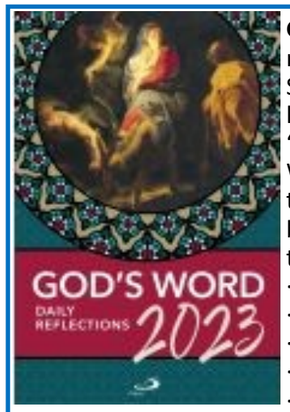

God's Word 2023 Pre-Orders Are Now Open. Those who need a book, please fill in your names and quantity needed before the end of August. The list is available at the Piety Stall inside the Church. Pricing will be announced later. Payment/s only when you collect the book.

"Edition prepared for Australia and New Zealand. Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. God's Word 2023: Daily Reflections brings you:

- Scripture readings of the day from the Jerusalem Bible
- Inspiring reflections by eminent Australasian spiritual writers
- Liturgical information for the day
- Space to note down important events and personal reflections
- Produced in the popular flexi-cover format"

HOLY MASS - WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY: The Mass on this day will be at 9.15am as Catholic Education Week Mass with St. Mary's College. There won't be Mass at 8 am on this day. All are welcome for the Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Mary's Church.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: "Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on July 24 this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92." Link to Pope Francis' message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the sacramental programs. Please contact Fr. Lucius or Parish Office.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA: We are inviting other groups/ministries to participate in organising the Sunday morning tea. Kindly contact the parish office to support this initiative.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be Choir Practice on Tuesday 26th July at 4pm.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH DEBUTANT BALL was held on 15th July 2022 at Brolga Theatre and Convention Centre. Congratulations to all.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL: The Annual Winter Appeal will be on this weekend of 23rd & 24th July as a retiring collection. A delegate will speak on this appeal.

This is also an occasion for our Parish to acknowledge and be grateful for the incredible work the St. Vincent de Paul volunteers do.

Those who like to be a part of St. Vincent de Paul as a volunteer please contact Wayne Lusk - 0407739120.

Entrance: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

E. Sands © Ernest Sands

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to Him and bless His name.
Mercy He has shown us,
His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain:
Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of Your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise Him with your music,
Worship him and bless His Name.

Power He has wielded, honour is His garment,
Risen from the snares of death.
His Word He has spoken,
One bread He has broken, new life He now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high.
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
Splendour of the living God.

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Psalm Response: (Read)

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me .

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion: EYE HAS NOT SEEN

Marty Haugen © GIA Publications

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 within 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:

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier
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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (2x)

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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. R./

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

Go to Him when you're weary;
He will give you eagle's wings.
You will run, never tire,
For your God will be your strength. 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.

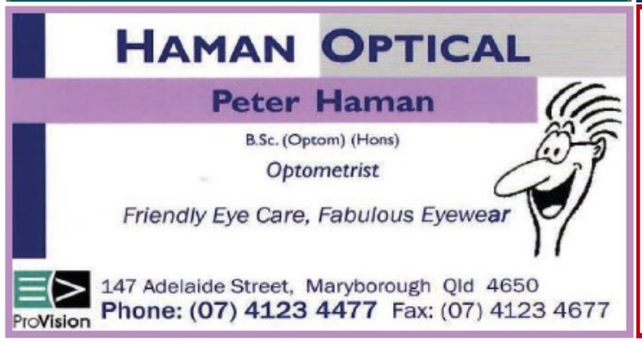
The Recently Deceased:
Olive Williams, Paul Mitchell, Ailyn Vargas, Leanne Cartwright, Andrew Charles Gill ,Fe Linortner, Ponciano Ponte, John Massingham, Paul Bryant, Ailyn Vargas, Purita Herbert, Margaret Kersnovske and Brian Deere.

Anniversary of Death:
Sr. Rose Cavallo, Lydia and Pabio Egina, Frank Bajada, Keith Guerin, Noela Deem, Barney Baxter, Denise Elmer, Jean Smith, Danny O'Connell, Kath Hogan, Bradley O'Brien and Eileen Hodda.

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 23rd July	Sun 24th July	Sat 30th	Sun 31st July
Welcomer	John	Peter	Tom	Susan
1st Reader	Gerard	Tyson	Ron	Christine
2nd Reader	Ron	Frank	Pamella	Frank
Communion	Sue Marion	Con Lita	Beverley Judy	Lita Graham
Servers	Thu Han Chet	Sarah Byron	Andrew Stazio	Byron Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Robyn	Rita	Justin
Singers	Filipino Choir	Theresa	Choir	Janette
Mass set up	Beverley Lou	Lita	Carmel	Lita
Morning Tea				Perry & Team



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This Week's Mass Schedule

27/07/2022	Wednesday	**9.15am**
(St. Mary's College Mass)		
	Chelsea	**No Mass**
28/07/2022	Thursday	**12.00pm**
29/07/2022	Friday	**8:30am**
30/07/2022	Saturday	**6.00pm**
31/07/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**8.00am**
	Tiaro	**10.00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This weekend's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.899)
- **1st** - Genesis 18:20-32
- **Psalm** - 137 (Response verse in hymns page (read).
- **2nd** - Colossians 2:12-14
- **Gospel Acclamation** lyrics in hymns page (sung).
- **Gospel** - Luke 11:1-13

Next weekend's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.904)
- **1st** - Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
- **Psalm** - 89
- **2nd** - Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
- **Gospel** - Luke 12:13-21

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 24TH JULY 2022
17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

GOD IS IN HIS HOLY PLACE,
GOD WHO UNITES THOSE
WHO DWELL IN HIS HOUSE;
HE HIMSELF GIVES MIGHT
AND STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE.

Be persistent in prayer

A story was told about a particular drama which unfolded in a bus trip. The actors were a little baby boy and his young mother. This baby who all through the journey remained calm suddenly began to cry. The young mother immediately reached out for her bag, brought out a feeding bottle filled with baby feed and tried to feed the baby, but the baby refused to suck from it while at the same time making frantic effort to reach the mother's breast. The young mother (for obvious reason which I would like you to figure out yourself), would not allow him have his way. As the struggle continued the baby intensified his cry and it was so loud that people around noticed the drama taking place between mother and child.

Suddenly, an elderly woman who could no longer bear the scene and seeing the travail of the baby said to the young lady: "My dear, feed your baby with your breast milk, he knows what he wants and it is his right to have it. I bet you he will not stop crying until you feed him the right way." Immediately everyone around echoed in unison: "Yes it is his right, give it to him!" Seeing that her baby has attracted the sympathy of all, the young mother breast fed the baby there and then. Afterwards the baby slept off and peace returned to mother and child, as well as to their fellow passengers. The baby got what he wanted because, he persevered and persisted with his cry and struggle, and also because the passengers persisted in speaking up for him.

So also, in Luke's today's gospel, Jesus did not only teach us how to pray but through his parables reassures us that if we pray to God with all our hearts, He will not fail to answer us. Like the little baby boy in the story, all we need is to be persistent and patient in our request. As well as believe that for those who have faith all things eventually work together for the better. As he says to us "ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you'. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him/her.

Dear friends, what are those problems of yours which you have been praying to God for solution? Are you about to quit because your prayer hasn't been answered yet? Let us not lose hope but be encouraged by God's reassuring words in the last verse of today's gospel "If you then, who are sinners, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius