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

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: Spirit of God, We pray that you renew our hearts and guide our actions so that we may reflect your merciful love with those who are difficult to love. Help us to choose to turn to you, choose to love and choose to forgive. Amen. (Taken from THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS)

CHANGES IN LITURGY DURING LENT: The visible changes are purple symbolizing repentance as priest's vestments and absence of Gloria and Alleluia. The focus during Lent is on the Kingdom coming rather on the Kingdom already come. Alleluia is not used as the emphasis is on the spiritual journey towards our eternal life in Heaven and towards the Second Coming. The return of Gloria and Alleluia will be at Easter Saturday Vigil Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will again commence from 20th March Sunday 8 am Mass and are invited to join the entrance procession. Fr. Lucius will give them the Bible and the Cross and children will leave the congregation with the Children's Liturgy Team to celebrate and reflect on the Word which is adapted to their understanding. They will join the congregation after the Creed. We request all parents to support and encourage the children.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONING CEREMONY: This weekend the new members of the Pastoral Council will make a commitment to serve the Parish Community during their term. Welcome to new members Ron Wroe as the Chairperson, Catherine Antonio as the Secretary together with Anne-Maree Lyons, Margaret Jarvis and Amy Brennan APRE St Mary's College. Beverley Jones, Michelle White, Acting Principal St Mary's Primary and Christine Rosin, Acting APRE SMP are continuing from previous years.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Congratulations to Nicholas, Brandon, Sophie and Immanu who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday. Thank you to Cecilia Antony for preparing them for the Sacrament.

MEETING REMINDER: The newly formed Liturgy and Music team will have their meeting on 17th March, Thursday at 5:15 pm.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES: We are preparing the new rosters for the next three months . If any changes are required or if anyone would like to participate, especially for reading, please let us know as soon as possible.

There will be a list available next weekend for the specific duties during Holy Week and Easter so please add your names to make our job easier.

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: COME AS YOU ARE

Words and Music: Deirdre Browne ibvm.

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to My heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in My love, trust Me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by My promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you
All will be well, just come as you are.

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COMMUNION: WE REMEMBER

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REFRAIN: WE REMEMBER HOW YOU LOVED US TO YOUR DEATH,
AND STILL WE CELEBRATE FOR YOU ARE WITH US HERE;
AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL SEE YOU WHEN YOU COME, IN YOUR GLORY, LORD,
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE.

Here a million wounded souls
Are yearning just to touch You and be healed.
Gather all Your people,
And hold them to Your heart. R./

Now we recreate Your love,
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy,
The presence of the Lord. R./

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
To all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart.
Peace beyond all telling
And freedom from all fear. R./

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THANKSGIVING: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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REFRAIN:
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST HAS COME INTO THE WORLD,
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We must all be born again
To see the Kingdom of God;
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love.

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world,
So that all who believe in him
Will live for ever.

The light of God has come to us
So that we might have salvation;
From the darkness of our sins we walk
Into glory with Christ Jesus.

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RECESSIONAL: CREATE A NEW HEART

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REFRAIN: CREATE A NEW HEART, HOLY LORD,
BECKON OUR LIVES THROUGH YOUR WORD,
OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR CALL,
UNITED AS ONE FOR YOUR WORLD.
HEIGHTEN OUR MINDS TO YOUR THOUGHTS,
HEAL US OF PRIDE AND OF HURT,
MAY WE GO FORTH IN YOUR NAME
WE PRAY OUR HEARTS CHANGE.

The heart of the Cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is You promising hope, promising truth. R./

Restless, the hearts who yearn for Your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life, justice redeems. R./

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Moira Hansen, 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: Nicholas Haskins, Joseph Tran, Patricia Murray, Kay Phipps, Patricia Massingham, Vic Sempf, Fr Pat Dowd, Leonila and Lucio Carajay.

