevin Blair Moore, Gavin Wright, Clare Morais, and Mary Rutland.

St Marys Memorial Garden & Columbarium

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