YOU ARE INVITED TO A MASS AT 6PM ON FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022 TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST MASS WAS HELD IN OUR CHURCH. BISHOP KEN HOWELL WILL BE THE CELEBRANT AND OTHER PRIESTS WHO HAVE HAD A CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH HAVE BEEN INVITED. PLEASE HELP TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL OCCASION BY YOUR ATTENDANCE.

SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION: Thanks to everyone who has supplied family snapshots taken over the years for the slideshow which will form part of this special Mass recognizing the history of our Parish. Stephen McGinley is excited about this presentation and is working hard to ensure that as much as possible will be included. It goes without saying that anyone who is a current parishioner but wasn't 50 years ago is as much a part of this celebration as the 'born and bred' ones. The photos will remain in the church for the weekend so that more people have the opportunity to reminisce about the good times growing up in this community.

1870	**New work and new arrivals**
The concrete foundations were laid ready for the stonework to commence. It was written at the time that when completed the building would adorn and beautify the town and would feature clearly to those arriving at the wharves in Maryborough. The Sisters of St Joseph arrived in Maryborough at the invitation of Fr Tissot to run the Parish Convent School. Mary McKillop wrote of her pleasure in the establishment of her Order in Maryborough.	

1882 – 21st November	**Meeting to plan the extension of the Church**
At a meeting presided over by the new Bishop, Robert Dunne, a decision was made to extend St Mary's. The services of Colonial Architect, FDG Stanley were sought and plans for alterations were prepared. Building works were completed by Fritz Kinne at a cost of £1,871. The additions included the extension of the nave by three bays and the erection of a large chancel. The roof was reclad with slate and several ventilation gablets were added near the ridge. Internally the church was painted by Messrs O'Malley and Mill. A new set of Stations of the Cross from Lyons were installed, described as oleographs or coloured lithographs printed with oil paints and framed in gold.	

1936 – 22nd March	**St Mary's church realigned to front Adelaide Street**
Monsignor McCarthy approved substantial alterations to St Mary's in 1936 to the design of innovative local architect, POE Hawkes and carried out by contractor Herbert Neilson for £7,000. The building was rendered and an entrance was formed from Adelaide Street, where previously access was provided only from Bazaar Street. A new foundation stone was laid. A cock was added to the western gable of the church reflecting the French ties of Monsignor McCarthy, the then Parish Priest. Cocks were traditionally added to the roofs of French churches to symbolise resentment over Italian dominance of the papacy. Additions including the north and south transepts and chancel, sacristies, confessionals and baptistery were completed. The organ was moved from the loft to the Sacred Heart transept. A marble high altar was made and huge beautiful stained glass windows were made and installed.	

ROSTERS FOR MUSICIANS/SINGERS for February and March have been compiled and may be collected from the cupboard. Thank you all for your dedication to this important ministry.

*** PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** We welcome Cecilia Antony to the new position of Facilitator. The first preparation for 2022 will be for Reconciliation which begins with a Parent/caregiver/information session on Wednesday 9th February at 5.30pm in the Church. **TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE CHILD MUST HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION.** Aspects of the program will be explained and enrolments taken for the compulsory weekly sessions on the following three Wednesdays at 5.30 for approx. 40 minutes duration. A parent, guardian or family member must accompany the child to each session. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday 5th March at a time which will be confirmed at the Parent meeting.

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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COMMUNION: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Words and Music: *Michael Joncas © 1979 New Dawn Music*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust!'
Refrain:
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear,
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **R./**

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THANKSGIVING: MICAH'S THEME *Micah 6; © Anne Kelly*

Refrain:
Hear, then what [God] asks of you:
To live justly, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full. **R/.**
Ask and you shall receive; knock and it shall be yours. ***R./***

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O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
be every moment thine. (say 3 times)

RECESSIONAL: BLEST ARE THEY

Words and Music: David Haas, © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, Theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, They shall be consoled.
Refrain:
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God!

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Changes to the Mass schedule for the coming week

- **No Mass on Wednesday due to another commitment of Fr Lucius.**
- **The usual Mass on Friday morning will not be held due to the 150th Anniversary Mass at 6pm that same day.**

Please remember in your prayers:
Those in ill health: David Brettell, Fay Shields, Anna Pecar, Margaret Twomey, Ame Cox, Laurel Dingle, Fay Richards.
The Recently Deceased: Win Cordie, Patrick Berrell, Patricia Claxton, Jim Kirk, Jane Shoobridge.
Anniversary of Death: Clare Morris.

Roster Date	Saturday 29th Jan	Sunday 30th Jan	Fri 4Feb	Sat 6th Feb	Sun 7th Feb
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Anne Pamella Omena	Tom Pat Frank	 Tyson	Pamella Warren John	Peter Frank Christine
Communion	Beverley	Rebecca	Priests	Marion	Con
Servers	Sophie Nicholas Thu Han	Sarah Byron	Group		
Musicians Singers Mass set up	Rita Choir Gerry	Robyn Janette Lita Rebecca	Rita Choir	Bong Jearan Filipino Choir Carmel	Justin Majella Lita Rebecca

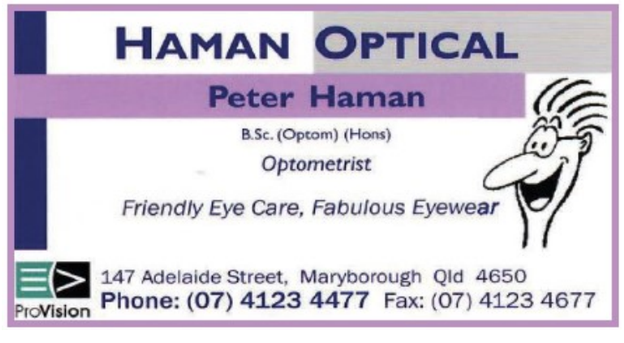
Welcome to new sponsor Sue Welsh who has the business mentioned below and invites enquiries re the particular support services on offer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Friday 4th February	Mother's Prayers 9.00am Hall meeting room
Wed 9th February	Reconciliation Information 5.30pm Church
Thurs10th February	Pastoral Council 5.00pm Presbytery

Last Saturday, Peter McGovern from Fraser Coast Chainsaws and Mowers trained Wolfgang in the use of the ride on mower which he took to like a duck to water whizzing around the grounds (safely of course). Many thanks Peter and Wolfgang for your generosity.

HARD YAKKA: Thank you to Rob for cutting down two out of control large trees at the rear of the Presbytery and to Stephen for trimming shrubs along Bazaar St, the car park and far side garden which took him three full days which also included taking the rubbish to the dump.



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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE
(also see inside for more details)

02/02/2022	Wednesday	**no Mass**
03/02/2022	Thursday	12 noon
04/02/2022	Friday	6.00pm
Special 150th Anniversary Mass		
05/02/2022	Saturday	
	Maryborough	6.00pm
06/022022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This week's Readings
(page 845 St Pauls Missal)
1st - Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Psalm Response:
I will sing of your salvation.

2nd - 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13

Gospel Acclamation (sung):

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 4: 21-30

Next weekend's Readings:
5th Sunday Ord Time Year C
1st - Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 137
2nd - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11

NEWSLETTER 30TH JANUARY 2022

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

Grant us, O Lord, that we may honour you with all our mind and love everyone in truth of heart.

Love is the greatest

A story was told about a young woman who excitedly boasted to her friends about her first outing with her boyfriend naively saying: "I was so impressed; I think he loves me. He brought me to dine in this big and beautiful restaurant with so many choices of food!" When asked the name of the restaurant, her response was: "Food Court!"

Often, we think we know what love is until we are asked to prove it. St Paul in the Second Reading today (*1 Corinthians 13:4-13)* reminds us that there are indeed three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of them all is love. However, there is a price to pay if we must love genuinely, as Jesus said to his disciples "If you love me you must keep my commandments." He went ahead in John chapter 15, 9-17 to tell us what true love is: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." As Christians, we may go through many different levels of loving but the most comforting certainty is that love does not come to an end.

More often love is expressed in the ordinary day-to-day situations like being kind when you're feeling irritable or sharing your time, your effort, even money for one who is in need or being considerate of other's feelings. The second characteristic of Christian love is UNIVERSAL. Love applies to all. A constant temptation for the Christian is to draw lines in the practice of love: racial lines, religious lines, personality lines etc.

We tend to love those who are "naturally" lovable: the nice people, the attractive and the good-looking. But how about the unlovable or difficult people who are sharp-tongued, critical and sarcastic? Some of us would wash the feet of our neighbour, only if we were sure that those feet were clean – or even perfumed! A Christian writer once said: "Let us love with all our hearts and accept the unlovable side of others, for anyone can love a rose but only a great heart can include the thorns."

Finally, dear sisters and brothers, let us remember that it is out of love that God chose to reconcile Himself to humanity through Christ by his divine incarnation. As St. John puts it: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us first" (1 John 4:10). It is only when we are ready to genuinely share this same love of Christ with our neighbours that Christ's reconciliation can truly make a difference in our world."

In Christ we serve. ***Fr Lucius***