SILENCE IN THE CHURCH: Encouraging silence in the church, let each one be in silent prayer.

LENTEN REFLECTION FROM "THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS"

Questions For Reflection : We're called to know scripture. How do I find God's wisdom in scripture? Do I apply it with faith, hope and love? Has the word of God given me new insight?

Prayer For The Day: Inspire us and nourish us holy God, as we come to know your word. We pray for help to discern the path of justice and mercy so that we may be your loving disciples. **Amen**.

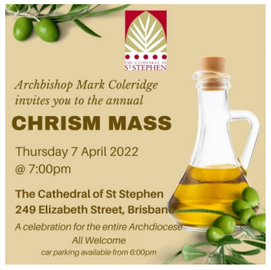
STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: As the Covid restrictions have eased, starting from Palm Sunday, each weekend, Holy Communion will be distributed by Fr. Lucius and 2 ministers. Two of them will be at the steps of the sanctuary and one will distribute in the transept and then come across to assist at the front. The congregation will walk forward in two lines to receive the Holy Communion.

HELP AND READERS/COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK: Thank you to all who helped to fill the list with duties needed during Holy Week and Easter. It will be extremely helpful for us if more could put your name down so that we could complete the list.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS: There will be Choir Practice for all the Choirs and parishioners who wish to join on **5th and 12th April at 4pm**.

ROSTERS FOR MUSIC: The music rosters for next three months are available this weekend if you need a hard copy.



CHRISM MASS: Invitation for Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Fr. Lucius will be going to Brisbane on 7th April Thursday for Chrism Mass. The priests, deacons and other representatives of diocesan community will be with their Bishop during this mass where the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens, Sacred Chrism) for use in the coming year. During the mass, the deacons and priests also renew the vows they made during their Holy ordination. Please note that there will be no mass on 7th April Thursday and 8th April Friday at St. Mary's.

MURAL IN HONOUR OF SR ROSE CAVALLO: *On Wed 30th March, Fr. Lucius unveiled and blessed the mural painted in honour of Sr Rose Cavallo at St Mary's College. The event was attended by local dignitaries and parishioners.*

The words on the mural: "Our attitude, manner and warmth of heart can be a great lifegiving gift for ourselves and others." Sister Rose Cavallo

RECYCLING: Contrary to what was written and communicated before, the parish Containers for Change fundraiser will be suspended for the time being as the last two drop offs have resulted in much less money being handed over to us taking into account the number of bottles and cans delivered to the centre. It is not worth the effort of collecting, sorting and delivering if we are not receiving the advertised 10 cents per item.

Mary of the Cross MacKillop Conference: Three new members of (the VisitingVinnies) being inducted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society Regional President Ron Wroe. Paul O'Donoghue (third from left) has been inducted as the new Conference President, taking over from John Ready who served in that position for 4 years. All visitors are parishioners of St. Mary's Parish.

ENTRANCE: HOSEA

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Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
So must we to others call.

Refrain:
Long have I waited for your coming
Home to me and living
Deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice with tenderness
You shall know. R./

You shall sleep secure with peace;
Faithfulness will be your joy. R./

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COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

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Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while
there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, My love will lead.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of Mine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.

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THANKSGIVING: ISAIAH 49

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I will never forget you, My people;
I have carved you on the palm of My hand.
I will never forget you;
I will not leave you orphaned.
I will never forget My own.

Does a mother forget her baby,
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget, yes,
Even if these forget,
I will never forget My own.

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RECESSIONAL: HOW GREAT THOU ART

1963 Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R./**

And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. **R./**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
hen I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
My God, how great thou art! **R./**

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Denis Shield, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Fay Shield, Joseph Miranda, Brian Lee and Brian Wheatley Jnr.

Anniversary of Death: Pacita Perez, Florence Schmidt, Tony Maaran, Merv Fravel, Richard Hogan, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Pham, Patrick & Sarah Hynes, Tim & Elsie Cream, Rev. Fr. Jim Hynes, Rev. Sr. P. Cream and Con & Jean Deere.

Roster Date	Sat 2nd Apr	Sun 3rd Apr	Sat 9th Apr	Sun 10th Apr
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	John Pilar Beverley	Eris Peter Tyson	Pat Anne Warren **Reading of passion** Warren Fr. Lucius Ron	Frank Susan Christine **Reading of passion** Tom Fr. Lucius Catherine
Communion	Marion	Con	Gerry Wayne	Lita Graham
Servers	Andrew Han Thu	Sarah Byron	Thu Han Stazio	Isaac Xavier Sophie Nicholas
Musician Singers Mass set up	Bong Filipino Choir Carmel	Rita Majella Lita	Rita Choir Gerry	Robyn Men Lita

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

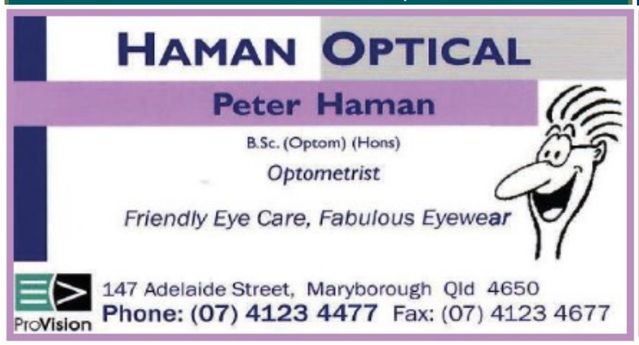
Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2022

Saturday 9th April	Vigil for Passion	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 10th April	Passion Sunday	8 am 10 am	St Mary's Tiaro
Thursday 14th April	Lord's Supper	7 pm	St Mary's
Friday 15th April	Stations of the Cross Solemn Liturgy	10 am 3 pm	St Mary's St Mary's
Saturday 16th April	Holy Saturday Vigil	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday	8 am 10 am	St Mary's Tiaro

Full schedule Lent through to Easter is on noticeboards

Please note that there will be no Masses for the week after Easter, April 20th Wednesday, 21st Thursday and 22nd Friday.

Fr. Lucius is going on holidays and Fr. Leo will arrive in time to start weekend masses from April 23rd.



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This Week's Mass Schedule

06/04/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
07/04/2022	Thursday	**No Mass**
08/04/2022	Friday	**No Mass**
09/04/2022	Saturday - Vigil of Passion Maryborough	6.00pm
10/04/2022	Passion Sunday Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

This week's Readings - 5th Lent C (page 783 St Pauls Missal)

1st - Isaiah: 43: 16-21

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd - Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - John 8:1-11

Next weekend's Readings:
Palm Sunday of Lent Year C (p.193)
Entrance: Luke: 19: 28-40
1st - Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm - 21
2nd - Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel - Luke: 22: 14 - 23: 56

NEWSLETTER 3RD APRIL 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU!

In the second part of John's Gospel today, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ will condemn her immediately. They thought he will give them the permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong, because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life, and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: *"Go and sin no more."*

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities in spite of our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with every day in our life and society. His mission is to save us from all our personal sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. This is why he says: *"…I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10, 10).*

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus *"Neither do I condemn you."* The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that our negative past is dead and extinguished like a candle. So Christ will always fill us with laughter and Joy. This is what he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection.

Finally, as we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: *"Go and sin no more."* This is an injunction we must believe and put in to practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command. Therefore, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges against us. So, let us shout for joy: *"What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we were glad!"*

God's hour of mercy is near, do not be left out!

Fr Lucius