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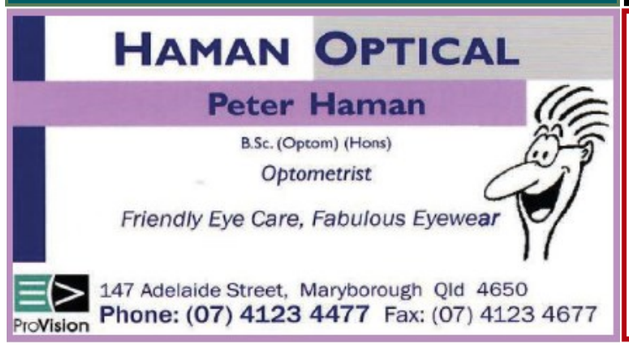
ROSTER	Sat 16 May	Sun 17 May	Sat 23 May	Sun 24 May
Welcomer	Mary	Gail	————	Gerard
1st Reader	Ron	Pat	Warren	Peter
2nd Reader	John	Susan	Felicity	Eris
Communion	Tony Wayne	Anne Cris	Sue Steve	Remy Rebecca
Servers	Han Frances Euginia Aaliyah	Xavier Felix Rafael	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte Isabella	Elissa Pius Eleena
Musicians	Amy	Robyn	Bong / Cody	Robyn
Singers	Janette	Choir	Filipino Choir	Men
Mass set up	Gerry	David Rebecca	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca
Morning Tea				Deem Girls
Floral Arrgmt	Sue, Geraldine and Robyn			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

20/05/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
21/05/2026	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
22/05/2026	**Friday**	**9:15am**
23/05/2026	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**
24/05/2026	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord Year A
(p.333 - in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 1:1-11
- **Psalm** - Ps 46 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Ephesians 1:17-23
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 28:16-20

Next weekend: Pentecost Sunday Year A (p.339).
- **1st** - Acts 2:1-11
- **Psalm** - 104
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
- **Gospel** - John 20:19-23

Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, Maryborough's St Mary's Parish and School Family are Earnestly in need of Your Loving Care more than ever before. Through Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Grant that Your Holy Spirit may Enlighten the Eyes of our Minds. To guide us all to believe more and to Deepen our Faith, Hope and Trust in you. ***Amen***

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

Newsletter 17th May 2026
The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

STAY WITH US OH LORD

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time. *(Matthew 28:19-20)*

These were the last few words of Jesus as recorded differently in the Acts of the Apostles and in Matthew and Mark. All of them agree that (a) Jesus gave his disciples a mission, a task to engage them till he returns in glory, and (b) he assured them of divine assistance in the carrying out of this mission.

The mission is to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth, to go into all nations of the world and proclaim the good news to the whole world. The universal reach of this mission is very clear. "The whole world" The message of Jesus is meant to be good news in the ears of all humankind irrespective of nationality or culture etc. Sadly, we are living in a world where many people have chosen to embraced "religion" in preference to the gospel values, maybe it is time to ask ourselves the question: Do we truly understand the message of Christ? Or have we perhaps lost the Good Story in the telling?

The spreading of the Good News to all nations is a universal call to discipleship, it knows no language nor colour, however, it is not a goal that can be attained by dint of human might and craft. That is why Jesus promises to empower his messengers from on high by his abiding presence and the Holy Spirit. The challenge of sharing the Good News with all humankind should, therefore, begin on our "knees" in prayer, as we confess that we have often taken matters into our own selfish human hands and promise to give the Holy Spirit a chance.

Finally, dear friends, as we continue our pilgrimage on earth, let us rejoice and be glad as the feast of **our Lord's Ascension into heaven** reassures us of the hope of our glorification and a guarantee to meet our Lord in heaven. It is a reminder of our salvation, a reminder that our true home is not here on earth but in heaven. We are therefore challenged to look beyond this world to the destiny which we are to share with Christ in heaven.

Happy feast day to you all.
Fr Lucius

Together we can prevent domestic and family violence

Every year at Centacare's DFV march and candlelight vigil, the community are invited to place candles on the shoes of those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.

Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.

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"As a people of faith, we are called to act with courage, compassion and solidarity. Together, we can build communities where safety is upheld, dignity protected and hope can grow."

ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

- ***Family and relationship care:*** https://centacare.com/family-and-relationship-care/
- ***Supporting someone experiencing DFV:*** *https://centacare.com/supporting-someone-experiencing-domestic-and-family-violence/*
- ***Understanding domestic and family violence:*** *https://centacare.com/understanding-domestic-and-family-violence/*
- ***Together, We Can—Video*** *— https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boxP6yjlAyQ&t=4s*

A Prayer To End Domestic and Family Violence

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent, **You cry with us.**

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all kinds, **You cry with us.**

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is happening far too slowly, **You cry with us.**

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out alone, we are not crying out in vain… **Our cries are Your cries too.**

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an end domestic and family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority, misconceptions, and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in need of community and belonging as they bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those that try to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry that enough is enough… it is time to end domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord,

Amen

The Archdiocese of Brisbane https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-work/domestic-family-violence/

domestic & family VIOLENCE project

The fundraising group is making steady progress. The monthly garage sales continue to provide a reliable source of income, and we are sincerely grateful to all donors and volunteers for their ongoing support. Contributions of quality goods, books, and baked items are always most welcome.

Raffles will also be held from time to time, and donations of suitable prizes would be greatly appreciated. Other events and opportunities are still being explored.

We warmly welcome anyone who may be willing to assist with this group.

The next meeting will be held at 4.30 pm in the Parish Hall on 3 June 2026.

St Mary's Debutante Ball Maryborough

https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Debutante-Ball-Maryborough/100070589584517/

Entrance: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, you the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
You, within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Psalm Response:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Father we praise you as Lord,
All of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Jesus You are Bread for Us

Refrain: ***Jesus, You are bread for us.***
Jesus, You are life for us.
In Your gift of Eucharist
We find love.

When we feel we need a friend
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that we need love
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that things aren't fair
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

In communion we believe
You are there with us, Jesus.
Thank you for the friend You are.
Thank you for the love we share. R./

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Thanksgiving: The Fullness of God

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live strong in faith and built on love
Until you know how high and long,
How wide and deep the fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your mind that you may see,
Deep in your heart what hope his call now holds for you,
His promise true:
To fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God!

Know the way you learnt from Christ, to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to him;
Let Christ renew the hope in you to grow into
Goodness and truth!
And living so, you'll come to know the fullness of God!
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Recessional: Lift Up Your Hearts

Refrain: ***Lift up your hearts to the Lord,***
Praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
Whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
How glorious your name!"

Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
Bless God's holy name!

God's right hand made a path through the night,
Split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lift up your voice:
Our God set us free.

Listen now, all you servants of God,
As I tell of these great works.
Blessed be the Lord of my life,
Whose love shall endure!

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Ma Brock, Sandra Brock, Sister Lyn Freestone, Jocelyn Schuh, Denis Cahil**,** Maria Lucia Foz Lopez, Andrew Ready, Michael Dessousa, Trevor Spencer, Josephine Toriaga, Chona Hall, Ewa Danda, Christine Waerner, Christine Chu, Vince Dollisson, Leo G. Amar, Alfonso Diaz, Bohdan Pastuch, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Madonna Suter, Mamerto June Ruyeras, Veronica Elliott, Graham Neill and Glenda Cunningham.

Anniversary of Death: Walter Redivo, Margaret Hogan, Philip Bertram, Steven Wroe, Kevin Schmidt, and Agnes Mallet.