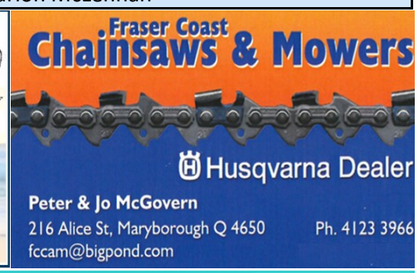
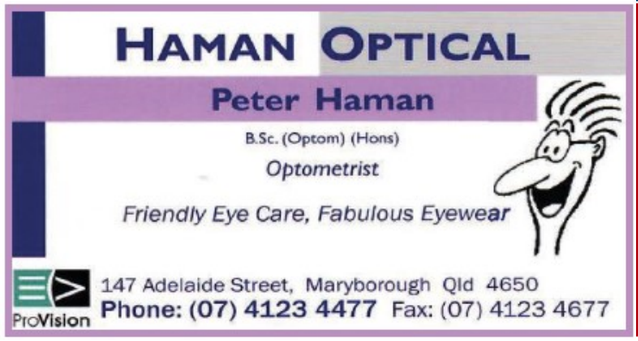
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"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 1st Oct.	Sun 2nd Oct.	Sat 8th Oct.	Sun 9th Oct.
Welcomer	Ron	Eris	Pilar	Frank
1st Reader	Pamella	Peter	Beverley	Susan
2nd Reader	Tom	Tyson	Pat	Christine
Communion	Marion Beverley	Con Rebecca	Gerry Wayne	Lita Graham
Servers	Andrew Chet Han	Sarah Byron	Stazio Sophie Nicholas	Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Bong Jearen	Robyn	Bong	Robyn
Singers	Filipino Choir	Theresa	Children's Choir	Choir
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea				
Flowers	Sue Flavel, Anne Gilbert & Marion McLennan			





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This Week's Mass Schedule

05/10/2022	Wednesday	**08:00am**
06/10/2022	Thursday	**12:00pm**
07/10/2022	Friday	**08:30am**
08/10/2022	Saturday	**06.00pm**
09/10/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00 am**
	Tiaro	**10.00 am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Public Square Rosary (In front of the Grotto) -** Saturday 15th October 9am
- **Multicultural Mass -** Sunday, 23rd October 10am
- **First Holy Communion -** Sunday 13th November 8am
- **Anniversary Mass**, 10 years - Priestly Ordination, Fr. Lucius - Friday 25th November 5pm

READINGS

- **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.942)**
- **1st** - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
- **Psalm** - 94 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Luke 17:5-10

Next weekend's: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C (p.946)

- **1st** - 2 Kings 5:14-17
- **Psalm** - 97
- **2nd** - 2 Timothy 2:8-13
- **Gospel** - Luke 17:11-19

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NEWSLETTER 02ND OCTOBER 2022
27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

WITHIN YOUR WILL, O LORD, ALL THINGS ARE ESTABLISHED, AND THERE IS NONE THAT CAN RESIST YOUR WILL. FOR YOU HAVE MADE ALL THINGS, THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH, AND ALL THAT IS HELD WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF HEAVEN; YOU ARE THE LORD OF ALL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus highlights two aspects of being a disciple. First, he talks about faith. Second, he talks about duty. By definition, a believer is one who has sufficient faith needed to be a follower. The response Jesus gives the disciples when they ask for an increase in faith is, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (17:6). Jesus is not saying the Apostles do not have faith. As disciples, they believe in Jesus and have faith in him. Jesus is encouraging the disciples to be content with their faith, even if it is only the size of a mustard seed. Even with just a small amount of faith, they are capable of doing great things.

This Scripture passage also suggests that if the disciples are patient, their gift from God will grow, just as a tiny mustard seed over time grows into a large tree. Jesus stresses that quantity of faith is not the issue. Relying on God and remaining faithful is what makes a difference. The ability to believe and trust others is part of being human; therefore, disciples should see faith in God as a natural part of life.

Next, Luke uses the example of the slave or servant to give the disciples insight into their duty to serve others. He asks, "Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?" (17:9). The expectation is not that the servant be thanked but rather that the servant fulfill his duty. The servant is simply expected to do assigned tasks. A disciple of Jesus—a servant of Jesus—should not think she or he deserves or can earn special favor because of her or his service. Jesus is perhaps challenging the commonly held Jewish perspective that correct observance of the law and traditions deserves God's reward. If good works are expected of the servant as an ordinary part of duty, then faithful service is a basic requirement of those who follow Jesus. God's favor cannot be earned. Nothing a disciple does can lay claim to God's graciousness, nor does a disciple's deeds give her or him the right to demand anything of God. The analogy drawn here is that just as serving or doing one's duty defines the servant, so faith defines the believer.

The Catechism states that "faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man" (number 162). Either we embrace this gift, or we reject it. If we choose to embrace faith, then faith calls us to give ourselves completely—mind, heart, and will—to God in a loving relationship. The Holy Spirit, the gift promised to the Christian community by Jesus at his Ascension, helps us recognize the invitation to faith given to us by God the Father. It is the grace of this gift of faith that makes it possible for us to believe in God (see CCC, number 154). Because God allows humans to freely choose faith, faith empowers us to do great things in collaboration with God's grace. In faith, we find certainty. God is the one constant in our lives, for truth resides within God (see CCC, number 157).

Luke is asking all of Jesus's disciples, both then and now, to assess why they do service. Is it to receive recognition from others or a way to bargain with God? Or, is it seen as part of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? Luke wants his community to understand that service to others—which is the duty of all faithful disciples of Jesus—should be seen as a way to serve God. Because we are fully alive in our faith, we want to share that experience of faith by helping others come to a faith relationship with Jesus. The desire to serve is in response to the great gift of faith given to us by God.

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October - Month of Rosary

- Rosary: 30 minutes before each Mass.
- Public Square Rosary - Saturday 15th October 9am in front of the Grotto.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: Every first Thursday we have Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at St. Mary's Church from 11:15am to 11:45am followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 PM.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME – 2022 - EUCHARIST (First Holy Communion)

Let us keep all Candidates intending First Holy Communion and the Sacramental Team in our prayers. The education classes for Candidates starts on Saturday 8th October. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be on Sunday 13th November.

ALTAR SERVERS: Our Parish is seeking altar servers for our masses - tweens, teens and adults. Please contact Gerry Donoghue on gerrydonoghue1@bigpond.com or 0412 594744 to register your interest or learn more information. Altar servers are an integral part of the liturgy.

Some quotes from Pope Francis when he spoke to Altar Servers on many occasions. *"serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus"*
"Offer your hands, thoughts and time to Jesus"
'Be proud of your work'
"give God glory in everything"
"You can be apostles, capable of drawing others to Jesus"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Multicultural Mass
St. Mary's Church Maryborough
October 23rd, 2022 - 10 am
At St. Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners
The Multicultural Mass will bring joy and celebration to us as a Parish of Faith. Our theme for the celebration is "Let us celebrate and pray as Children of God".
What would we like you all to consider?

1. *Being part of the choir for the Mass*
2. *Contribute a prayer of intercession (praying particularly for your home land or your people or family back home) to be read by you in your native language*
3. *Contribute a small food platter as a sample of your national treat to share at morning tea after the mass (no large amounts of hot food please) only finger food.*
4. *Come dressed in your national dress and if you have a flag, please bring it along to join in the entrance procession*
5. *Consider joining the committee to assist in the organising of the day.*
6. *Be a contact person for your cultural group and be willing to invite a friend from your homeland*
7. *If you would be willing to provide some cultural entertainment during morning tea please feel free to let us know through the Parish office*
8. ***We request Parishioners to fill the list available near the entrances to capture the Nationalities in our Parish.***

If there are any ideas that you would like to share, please contact a member of the Parish Council or Father Lucius (who will pass the idea on)
Many thanks in anticipation
Multicultural Committee

REGULAR OCCURRENCES

- **St Mary's Activities Group** - Every Wednesday - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Hall Meeting Room
- **St Vincent De Paul** - St Mary's Conference - 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Centre
- **St Vincent De Paul** - Visiting Vinnies - 2nd and 4th Wednesday - 4pm at Parish Meeting Room
- **Mothers' Prayer Group** - Every First Friday - 9:00 am to 10:00am at Hall Meeting Room

Choir Practice: Tuesday 4th October at 4.pm

God's Word 2023 - Daily Reflection: Those who have pre-ordered or want to buy God's Word 2023 - Daily Reflection book, please pay $15.00 and collect it from the Piety Stall before Mass during weekends or from Parish Office.

ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

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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)

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News .
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

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I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
You who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons.

REFRAIN:
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP, AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP,
AND I WILL RAISE YOU UP ON THE LAST DAY.

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever. R./

Unless you eat
Of the Flesh of the Son of Man.
And drink of His Blood
And drink of His Blood
You shall not have life within you. R./

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THANKSGIVING: THE SERVANT SONG

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WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT,
LET ME BE AS CHRIST TO YOU;
PRAY THAT I MAY HAVE THE GRACE TO
LET YOU BE MY SERVANT, TOO.

WE ARE PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY,
WE ARE TRAV'LERS ON THE ROAD;
WE ARE HERE TO HELP EACH OTHER
WALK THE MILE AND BEAR THE LOAD.

I WILL HOLD THE CHRIST-LIGHT FOR YOU
IN THE NIGHT-TIME OF YOUR FEAR;
I WILL HOLD MY HAND OUT TO YOU,
SPEAK THE PEACE YOU LONG TO HEAR.

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RECESSIONAL: LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

REFRAIN:
SHINE, JESUS, SHINE,
FILL THIS LAND WITH THE FATHER'S GLORY;
BLAZE, SPIRIT, BLAZE,
SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE.
FLOW, RIVER, FLOW,
FLOOD THE NATIONS WITH GRACE AND MERCY;
SEND FORTH YOUR WORD, LORD,
AND LET THERE BE LIGHT.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. R./

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those in ill health: Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Joan Schmidt, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Denis Shield, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.
The Recently Deceased: Carmelita Garlitos, Grahame Pomroy, Maurice Hynes, Marie McGinley, Laurie Prentice, Sylvia Moulds, Santiago Ramoneda, Piera Louisa Rossi, Bernard Kevin Barry, Michael Gerard Sauer and Ronald Stephenson.
Anniversary of Death: Fr Guildford Lyons, Vince Walker, Margaret Paine, Fr. Brian Curran C. M., Les Groth, Frances Steemson, Alan Bartels, Matthew Rahe, Christopher Dellwin Moss, Moyna and Nev Caines, Raymond Proctor, Ted Twomey, Frank Walker and Mollie Walker.