BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WILL BE DURING WEEKEND MASSES

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.

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

LENTEN RESOURCE: Due to a delay in the delivery of the ordered books and the subsequent deluge of water, we are still waiting for the books to arrive. Surely, they will be ready for collection from the Piety Stall next weekend @ $5 each.

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

A SPECIAL LENTEN GRACE: If we just follow the minimum Church requirements, we will likely feel disappointed when the forty days are over. What is it that we truly desire? We should all want to encounter the Lord more deeply. Obviously, we cannot make this happen. It has to be a grace offered and accepted but we trust that this is what the Lord wants for us as well. As Lent begins, in addition to prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us turn to the Lord and pray for just such a grace.

CATHOLIC LEADER: Please check the link on an article on St. Mary's Maryborough. Some hard copies will be available on weekend. "Flood swamps Ash Wednesday plans for Maryborough faithful." https://catholicleader.com.au/news/flood-stops-ash-wednesday-plans-for-maryborough-faithful/

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to all Children who will be making their Sacrament of First Reconciliation before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

The weeks are rolling by and the countdown is on to Friday 25th March. I suggested to Fr Lucius that, rather than a farewell (because I am not leaving town), we have a social gathering to bring our community together to spread some joy. With time on my hands awaiting the water to recede on the Granville side of the river, I have come up with a program for Sunday afternoon 20th March. See flyer for more details. Please come along and offer to bring someone who may not have transport. Bookings are not required.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARISH...

* ST PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL
* FUNDRAISER
* RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

When: Sunday 20th March 2pm – 4.30pm
Where: Parish Hall
Theme: Wear green or bright colours
Entry: $5.00

'Irish' Sing-a-long
Best Dressed
Lucky Draws
Thank you's

Afternoon Tea – please bring a plate of goodies to share

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.

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

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COMMUNION: ONLY A SHADOW

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The love we have for you, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your love for us;
Only a shadow of your love for us;
Your deep abiding love.

The bread we take and eat, O Lord,
Is your body broken and shared with us;
Your body broken and shared with us;
The gift of your great love.

REFRAIN:
OUR LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS,
OUR LIVES ARE IN YOUR HANDS.
OUR LOVE FOR YOU WILL GROW, O LORD,
YOUR LIGHT IN US WILL SHINE.

Our own belief in you, O Lord,
Is only a shadow of your faith in us;
Only a shadow of your faith in us;
Your deep and lasting faith.

The dreams we share today, O Lord,
Are only a shadow of your dreams for us;
Only a shadow of your dreams for us;
If we but follow you.

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THANKSGIVING: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:
AND HE WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS,
BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN
AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

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RECESSIONAL: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

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REFRAIN:
THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL
AND THE HILLS TURN TO DUST,
YET THE LOVE OF THE LORD WILL STAND
AS A SHELTER FOR ALL WHO WILL CALL ON HIS NAME.
SING THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF GOD.

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake him,
He will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from him
He will always take you back.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: David Brettell, Fay Shield, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox, Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Brian Lee, Brian Wheatley Jnr, Faye Richards, Janet Branch, Tito Carusosa, Peg Manski, Win Cordie.

Anniversary of Death: Vic Sempf, Fr Pat Dowd, Leonila and Lucio Carajay.

Roster Date	Sat 05th Mar	Sun 06th Mar	Sat 12th Mar	Sun 13th Mar
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	John Mary Pat	Eris Kristen Tyson	Pat Ron Martin	Mary Christine Pat
Communion	Beverley	Con	Marion	Lita
Servers	Thu Han Andrew	Sarah Byron Sophie Nicholas	Sarah Byron Stazio	George Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Jearen	Robyn	Justin	Rita
Singers	St. Marys College	Theresa	Majella	Choir
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita	Gerry	Lita

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

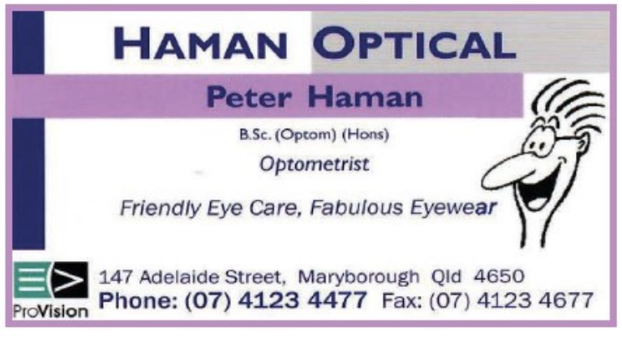
WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Tuesday	8th March	4pm	Choir practice
Thursday	10th March	5pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday	11th March	5.15pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	17th March	5pm	Music/Liturgy Meeting

2ND Rite of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 23rd March	5.30pm	Maryborough
Thursday 24th March	5.30pm	Tiaro

See the full schedule Lent through to Easter on church noticeboards



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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

09/03/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
10/03/2022	Thursday	12 noon
11/03/2022	Friday	8.30am
12/03/2022	Saturday Maryborough	6.00pm
13/03/2022	Sunday Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

This week's Readings. 1st Sunday of Lent Year C.
(page 764 St Pauls Missal)
1st - Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd - Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

Next weekend's Readings:
2nd Sunday of Lent Year C (p.769)
1st - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 26
2nd - Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Gospel - Luke 9: 28-36

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 6TH MARCH 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days

Filled with the Holy Spirit

This week the Holy Mother Church began with ashes the 40 days Lenten journey with Christ. A journey that once again presents us with the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. This season exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent, starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, salvation and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our fathers in faith. Through our solemn participation in this Lenten season, God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

This season therefore, let us be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in our gospel. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. This was why, once he realized that Christ was very hungry he felt it was an opportunity to get Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong, because Christ did not give him the opportunity to deceive Him. Hence, the devil cannot succeed with us either if we do not give him opportunities to ruin our lives.

Above all, dear brothers and sisters, we must allow the Holy Spirit to be in charge of our lives by being docile to Him. Because, trusting in the arm of our own flesh will not help us this season. This is because, it might fail us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, this season, God is absolutely ready to do for us what He did for our fathers in faith in ancient times. So, together with the psalmist today, let us unceasingly implore the Lord saying: "Be with me, O Lord when I am in trouble."

Happy Lenten Season!

Fr Lucius