Roster Date	Sat 12th Mar	Sun 13th Mar	Sat 19th Mar	Sun 20th Mar
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Pat Ron Martin	Mary Christine Pat	Gerard Warren Cecilia	Susan Frank Peter
Communion	Marion	Lita	Sue	Graham
Servers	Sarah Byron Stazio	George Isaac Xavier	Thu Han Chet	Sarah Byron Sophie Nicholas
Musicians Singers Mass set up	Justin Majella Gerry	Rita Choir Lita	Bong Filipino Choir Janette Sophie	Justin Janette Lita

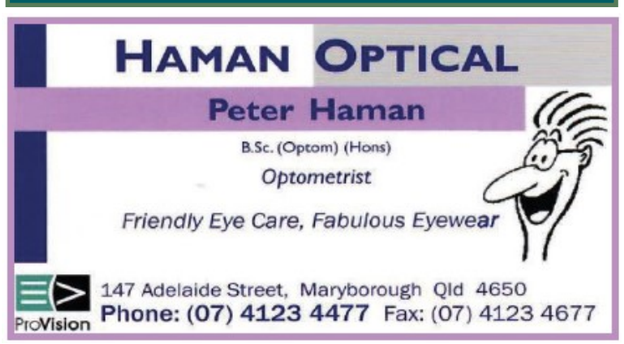
1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Schedule for Lent and Holy Week 2022

Wednesday 23rd March	2nd Rite Reconciliation	5.30 pm	St Mary's
Thursday 24th March	2nd Rite Reconciliation	5.30 pm	Tiaro
Saturday 9th April	Vigil for Passion	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 10th April	Passion Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiaro
Thursday 14th April	Lord's Supper	7 pm	St Mary's
Friday 15th April	Stations of the Cross	10 am	St Mary's
	Solemn Liturgy	3 pm	St Mary's
Saturday 16th April	Holy Saturday Vigil	6 pm	St Mary's
Sunday 17th April	Easter Sunday	8 am	St Mary's
		10 am	Tiaro

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

16/03/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
	Fair Haven	10.00am
17/03/2022	Thursday	12 noon
18/03/2022	Friday	8.30am
19/03/2022	Saturday Maryborough	6.00pm
20/03/2022	Sunday Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

This week's Readings-2nd Lent C (page 769 St Pauls Missal)

1st - Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd - Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard.
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus.
Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 9: 28-36

Next weekend's Readings:
3rd Sunday of Lent Year C (p.773)
1st - Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15
Psalm 102
2nd - Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12
Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

Newsletter 13th March 2022

2nd Sunday Of Lent Year C

Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face from me.

In the Spirit of Lent

Twins, a sister and brother were talking to each other in the womb. The little sister said to the little brother, 'I believe that there is life after birth!' Her brother protested: 'No, no, this is all there is. This is a dark and cozy place and we have nothing else to do but to cling on to the cord that feeds us.' But the little girl insisted: 'There must be something more than this dark place, there must be something else where there is light and freedom to move.' Still she could not convince her twin brother. Then...after some silence, she said hesitantly: 'I have something else to say, and I am afraid you won't believe that either, but I think there is a mother!' Her little brother now became furious: 'A mother, a mother, what are you talking about? I have never seen a mother and neither have you. Who put that idea in your head? As I told you, this place is all we have so let's be content.' The little sister finally said: 'Don't you feel this pressure sometimes? It's really unpleasant and sometimes even painful.' 'Yes,' he answered, 'what's special about that?' 'Well,' the sister said, 'I think this pressure is there to get us ready for another place, much more beautiful than this where we will see our mother face to face! Don't you think that's exciting!'"

In that story the twin brother did not believe there was anything beyond what he could see and hear and touch while his twin sister believed there was a life beyond what she could see and hear and touch. Like the girl in the womb who could not see her mother, we too believe that eternal life follows this life and that there is more to this life than we can see and hear and touch.

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye. During the transfiguration they got a glimpse of the future glory of Jesus' resurrection. Like them we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now.

We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a cord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives.

Dear Friends, we get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. So, in the spirit of Lent, let us listen to God; let us go to the mountain to encounter and to behold his glory. Let us try it this Lent and be filled with the glory of his presence.

Peace be with you! Fr Lucius