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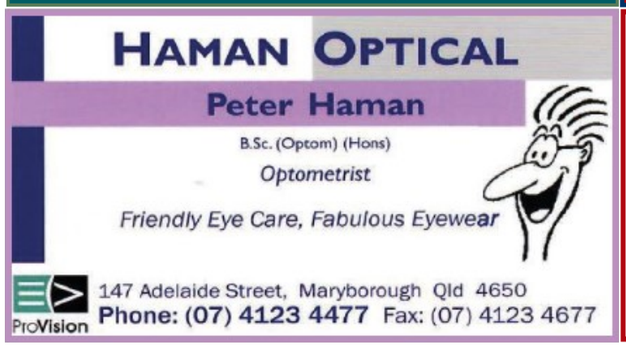
"Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life providing guidance, hope and strength. Making a gift of any size through your Will can support the mission of your parish, the Catholic Church and the faith of future generations." Please take a leaflet from the Church/visit Parish office for more details.

ROSTER	Sat 3rd Dec.	Sun 4th Dec.	Sat 10th Dec.	Sun 11th Dec.
Welcomer	Pat	Eris	Mary	Frank
1st Reader	Pilar	Peter	Anne	Susan
2nd Reader	Beverley	Tyson	Warren	Christine
Communion	Judy Sue	Con Graham	David Marion	Rebecca Graham
Servers	Thu Han	Isaac Xavier Sarah Byron	Andrew Stazio Chet	Sophie Nicholas
Musicians	Rita	Robyn	Justin	Rita
Singers	Choir	Janette	Janette	Theresa
Mass set up	Carmel	Lita Rebecca	Gerry	Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea				
Flowers	Erica Lunn and Margaret Morgan			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

07/12/2022	Wednesday	**08:00am**
08/12/2022	Thursday	**12:00pm**
09/12/2022	Friday	**08:30pm**
10/12/2022	Saturday	**06.00pm**
11/12/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**08.00am**
	Tiaro	**10:00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Eve:** Saturday 24th December
  Carols: 6pm
  Mass - 7pm
- **Christmas Day Mass:** Sunday 25th December -
  Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

READINGS

Second Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.106)
- **1st** - Isaiah 11:1-10
- **Psalm** - 71 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - Romans 15:4-9
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 3:1-12

Next weekend's: Third Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.111)
- **1st** - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
- **Psalm** - 145
- **2nd** - James 5:7-10
- **Gospel** - Matthew 11:2-11

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MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 04TH DECEMBER 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

O PEOPLE OF SION, BEHOLD,
THE LORD WILL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS,
AND THE LORD WILL MAKE THE GLORY OF HIS VOICE HEARD
IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEART

Prepare the way for the Lord

In Matthews gospel today we see John the Baptist in the desert calling out to the people of Judea to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: come out into the open desert and let God find them. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. To go into the desert simply means going out of our comfort zones, to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend.

Such life props we often find in our jobs, in relationships and in routine religious practices. God cannot do much with us as long as we hope and trust in these things as the first things that give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We have first to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go, according to John, is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert where we encounter God's divine mercy and forgiveness.

Therefore, on this second week of Advent, we pray that God grants us the discernment to use this moment of grace to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and 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 repentance simply means turning away from our old safe and putting on a new one. Therefore, our role towards the mission of Christ is not different from that of John the Baptist, like him, each one of us has been called to true repentance and 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.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Appeal: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their annual Christmas Appeal on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th. It will be a retiring collection after each Mass. Parishioners support will be very much appreciated.

Thank you each one who supported, participated and blessed the celebration of 10 years of Fr. Lucius' Priestly Ordination.

Please visit the below links for more pictures and videos.
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysParishMaryboroughQLD

You could watch the Fr Lucius 10th Anniversary Mass at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?pp=desktop&v=gxlaxWjiLQs

Christmas Offering Envelopes: The envelopes are available at the main entrances in the Church. This year the Christmas Offerings will be used towards the project "Screen Installations" in the Church.

Notes:

- There rain water leaking in the hall is under control for now after clearing the rain water drainage. Temporary fix will be done once the rain stops while we plan on a lasting solution.
- We have received the first set of screens for the Church. We will keep you updated.
- We still have the lost & found dishes from the Multicultural Day. Please contact office to collect it.
- We are looking for a person/s to help clean the brass vases in the Church. Interested persons please approach Pat Philips or Parish Office.

St Paul's - "Sing Carols Sing" on Sunday afternoon December 4 at 2pm in the church with afternoon tea afterwards in the hall. Maryborough Choral Society and Fraser Coast Chorus are the guest artists and there is plenty of carol singing for everybody as well.

The Season of Advent

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*(**The second candle**, called the **John the Baptist Candle,** is lit to remind us of the One who prepared the way of the Lord.)*

Fr Lucius: As we gather for this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second of our Advent candles, recognizing the people who walk this journey with us, particularly those who feel they are imprisoned by the events of life.

We are particularly aware of those who suffer from pain and isolation over this Christmas period and ask that there may be a light in the midst of their darkness.

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, You bring joy to the heavenly city.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, help us to prepare for the day of your coming.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord, Jesus, You are the One in whom we see the salvation of God.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Some notes and links on Advent sourced from Liturgy Brisbane

"It is so important to celebrate the Season of Advent authentically - leading to Christmas, yet separate from it. There are a number of clips on YouTube that explain the Season of Advent quickly and simply."
On Advent - Video Link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXLo-olvNv4

Preparing for Advent at home - https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/preparing-for-advent-at-home.html

Who is St. Nicholas? - https://www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas

Entrance: 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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Psalm Response: (Read)
Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God .
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion: Our Supper Invitation

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Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while
there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, My love will lead.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of Mine.
Let Me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.

Take of My Bread and eat, drink My new Wine.
Take of My life and live, branch of My vine.

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Thanksgiving: Prayer for Peace

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Peace before us, peace behind us,
Peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
Let all around us be peace. (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: Brian Berry, Karl Guerin, Rita Sempf, Daryl Sempf, 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
Anniversary of Death: Eslawa Alimpangog, 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 and Bell Geissler.