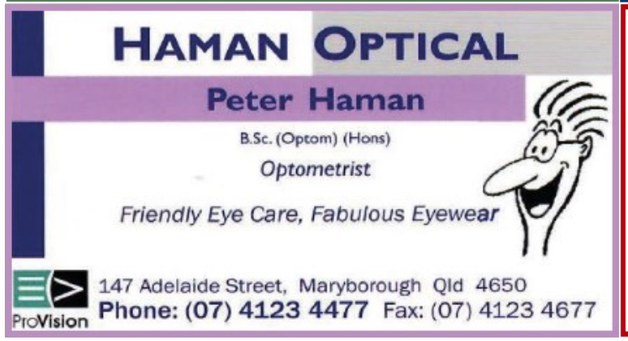
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"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 14th Jan.	Sun 15th Jan.	Sat 21st Jan.	Sun 22nd Jan.
Welcomer		Susan	Anne	Frank
1st Reader	Beverley	Peter	Warren	Tyson
2nd Reader	Pat	Tyson	Mary	Catherine
Communion	Gerry Wayne	Rebecca Lita	Judy Sue	Con Graham
Servers	Andrew Chet	Byron Isaac Xavier	Thu Han Andre	TBA
Musicians	Bong	Rita	Justin	Robyn
Singers	Children's Choir	Men	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Gerry	Lita Rebecca	Janett Sophie	Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea		Parish Council		
Flowers	Felicity Borg and Judy Zaia			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

18/01/2023	Wednesday	**08.00am**
19/01/2023	Thursday	**12:00pm**
20/01/2023	Friday	**08:30pm**
21/01/2023	Saturday	**06.00pm**
22/01/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 11th**:

Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at 10 am.

READINGS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.367)
- **1st** - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
- **Psalm** - 39 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - John 1:29-34

Next weekend's: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.367)
- **1st** - Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
- **Psalm** - 26
- **2nd** - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
- **Gospel** - Matthew 4:12-17

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NEWSLETTER 15TH JANUARY 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ALL THE EARTH SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU, O GOD,
AND SHALL SING TO YOU,
SHALL SING TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH!

Called to be disciples of Christ

One wonders how some people think that religion is somewhat akin to what we call fairy tales. That we are caught up in stories that are make believe. Yet, ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and space, but it is established in actual events that took place in the lives of real people.

Jesus Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist, who in today's gospel described him as "the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world". (John 1:29) He submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism when he received the anointing at the River Jordan by John. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life.

Jesus was a man of history. We are within this history, and by saying that we are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves. We are caught up in the way of believing that goes back 2000 years. In all of this we meet the ones on whom our religious life has been founded. People like St Paul, who said, although I was not one of the twelve, I too have been called by Jesus to be one of his disciples. Like Paul, we too have been called to be disciples. We received this call when we were baptised, even though we may not recall our baptism, we have renewed that commitment over and over again through examination of conscience and the Holy Eucharist.

Today, as we see Jesus begin his public ministry, it's a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own discipleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either.

Let us remember this at the beginning of this new year, that the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to re-discover the meaning of the events in their lives. The past events of our lives are reinterpreted in our ongoing present. As we return to the ordinary Time in the church's calendar year, let us always remember who we are and our own baptismal promises. There can be no turning back… it's our mission and our life – disciples of Jesus and apostles to the world.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

There will be a **Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers** at 10 am on Saturday 11 February. There will be Safeguarding Induction and signing of documents after the Mass followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

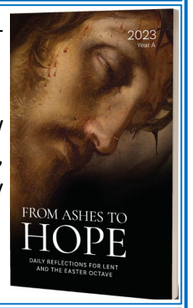
Thank you all for the Christmas Offerings over the last weeks. The amount collected will be used towards project "Screen Installations" in the Church.

We are continuing to raise fund towards project "Screen Installations". Henceforth, if anyone is donating specifically for this project, please mention "Screen Installations" on the envelope.

Lenten Reflections: "Evangelisation Brisbane has developed a new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource for 2023 called From Ashes to Hope.

From Ashes to Hope has been written to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope."

This book will be available soon at the Piety Stall.



"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

Please pray for the Eternal repose of the soul of His Eminence George Cardinal Pell.
You could read the article by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Vale Cardinal George Pell using he below link.
https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/vale-cardinal-george-pell/

PowerPoint Presenter: We are looking for interested persons to help with the presentation of PPT during the weekend Masses. Interested persons please inform Fr. Lucius or contact Parish Office.

- **Screen Installations:** The installation is in the final process now with further testing and finetuning to solve the technical glitches with wireless transmission.
- **Parish Hall**: We are working on a permanent solution with the rain water leaking in the hall. We are also planning on a deep cleaning inside the hall mainly to remove the moulds.
- **Church Grounds**: We are planning to have a power wash of the Church grounds in the near future.

Finance Council Meeting: The next Finance Council meeting will be on Wednesday 25th January at 5pm.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 9th February at 5pm.

Music & Roster: The Choir members are requested to collect the Music and Roster for January, February & March which is available in the Church now.

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

Entrance: Here I Am Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I Who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Psalm Response: (Read)

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion: Will You Love Me?

B. Boniwell Spectrum Publications

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross every day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:
Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night
And the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
Is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
Through the wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation
To the glorious mountain of fire?

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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 Hymn: Prepare the Way

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There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Refrain:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see His face;
Prepare the way of the Lord. R./

He's the lamb of God and you must follow Him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For He has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Those in ill health: Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Brian Berry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Dianne Hasselbach, Paul Massingham, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Herbie Wright, Dick Cumming, Sean Burkett, Robert Glover and Ruth Mudge.

Anniversary of Death: Josefina, Luisa, Lydia Jao, John Phillips, Raymond Proctor, Alice O'Connell, Alan Jones, Noelene Hogan, Joseph Hogan, Zita Hogan, Bill Steemson, Alice Bertram, Noel Francis Owen, Agustin Gertrudis, Carlos Pepito and Alfredo Martino Jas.