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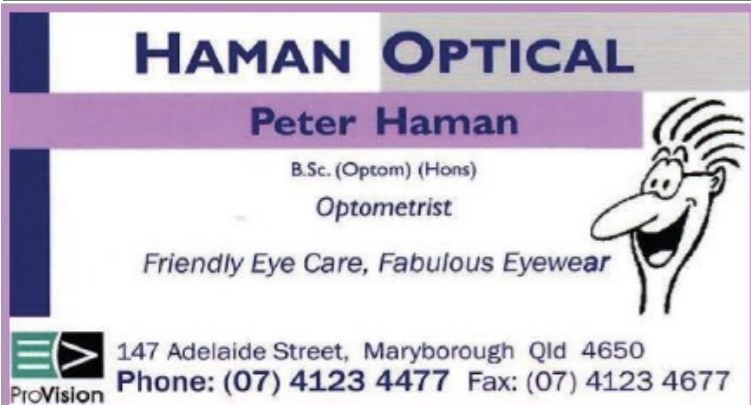
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**This Week's Mass Schedule**

15/02/2023 Wednesday	08.00am
Fairhaven	10.00am
16/02/2023 Thursday	12:00pm
17/02/2023 Friday	08:30am
18/02/2023 Saturday	06.00pm
19/02/2023 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**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.383)**  
 • 1st - Sirach 15:15-20  
 • Psalm - 118 Resp. in hymns page  
 • 2nd - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 • Gospel Accl. in hymns page  
 • Gospel - Matthew 5:17-37

**Next weekend's: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.388)**  
 • 1st - Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 • Psalm - 102  
 • 2nd - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 • Gospel - Matthew 5:38-48



**NEWSLETTER 12TH FEBRUARY 2023**  
**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**  
 BE MY PROTECTOR, O GOD,  
 A MIGHTY STRONGHOLD TO SAVE ME.  
 FOR YOU ARE MY ROCK, MY STRONGHOLD!  
 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME,  
 FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME .

**"Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"**

Today's gospel marks the beginning of a three-part series where Jesus instructs his followers on the way of life. Part One which is heard today, deals with the Law. Jesus says that it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments, but that true virtue requires a deeper, sincerer observance. While the Law prohibited killing, Jesus exhorts his listeners not even to become angry.

Not only must adultery be avoided in a physical sense, but mentally as well. Jesus clearly demands more of his followers than strict obedience of rules and regulations. Rather, the aim is that God's law might transform a person's interior disposition and find wholehearted expression in outward action and loving relationship. The interpretation of the law through tradition is thus superseded by the authoritative teaching of Jesus.

The first reading introduces the theme of obedience, and the importance of steadfastly avoiding sin. It emphasises the human power to choose between good and evil, and warns that each person is responsible for the choices they make. This is followed by the responsorial psalm where the entire assembly proclaims, "Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

The demands of Christian discipleship are set out in uncompromising fashion in this gospel. A thorough conversion of heart and mind is required, such that the purity of a person's inmost thoughts is reflected in the goodness of their outward actions.

Finally, Jesus declares that he has not come to abolish the Law, but requires more than blind outward obedience to the Law. Instead, he demands purity of heart and mind in addition to outward actions.

**Peace be with you!**



**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS:** Baptism Preparation Session will commence from Thursday April 20th, 5.30 to 6.30pm and then this will be held on the third Thursday of every month. This will be led by the Sacramental Team. Henceforth, this will be a required preparation session and ideally both parents should attend this Session. Parents could let the Parish Office know which session they like to attend while submitting the Enrolment Form for Baptism.

**Aboriginal Catholic Mass:** "Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, **Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm.** The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion"

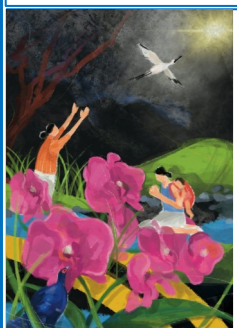
**Retreats:** Evangelisation Brisbane we will be hosting a three day guided retreat, Going Deeper with God at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

- Please follow the link to Register for the Retreat in March: Guided Retreat - March 2023: [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatMarch2023?mc\\_cid=5e93056b27&mc\\_eid=0f46452904](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatMarch2023?mc_cid=5e93056b27&mc_eid=0f46452904)
- Please follow the link for details on retreat opportunities in Archdiocese of Brisbane: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/retreat-opportunities/>

### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The latest Catholic Leader is available at the Church now for \$4. Please leave payment in container/envelope provided.

- **Thank you** Robin Kirkpatrick for volunteering to mow the Church grounds. Robin & Mary Kirkpatrick is often here together and Mary helps with Church garden and helps with some aspects at the Parish Office.
- **Volunteers needed:** Parish is seeking volunteers with experience and equipment to help with trimming, pruning and hedge trimming at the Church garden. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office.
- **Holidays:** I will be going on holidays towards the end of this month. During this time, Mary will be helping with the essential aspects at the Parish Office. There could be a change in the opening hours of the Parish Office which will be communicated at a later date. I will be back from holidays before Easter.



**World Day Of Prayer - Australia:** The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Today, it is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome. Each year, a different country prepares the service. This year, the Taiwanese Committee will lead us in prayer.

All are invited to join on 3rd March 2023, 9:30 am at The Salvation Army, 100 Bazaar Street, MARYBOROUGH QLD 4650 for the World Day Of Prayer. (Those attending are requested to "bring a plate" to share.



### Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

*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: BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
Theirs is the Kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
They shall be consoled.

#### Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
They shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;  
Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
They shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace;  
They are the Children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
The Glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate  
All because of Me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the Kingdom;  
Shine for all to see.

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### PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord! .

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Blessed are you Father Lord of heaven and earth You  
have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### COMMUNION: EYE HAS NOT SEEN

#### Refrain:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,  
What God has ready for those who love Him;  
Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus,  
Teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us,  
O Lord.  
Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up with-  
in Your peaceful word. R./

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we  
fade,  
Yet all our days are in Your hands, so we return in love  
what love has made. R./

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever  
near,  
Reflected in the faces, of all the poor and lowly of the  
world. R./

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### THANKSGIVING: MICAH'S THEME

#### Refrain:

Hear, then what [God] asks of you:  
To live justly, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life  
And have it to the full. R./

Ask and you shall receive;  
Knock and it shall be yours. R./

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN: BLEST BE THE LORD

#### Antiphon:

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,  
No evil settle in my soul.

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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:** Brian Berry, Germelina Basubas, Herbie Wright, and Dick Cumming.

**Anniversary of Death:** Kevin Blair Moore, Gavin Wright, Clare Morais, Mary Rutland, Josefina, Luisa, Lydia Jao, and John Phillips.

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