ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - 2nd MARCH: St. Mary's 8 am; Sacred Heart, Tiaro 6 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm starting 4th March.

LENTEN RESOURCE: 'The Spirit and the Cross' will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections invite you to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day and to hear a quote from Pope Francis and say a simple prayer. Books will be available from the Piety Stall soon @ $5.00. **If you choose to meet as a group one day a week, would you please arrange this among yourselves. Alternatively, we could stay after any of the weekday Masses to pray together.**

CHANGING OF THE GUARD: I have given notice to Fr Lucius of my wish to retire from the role of Parish Secretary effective 25th March 2022. My husband Rob made the move over 12 months ago and I have seen how much more relaxed he is so now it's my turn to enjoy a quieter life as well. We hope to do a spot of travelling while we are still fit and healthy but will be around a lot too. In the space of a week, Mr Antony Manjooran Sebastian (whom many of you already know) has accepted the position and has commenced the learning process. Luckily for us, Antony has excellent computer skills and is a quick learner and we are delighted to welcome him aboard. If you are coming into the office, please make yourself known to Antony so that he may put names to faces. *Mary Kirkpatrick*

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 9.30AM CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, NEPTUNE STREET, MARYBOROUGH. This year's celebration has been compiled by representatives of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We encourage you to join with local church communities to unite with countries all over the world for this annual prayer service. The logo has been designed by Angie Fox from Derby, England. The theme 'I know the plans I have for you' depicts ***Freedom:*** an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista. ***Justice:*** broken chains. ***God's peace and forgiveness***: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement. ***Over all:*** the rainbow represents the over-reaching love of God.

CHURCH SIDE DOOR ENTRY CODE: Following last weekend's announcement that the access code to the back sacristy would be changing, we would like to clarify the situation. Ideally, a code should be given to only those people who have a need to enter the church outside of normal Mass times which includes sacristans, florists, choir leader/musicians for practice to name a few. This system has worked well for several years and we wish to continue using it. Even though we have a fair idea of who has access to the code at the present time, it is a good opportunity to update our records which is why we have asked for you to contact us so that we can double check names. The new code should be available next week so please email or phone the office if you will require the code in the future. It is timely to acknowledge the people who carry out the chores that we sometimes take for granted and to reassure you that we have the utmost faith and trust in you and thank you for your goodness.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Some time ago, the Finance Council approved the request for recognition of the people who had made substantial financial donations to the repair and restoration of the windows since the appeal was launched in 2015. The information on the plaque is based on the records on file and we hope that all is correct. Other people who spent time working on the windows have also been mentioned. The plaque is situated on the back wall of the church in the transept area.

Marie Groth celebrated her 90th birthday last week with family and friends and we now add our congratulations and best wishes on reaching this milestone. Marie, may God bless you and watch over you in the year ahead.

Altar servers, Nicholas and Sophie Roder and Mum Claudia joined Fr Lucius for a photo after the 150th celebration.

Entrance: Love Is His Word

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Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

Refrain:
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news.

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Communion: One Bread, One Body

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Refrain:
One Bread, one Body, one Lord of all,
One Cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile of Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. **R.**/

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. **R.**/

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. **R.**/

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Thanksgiving: Jesus You are Bread for Us

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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.**/

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Recessional: City Of God

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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: David Brettell, Fay Shield, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox, Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Faye Richards, Janet Branch, Tito Carusosa, Peg Manski, Win Cordie.

Anniversary of Death: Early Dalisay Snr, Donald Gibson, Ada Jane Howell, Anna Vu Thi Heo, Sally Marshall D'Cruz, Shereen Liao, P. Dieu My.

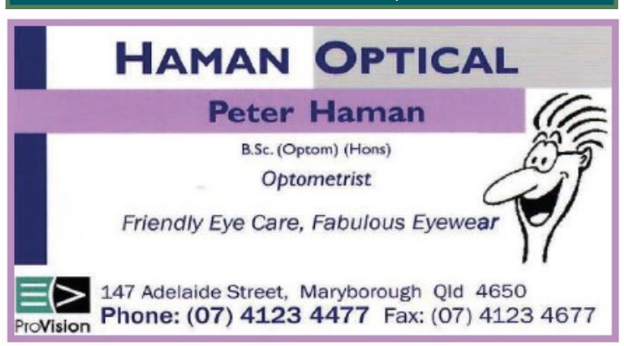
Roster Date	Sat 19th Feb	Sun 20th Feb	Sat 26th Feb	Sun 27th Feb
Welcomer 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Ron Pilar Beverley	Pat Tom Susan	Mary Anne Tyson	Frank Peter Pat
Communion	Judy	Jenny	Gerry	Rebecca
Servers	Andrew Thu Han	Georgia Sarah Byron	Sarah Byron Stazio Chet	Andrew Isaac Xavier
Musicians Singers Mass set up	Bong, Jearen Filipino Choir Janette Sophie	Rita Choir Lita Rebecca	Robyn Theresa Beverley Lou	Robyn Men Lita Rebecca

REMINDER
FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
5.30PM PRESBYTERY

ST MARY'S RECIPE BOOKS @ $15 are available from the Piety Stall at weekend Masses or from the parish office. The book contains lots of tried and tested recipes as well as helpful hints, poetry, stories, sayings and quotes which you will find entertaining. Jacinta Mathiesen had the idea to compile this as a fundraiser for the Christmas Bazaar and Carols evening last November. You are welcome to browse through the pages to see what is on offer.

NEW PRODUCTS FOR SALE include bookmarks, St Christopher & Guardian Angel magnets, cased rosaries.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS weren't as popular this year so take one home today at the special price of $4.
All the liturgical and feast dates for 2022 are noted.



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This Week's Mass Schedule

23/02/2022	Wednesday	8.00am
	Chelsea	**10.00am**
24/02/2022	Thursday	12 noon
25/02/2022	Friday	8.30am
26/02/2022	Saturday Maryborough	6.00pm
27/02/2022	Sunday Maryborough	8.00am
	Tiaro	10.00am

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This week's Readings
(page 858 St Pauls Missal)
1st - Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalm Response:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd - 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel Acclamation (sung):
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 6: 17, 27-38

Next weekend's Readings:
8th Sunday Ord Time Year C

1st - Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
Psalm 91
2nd - 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel - Luke 6: 39-45

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Newsletter 20th February 2022

7th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Do not judge that you may not be judged!

With Luke's' Gospel today (6:27-38) we come to the second major part of Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the mount which began last week with the Beatitudes. Today, Jesus once again challenges us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us.

For us to effectively comply with Jesus' teaching on the "sermon on the mount", we must put on a compassionate and gracious heart that looks out for others instead of judging and condemning them. To be so positive of other people and to love and accept them for who and what they are, that we may overcome those occasions when we tend to misjudge others, but to always acknowledge the good in others and help them become better.

This story below may give us something to think about:

A 24-year old man looking out through a window of a moving train suddenly started shouting, Dad, look, "the trees are going behind; they are moving very fast." His Dad simply stared at him with so much joy and smiled. A young couple who sat nearby looked at the 24-year old and thought to themselves, "he's so grown up but so childish, he must have a mental disorder for his father not to be bothered."

Suddenly the young man exclaimed again: Dad, look, "the clouds are running with us." At that point, the couple could not hold themselves anymore and said to the father, "why don't you take your son to a good doctor maybe a psychiatrist?" The father smiled and said to them, "I just did. We are just coming from a doctor but not a psychiatrist, we are coming from the hospital. My son was blind from birth. He just got his sight today for the very first time. His behaviour may seem stupid to you but it's more than a miracle to me." The young couple just sat down lost for words with a mixture of tears and shame in their eyes.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us always remember that everybody on earth has a story. Don't judge people so fast or jump to conclusions about their private affairs; you may not know where they are coming from or what they have to deal with. The truth behind their story might surprise you. Take it easy with others and show them some love, even if you have a perfect life.

In Christ we serve……..Fr Lucius