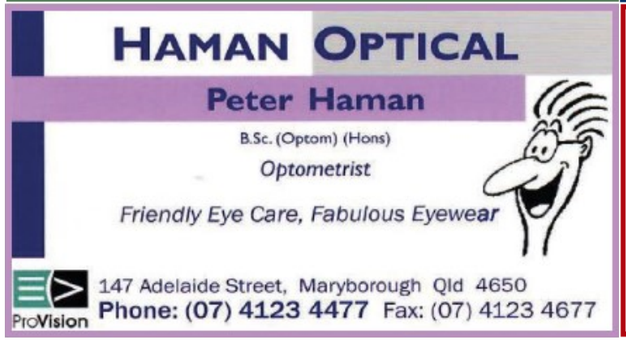
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"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 26th Nov.	Sun 27th Nov.	Sat 3rd Dec.	Sun 4th Dec.
Welcomer	Tom	Mary	Pat	Eris
1st Reader	Ron	Catherine	Pilar	Peter
2nd Reader	Pamella	Pat	Beverley	Tyson
Communion	Gerry Wayne	Rebecca Lita	Judy Sue	Con Graham
Servers	Andrew Stazio Chet	Sophie Nicholas	Thu Han	Isaac Xavier Sarah Byron
Musicians	Justin	Robyn	Rita	
Singers	Janette	Theresa	Choir	
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita Rebecca		Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea		Perry & Team		
Flowers	Erica Lunn and Margaret Morgan			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

30/11/2022	Wednesday	**08:00am**
01/12/2022	Thursday	**12:00pm**
02/12/2022	Friday	**08:30pm**
03/12/2022	Saturday	**06.00pm**
04/12/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **First Sunday of Advent** - 27th November - Year A
- **Memorial Mass** - Wednesday 30th November 8am
- **Christmas Eve Carols & Mass** - Saturday 24th December : Carols 6pm, Mass 7pm

READINGS

First Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.102)
- **1st** - Isaiah 2:1-5
- **Psalm** - 121 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 13:11-14
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 24:37-44

Next weekend's: Second Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.106)
- **1st** - Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Psalm** - 71
- **2nd** - Romans 15:4-9
- **Gospel** - Matthew 3:1-12

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 27TH NOVEMBER 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

TO YOU, I LIFT UP MY SOUL, O MY GOD.
IN YOU, I HAVE TRUSTED;
LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.
NOR LET MY ENEMIES EXULT OVER ME;
AND LET NONE WHO HOPE IN YOU BE PUT TO SHAME

"Stay Awake"

A newly ordained priest was appointed to work as an assistant to an older priest. The young priest went to the older priest for some orientation and advice. "What should I preach about today?" asked the young man. The reply he got was, "Preach about ten minutes."

We all know that what we are preaching about today is Advent, the coming of our saviour, who was, who is, and who is to come, Emmanuel! The key message in Matthew's gospel today (Matthew 24:37-44) is heard every year on this Sunday – "Stay awake". Such command makes most sense when there is a likelihood of some of us falling asleep, as indeed we might expect from nightfall.

The Lord makes it clear in the Gospel passage that we need to stand ready for his return. He invites us to take a stand for him, until the son of man comes in great glory and power. As the prophet Isaiah invites us to the mountain of the Lord, where He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate justice over all peoples. This invitation gladdens the heart of our Psalmist today who sings: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house. We too are called to a similar aspiration. Let us remember that waiting for the Lord's coming this advent simply means going out of our comfort zones, to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend and embracing a new and renewed life of faith and love.

Let us therefore pray that God grants us the discernment to use this moment of grace to rediscover our total dependence on God, as St Augustine discovered, "our hearts are restless till they rest in God". When we realize this and make room for God in our lives, then we are on the way to true repentance after the example of John the Baptist.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, during this Holy season of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord, let us remember that our role towards the mission of Christ is not different from that of John the Baptist - like him, each one of us has a mission to communicate the message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others, so that none of us will be left out at the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ.

May the peace and joy of Advent remain with you forever!
Fr Lucius

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass on Wednesday 30th November 8am at St. Mary's.

This is specifically for November Mass offerings. All names given through the November Mass Offerings will be added to the list in the Church. The envelopes are available at the main Church entrances.

Fr. Lucius will celebrate the Mass to honour and remember your loved ones.

Project "Screen Installations:" Finally, we got it!

Happy to announce that we have finally received the approval from Queensland Heritage Department of Environment and Science to proceed with the "Screen Installation" in St Mary's Church. We hope that the contractors may be commencing work any time from now. Please God!

Consequently, our annual Christmas gift envelope this year will help to support this project, as the Finance Council continue to work out the best realistic way to hold a major Fundraiser to adequately fund the project and other major projects in our parish.

The envelopes will be out this weekend (First Sunday of Advent till Christmas)

May God bless you for your generosity.

Fr Lucius

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(**The first candle**, called the Prophets' Candle, is lit to remind us of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah)

Fr Lucius: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our saviour, the true light who has come into our world. At the beginning of this Advent Season, we ask you to bless this Advent Wreath which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, Your coming now amongst us in grace and your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of love that we may receive You with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.
All: **Amen**

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, You are the long awaited Saviour of the world.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, You are the One who fulfilled the promise of Jeremiah, that, out of the stock of David, God would bring forth a virtuous branch.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, You are the son of Mary and the Son of God who brings liberation to the faithful.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Season of Advent

About the Season of Advent:

- The word 'advent' means 'waiting'. Advent is a time of preparing for Christmas, not celebrating Christmas (as the shops do).
- The season has three aspects – thanksgiving, Christ with us now, hope in future.
- The season encompasses three time dimensions – past, present, future.
- The season features three key figures – the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary.
- Advent has three distinct stages: the first focuses on the end of time when Christ will come again in glory; the second on John the Baptist heralding Jesus' public ministry; the last on Jesus' birth and the role of Mary in salvation history.

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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

Choir Practice: Tuesday 29th November 2022 @ 4pm

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr George will be leading a 14 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt from 11 – 24 March 2023. This pilgrimage will include stops in Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt Sinai and Cairo. For more information and to receive a booking form please email manly@bne.catholic.net.au. Bookings for this pilgrimage will close at the end of November 2022. The cost of this pilgrimage is $6590 for 20 pilgrims (price quoted as per twin sharing basis).

ENTRANCE: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell; ©1993, Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

REFRAIN:

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT! SHINE IN OUR HEARTS.
SHINE THROUGH THE DARKNESS.
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT!
SHINE IN YOUR CHURCH GATHERED TODAY.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: A TRUSTING PSALM

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REFRAIN:

LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US
AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.

THE WORD OF THE LORD IS FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE.
HIS LOVE CAN NEVER BE MEASURED.
HIS BEAUTY IS LIKE NOTHING WE HAVE EVER SEEN,
SO LET US PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM.

THE WORD OF THE LORD MEANS A PATIENT, GENTLE GOD.
HIS LOVE CAN NEVER GROW WEARY.
HIS MERCY IS AS THOUGH OUR SINS HAVE NEVER BEEN,
IF WE CAN PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM.

THE WORD OF THE LORD IS FIRE BURNING STRONG.
HIS LOVE CAN NEVER GROW WEARY.
HE WILL SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST UNTIL WE ALL RETURN,
SO LET US PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM

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THANKSGIVING: PRAYER FOR PEACE

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CHRIST BEFORE US, CHRIST BEHIND US,
CHRIST UNDER OUR FEET.
CHRIST WITHIN US, CHRIST OVER US,
LET ALL AROUND US BE CHRIST. (2X)

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RECESSIONAL:

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "JOYFUL IN HOPE

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JOYFUL IN HOPE, YOUR PEOPLE PRAY.
JOYFUL IN HOPE, WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
THOUGH THE ROAD MAY NOT BE CLEAR,
WE BELIEVE, LORD, YOU ARE NEAR,
IN THE SMILE AND OPEN HEART---
OF A FRIEND.

JOYFUL IN HOPE, YOUR PEOPLE PRAY.
JOYFUL IN HOPE, WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
THERE'S SUNSHINE AFTER RAIN;
THERE'S LAUGHTER AFTER PAIN;
AND I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,---
SO RISE AGAIN.

MARY, SO OPEN TO THE LORD,
WHEN YOU ANSWERED, "YES," OUR HOPE WAS RESTORED.
THOUGH YOU COULDN'T UNDERSTAND,
IN TRUST YOU TOOK HIS HAND.
SO, JOYFUL IN HOPE, WE LIVE AGAIN.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those in ill health: Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Brian Berry, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Denis Shield, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.
The Recently Deceased: Karl-Heinz Malschok, Junior Penit, Susan Tuckwell and Don Wright.
Anniversary of Death: Noel Francis Owen, Agustin Gertrudis, Carlos Pepito, Alfredo Martino Jas, Patrick Berrell, Terry Lynch, Cyril & Josie Cunnina, Arthur & Eileen Walker, Leo & Ellen Clancy, Coyne Cordie, Bell Geissler, Gordon Leck, Alberto Ruyeras, Timothy Hackett, Carlos R. Saunar, Fr. Joseph Vu and Maria Vu.