LENTEN REFLECTION FROM "THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS"

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving Lord Jesus, draw us near to you and transform our lives with your loving encounter. We pray that we, like the woman at the well, may know your hope, love, mercy and compassion. Renew us with your living water and fill our hearts with love that overflows to all people. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St Mary's. We have updated the songs for each Stations in the new booklet.

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. The theme for this year is "For All Future Generations." God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations.' Genesis 9:12.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will again commence this Sunday 20th March with 8 am Mass. Children will 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.

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. Members are Ron Wroe as Chairperson, Catherine Antonio as Secretary, Beverley Jones, Anne-Maree Lyons, Margaret Jarvis, Cecilia Antony, Michelle White, Christine Rosin and Amy Brennan.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES: We are preparing the new rosters for the next three months. A few people have let us know that they are no longer available so we are looking for people to take their place. If you consider that you have the skills required, please come forward so that we may add you to the roster, please let us know as soon as possible.

CAN YOU HELP?: We are looking for volunteers who can deliver bottles and cans that are dropped off to the Parish office. This needs to be delivered to the recycling facility as required. This is one of our fundraising activities which we would like to continue. Please contact Parish office if you are able to assist.

RETIREMENT JUST AHEAD: Mary will be at the current position for one more week. Rather than a farewell , we have a social gathering to bring our community together. We invite you all on for a program as mentioned in the flyer. Please come along and offer to bring someone who may not have transport. Bookings are not required.

ROSTER FOR TRIDUUM: The list is available for specific duties during Holy Week and Easter. We do need more people to help and request to add your name where applicable.

THANK YOU: Thank you Ashley Taylor for replacing the older knobs in the doors inside the Church with door handles.

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: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Words: Horatius Bonar, public domain. Music: English Melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast'.
I came to Jesus, as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The Living Water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the Voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til trav'ling days are done.

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COMMUNION: I HAVE LOVED YOU

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REFRAIN:
I HAVE LOVED YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE.
I HAVE CALLED YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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THANKSGIVING: A NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:
If you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are My disciples:
If you have love one for another.

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RECESSIONAL: AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING

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As a fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the Church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbours ev'rywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, list'ning Spirit,
We would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'Mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the Heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

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Please remember in your prayers:

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

The Recently Deceased: Fay Shield, Joseph Miranda, Patrick & Sarah, Tima & Elsie Cream, Rev. Fr. Jim Hynes, Rev. Sr. P. Cream, Brian Lee and Brian Wheatley Jnr.

Anniversary of Death: Con & Jean Deere, Nicholas Haskins, Joseph Tran, Patricia Murray, Kay Phipps, Patricia Massingham and Vic Sempf.

Roster Date	Sat 19th Mar	Sun 20th Mar	Sat 26th Mar	Sun 27th Mar
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Gerard Warren Anne	Susan Frank Peter	Beverley Pamella Anne	Tom Tyson Pat
Communion	Sue	Graham	Judy	Rebecca
Servers	Thu Han Chet	Sarah Byron Sophie Nicholas	Andrew Stazio Han	Georgia Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong	Justin	Bong	Justin
Singers	Filipino Choir	Janette	Filipino Choir	Janette
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita	Beverley Lou	Lita

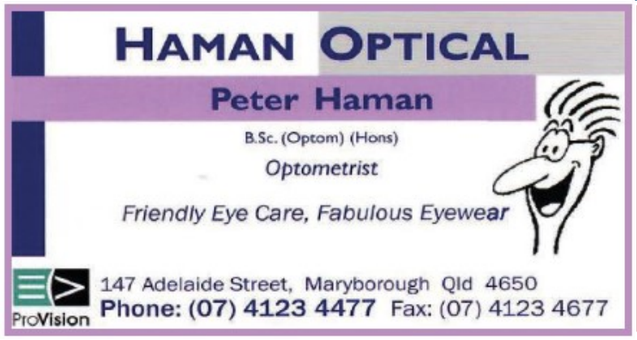
1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

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 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

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

23/03/2022	Wednesday Chelsea	8.00am 10.00am
24/03/2022	Thursday	12 noon
25/03/2022	Friday	8.30am
26/03/2022	Saturday Maryborough	6.00pm
27/03/2022	Sunday Maryborough Tiaro	8.00am 10.00am

This week's Readings-3rd Lent C (page 773 St Pauls Missal)

1st - Exodus 3: 1 - 8, 13 - 15

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd - Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 - 12

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

Repent says the Lord
The kingdom of heaven is at hand

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

Gospel - Luke 13:1 - 9

Next weekend's Readings:
4th Sunday of Lent Year C (p.779)
1st - Joshua 5: 9 - 12
Psalm 33
2nd - Corinthians 5: 17 - 21
Gospel - Luke 15: 1 -3, 11 - 32

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

Newsletter 20th March 2022

3rd Sunday Of Lent Year C

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am lone and poor.

LENT: A TIME TO REPENT AND RETURN TO GOD

There is a touching story told of a humble, consecrated Anglican pastor, whose young son had become very ill. After the boy had undergone an exhaustive series of tests, the father was told the shocking news that his son had a terminal illness. The youngster had accepted Christ as his Saviour, so the minister knew that death would usher him into glory; but he wondered how to inform one in the bloom of youth that soon he would die.

After earnestly seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit, he went with a heavy heart through the hospital ward to the boy's bedside. First he read a passage of Scripture and had a time of prayer with his dear child. Then he gently told him that the doctors could promise him only a few more days to live.

"Are you afraid to meet Jesus, my boy?" asked his devout father. Blinking away a few tears, the little fellow said bravely, "No, not if He's like you, Dad!"

The Old Testament shows us that history was working out God's plan but the highpoint in God's plan for us was the resurrection. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but that proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. "So If we live we live for the Lord: and if we die we die for the Lord." (Rom 14:8) Lent is therefore the beginning of this great forty days' journey that brings us to the celebration of Easter.

Let us therefore ask ourselves: What is the purpose of life? What is our goal in life? Where is our heart in life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare us for the next life. And if we truly trust and believe in God as our loving father, then like the little boy in the above story, we would not be afraid to go and meet him whenever we are called. But this can only happen when we are ready to learn from our past, support one another and repent of our sins, and there is no better season for us to achieve this than now.

Pray, Fast, Give and Forgive!

Peace be with you. Fr Lucius Edomobi