ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL: The Annual Winter Appeal will be on the weekend of 23rd & 24th July as a retiring collection. A delegate will speak on this appeal. This is to make certain that the disadvantaged people in Maryborough have the essential needs during this season.

- Food for women and children
- Help with the essentials
- Support to keep safe

Your support this Winter will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance to help families.
This is also an occasion for our Parish to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible work the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers do.

PLENARY COUNCIL: "The celebration phase of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia ended on Saturday, July 9, as Archbishop Timothy Costelloe formally closed the Council and celebrated the closing Mass."
"During the second general assembly, more than 35 motions were put to a consultative and a deliberative vote. Those motions that received a qualified majority in the deliberative vote – two-thirds of voters eligible and present – were passed by the Plenary Council. They were confirmed as the decrees of the Plenary Council.
After the November 2022 meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees will be sent to the Apostolic See. In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, decrees are not to be promulgated until they have been reviewed by the Apostolic See. They will be promulgated in the Australasian Catholic Record and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation."
Links to the decrees (subject to final corrections) - https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

AN INSIGHTFUL WRITING: As part of St Mary's Parish community, we have a responsibility to keep in touch with one another in whatever way that best suits our particular needs i.e. offer to bring someone to Mass one day a week, pop in for a visit, make a phone call, take someone out for morning tea. It has become common to blame Covid for all sorts of things and this is true to some extent.

The season of Winter brings its own particular challenges and for the past six weeks we have been aware of the temperature dropping on more occasions than in recent years. People are more inclined to stay home which is their option.

Some people are content with their own company and we have to respect that. Others who live apart from their grown families are looking for friends to enjoy a chat and perhaps a hobby. Many are in aged care and without a doubt have been isolated even from their own families as an extra measure of protection. There are those facing serious illness who spend their days and weeks travelling for treatment and suffering side effects. There are those who are 'lonely' within themselves as opposed to loneliness from living alone ….. and the list goes on.

The point is that communication is necessary to stay connected with other parishioners without imposing on them. If we are to be a welcoming community we need to take steps to re-kindle that connection that has been severed for one reason or another. The Visiting Vinnies do valuable and generous work through their home visits and are always open to add an extra name to their list if the need arises.

Recently, longtime residents Frances Guerin and Julie Leck sold up and moved away and we miss seeing them around. There are probably others who have moved on. John and Delma Beck recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and we are grateful for the volunteer chores they still do on a regular basis.

Something to think about: How might I ease someone who is thirsting today – whether for water, food, my time, my attention, a kind word, a listening ear or even for God?

Let us pray: Jesus, you ask not extraordinary things of us but daily small acts of selfless love. Help us to see that persistence in doing small acts of love is itself quite extraordinary. **(By Mary Kirkpatrick)**

ONE YEAR: Fr. Lucius completed one year as our Parish priest. Thank you father for shepherding us. We will continue to support and pray for your fruitful ministry and service to our parish and the Church.

Entrance: Gather Us In

Words and Music: Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA Publications

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness, vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame,
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for Your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call Your sons and Your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is You;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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Psalm Response: (Read)

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance .
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion: Eat this Bread

Words: John 6; adapt. R. Batastini; Music: J. Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

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Thanksgiving: BE STILL AND KNOW

John Bell © 1988, WGRG, Iona Community

Be still and know that I am God,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one who calls you my friends,
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

I am the one whose love never fails, And
there is none beside me.
Be still and know that I am God,
And there is none beside me.

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Recessional: All the Ends of the Earth

Words and Music: Robert Dufford © 1981, Robert J Dufford SJ and New Dawn Music

Refrain:
All the ends of the earth,
All you creatures of the sea,
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord,
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders He has done in every age. R./

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in His might;
Every heart every nation call Him Lord. R./

The Lord has made His salvation known,
Faithful to His promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth,
Let the sea and all it holds,
Make music before our King! R./

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

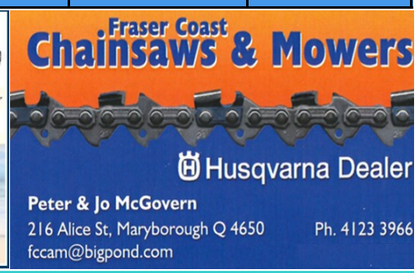
The Recently Deceased:
Ailyn Vargas, Leeame Cartwright, Andrew Charles Gill ,Fe Linortner, Ponciano Ponte, John Massingham, Paul Bryant, Ailyn Vargas, Purita Herbert, Margaret Kersnovske and Brian Deere.

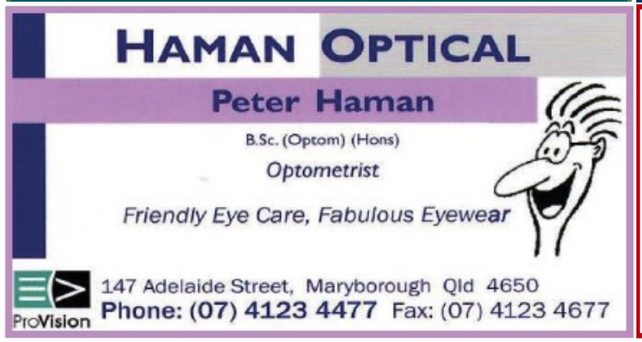
Anniversary of Death:
Keith Guerin, Noela Deem, Barney Baxter, Denise Elmer, Jean Smith, Danny O'Connell, Kath Hogan, Bradley O'Brien, Eileen Hodda, Bill Bartels, Marion & Arthur Bartels, Carmel Phillips, Valda Russell and Ellen Bradshaw.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life providing guidance, hope and strength. Making a gift of any size through your Will can support the mission of your parish, the Catholic Church and the faith of future generations." Please take a leaflet from the Church/visit Parish office for more details.

ROSTER	Sat 16th July	Sun 17th July	Sat 23rd July	Sun 24th July
Welcomer	Anne	Pat	John	Peter
1st Reader	Warren	Michael	Gerard	Tyson
2nd Reader	Mary	Peter	Ron	Frank
Communion	Judy Sue	Con Graham	Sue Marion	Lita Graham
Servers	Andrew Stazio	Georgia Isaac Xavier	Thu Han Chet	Sarah Byron
Musicians	Jearen	Justin	Bong Jearen	Robyn
Singers	Amy	Theresa	Filipino Choir	Theresa
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita	Beverley Lou	Lita
Morning Tea				





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This Week's Mass Schedule

20/07/2022	Wednesday	**8.00am**
	Fairhaven	**10:00am**
21/07/2022	Thursday	**12.00pm**
22/07/2022	Friday	**8:30am**
23/07/2022	Saturday	**6.00pm**
24/07/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**8.00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This weekend's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.895)
- **1st** - Genesis 18:1-10
- **Psalm** - 14 (Response verse in hymns page (read).
- **2nd** - Colossians 1:24-28
- **Gospel Acclamation** lyrics in hymns page (sung).
- **Gospel** - Luke 10: 38-42

Next weekend's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.899)
- **1st** - Genesis 18: 20-32
- **Psalm** - 137
- **2nd** - Colossians 2: 12-14
- **Gospel** - Luke 11: 1-13

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 17TH JULY 2022
16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

SEE, I HAVE GOD FOR MY HELP.
THE LORD SUSTAINS MY SOUL.
I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU WITH WILLING HEART,
AND PRAISE YOUR NAME, O LORD, FOR IT IS GOOD.

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART

In Luke's gospel today Jesus visits the house of Mary and Martha in Jerusalem. It was Martha who welcomed him and, being the perfect host, went about preparing the food. Mary on her part chose to sit at the Lord's feet listening to him, and absorbing all that Jesus had to say. For a woman in those days, the chance to learn directly from a rabbi was a rare privilege for Mary, and Jesus was not going to deny her that. She did not sit to talk with him as most of us would do, rather she sat at his feet listening to him, she seems to have taken a model of the contemplative life. But Martha's style of hospitality took an anxious and difficult turn as she requested Jesus to ask her sister Mary to also choose her active style of hospitality and join her in doing the serving. But Jesus immediately reminded Martha not to occupy herself with less-important things, but to always choose the better part of life, as her sister Mary did.

In any case, Jesus does not condemn Martha but only draws her attention to what is necessary, which Mary had chosen. And what is this one thing necessary? Contentment in love! Whether we are active or contemplative, we should always be so in love and with contentment. It is not for us to decide for others how best to relate with the Lord. Mary understood this but not quite Martha on this occasion. Martha's problem was not the hospitality provided but her obsession with it.

Dear brothers and sisters, our lesson in today's gospel is that Jesus does not favour Mary over Martha but only admonishes Martha to embrace the right attitude to hospitality – finding and catering to the needs of the receiver and not seeking to dictate for them. We all can surely recollect a situation where someone did not like a particular food or drink provided at an occasion and another person was trying hard to make him/her take it. We should be careful not to imbibe that attitude. No doubt Jesus would have enjoyed a well-prepared hot roast-chicken meal from Martha, but the greater meal for him at that time was to do the will of his father– preaching and listening to the Gospel of Salvation.

Let us pray that God will grant us the right discernment to choose what is right and to do it.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius