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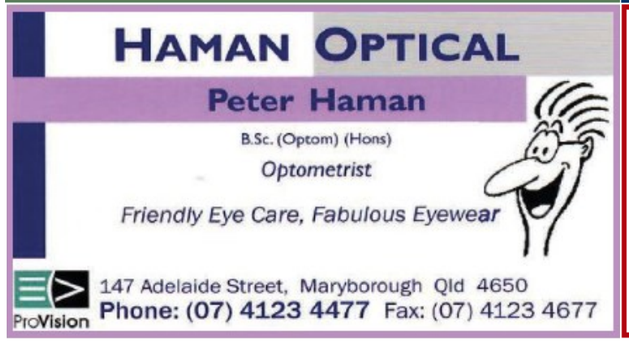
ROSTER	Sat 17th May	Sun 18th May	Sat 24th May	Sun 25th May
Welcomer	Tom	Pat	Ron	Peter
1st Reader	Beverley	Christine	Warren	Gerard
2nd Reader:	Mary	Susan	Felicity	Catherine
Communion	David Wayne	Cris Anne	Marion Judy	Con Rebecca
Servers	Thu Han Frances	Xavier Felix Raffel	Thu Han Frances	Elveena Elissa Pius
Musicians	Rita	College	Gail	Justin
Singers	Choir	College	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Gerry	David Rebecca	Beverley Lou	David Rebecca
Morning Tea		SMC		
Floral Arrgmt	Felicity Borg and Judy Zaia			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

21/05/2025	**Wednesday**	**8:00am**
	Fair Haven	**10:00am**
22/05/2025	**Thursday**	**12:00pm**
23/05/2025	**Friday**	**09:15am**
24/05/2025	**Saturday**	**06:00pm**
25/05/2025	**Sunday**	
	Maryborough	**8:00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.802 in St Pauls Missal)
- **1st** - Acts 14:21-27
- **Psalm** - Ps 144 Resp. hymns page
- **2nd** - Revelation 21:1-5
- **Gospel Accl.** hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 13:31-35

Next weekend: 6th Sunday of Easter - Year C (p.806).
- **1st** - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
- **Psalm** - Ps 66
- **2nd** - Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
- **Gospel** - John 14:23-29

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 18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

New Commandments of Love and Sacrifice

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 what the name of the restaurant was, her response was: "Food court!"

Often, we think we know what love is, but in today's Gospel of John, Jesus has redefined the true meaning of love as he charges us with a new commandment "you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'. For us to be a true disciple of Jesus is to do to others what we would like them to do to us. Yes, we go through many levels of loving, but the bottom line of love is sacrifice, i.e., dying to oneself, and in some cases, literally dying for others.

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. 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 neighbor, 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). And it is only when we are ready to genuinely share this same love of Christ with our neighbours that Christ' reconciliation can truly make a difference in our world".

Therefore, God's reconciliation with humanity is one that begins with the victimhood of Christ' suffering, death and resurrection, and as Christians we also share in that same victimhood of Christ and draw our strengths from the experience of God's grace, mercy and love. And so this transforming grace which we received from God's reconciliation should create in us, not only the mind to forgive our enemies, but also to help them rediscover their true humanity. It is only by so doing that we can allow the presence of the Incarnate God to transform us and our world.

Love and Peace !
Fr Lucius

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for next months (June July and August) which is available in the Church.

Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

Jubilee Mass

Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday June 1 2025 - 10 am at St. Mary's

Year of Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

(On Sunday June 1 2025 there will be no 8 am Mass at St. Mary's and there will be no 10 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Tiaro)

Preparing for Jubilee Mass

We welcome you for the meeting on **Wednesday 21st May 4pm at the presbytery** in preparation for the Jubilee Mass.

- Parishioners are requested to bring a small plate of food to share at morning tea after the Jubilee Mass on June 1st.

Pope Leo XIV

Please follow the below link to read the *Biography of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost.*

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/biography-of-robert-francis-prevost-pope-leo-xiv.html

Garage SALE ➡ The Church Fundraising Group is working towards a Garage Sale event for fundraising for Church Maintenance. All are welcome to contribute books or other materials for this event. Please contact the Church Fundraising Group or the Parish Office.

Church Maintenance

Fundraising for Church Maintenance: Should you feel you can help, the church account details for online donations are:

Account name: St. Mary's Parish
BSB: 064786
Account number: 100026161

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Thank you for your kindness

Entrance: Sing of the Lord's Goodness

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: (said)

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion: Love Calls Me Back

Come to my table, taste of my Word
Bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing. Bring in the pain.
Bring me the whole of your journey.

The parts of the story no-one's ever heard,
The times on the road you were scared,
Bring me the gifts no-one wanted to share.
Let's open the whole of your journey.

There's nothing in you that can't taste my Word.
There's nowhere our spirit can't fly!
I've laughed in the dancing and cried in the pain.
I've loved the whole of your journey.

I've lived in the desert where hearts have run dry.
I've loved in the gaol of your pain.
I live in the poor and I give you my name.
I live the whole of your journey.

Remember my arms open wide on the tree.
Remember the tears in my eyes.
Remember the wonder when death fell away
And love called you back to the journey.

Come to my table, taste of my Word,
Bring me the life that you've lived.
Bring in the dancing. Bring in the pain.
Bring me the whole of your journey.

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Thanksgiving: Washing Of the Feet

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. *(Repeat)*

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Recessional: City of God

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain:
Let us build the City of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one Who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for His people to set their hearts free. R/.

God is light; in Him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in His light, His children, one and all.
O comfort My people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth. R/.

O city of Gladness, now lift up your voice!
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice! R/.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Leo G. Amar, Erin Mallet, Annemarie Lyons, Kaye Fraser, Alfonso Diaz, Rita Sempf, Jenny Camilleri, Aurora Perez, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Warren Mernin-Meath and Norman Winn.

Anniversary of Death: Wally Redivo, Tonino Pavarazzi, Margaret Hogan, Philip Bertram, Juanito Garlitos, Margaret Twomey and Allan Schmidt.