PROGRAMS AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH: The first thing, for a disciple, is to be with the Master: to listen to and learn from Him. This is always the case, and it is a way that lasts a lifetime.

No matter what talents we are gifted with, or our interests, job, family or friends, the only enduring purpose, happiness or meaning that we can derive from our life comes from our relationship with God.

Spiritual growth is a lifelong journey and everyone takes a different path towards their faith.

In the Catholic Church people may come from a number of directions, having been either cradle Catholics or adult arrivals (via the RCIA) or anywhere in-between.

The important point to remember is that the quest to be in communion with God and others, and the thirst for ongoing spiritual formation within the confines of lifelong learning, should be both nurtured and continual.

As St Augustine of Hippo said in his famous Confessions: "Our hearts are restless Lord, until they rest in you."

The Archdiocese of Brisbane and a number of associated lay organisations foster a variety of different opportunities for individuals or groups to underpin or enhance their faith education.
These can include, but are not limited to:

RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation as an Adult – baptism and confirmation for teenagers and adults

Institute of Faith Education – courses and accreditation in the traditions, spirituality and teaching of the Catholic Church.

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre – personal and group retreats

Lenten programs – textual and audio visual resources produced by Evangelisation Brisbane

Ignite Youth – Connecting a generation with Jesus through authentic relationships and dynamic events run by Emmanuel Community

menALIVE – events and programs bringing men together to renew their faith in God and to become an active force of renewal in the Church

Assembly of Catholic Professionals – quarterly luncheon events featuring prominent or inspirational Catholic speakers

Cursillo Movement – short courses in living Christianity
Source: https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/programs-and-spiritual-growth/

REQUEST FOR HELP: Wolfgang Waerner, who is also one of the coordinators of the Community Kitchen at St. Paul's need two more helpers. Those who are interested to help please contact Wolfgang Waerner0408968284.

OPEN CHURCH & MUSIC: St. Paul 's Anglican Church Maryborough. 2 June Thursday 2022 9:00 to 11:00am

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

You are invited to
An Ecumenical Worship Service
To Mark the Beginning of the Week of Christian Unity
When: Sunday 29 May @ 5:30 pm
Where: St Paul's Anglican Church

A Collection will be taken up to Support School Chaplaincy.

Please bring a plate of food to share for refreshments afterwards!

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

ENTRANCE: 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/.

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PSALM 66 RESPONSE: (Read)

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: I HAVE LOVED YOU

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Refrain:

I have loved you with an everlasting love.
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for Him:
He will bring you his care and his love.

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THANKSGIVING: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

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Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

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RECESSIONAL: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

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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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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those in ill health:
Denis Shield, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

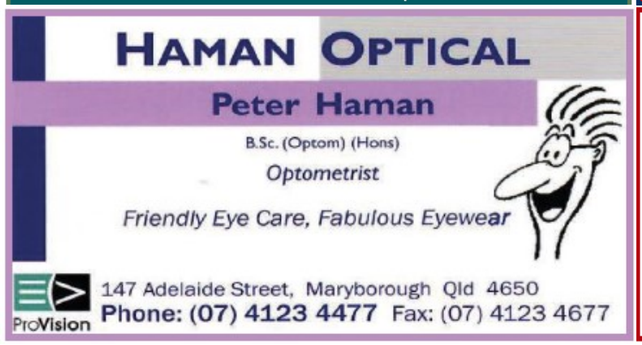
The Recently Deceased:
Tony Camilleri, Fr. Pat Cassidy, Bernardita Cureton, Daphne Colefax, Josephine Smith-Cameron, Tony Maaran, Fay Shield, Joseph Miranda, Brian Lee and Brian Wheatley Jnr.

Anniversary of Death:
Josephine Schmidt, Patrick Schmidt, Margaret Hogan, Agustin, Gertrudis, Carlos Jao, Steven Wroe, Philip Bertram, Allan Schmidt, Jim Deem, Ma. Melba Murillo and Elwyn Baxter.

PIETY STALL

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

ROSTER	Sat 21st May	Sun 22nd May	Sat 28th May	Sun 29th May
Welcomer	Pamella	Eris	**Need Help**	Mary
1st Reader	Gerard	Frank	Tom	Christine
2nd Reader	**Need Help**	Michael	Pilar	Pat
Communion	Gerry Sue	Beverley **Need Help**	Sue **Need Help**	Graham **Need Help**
Servers	Thu Han Chet	Byron Isaac Xavier	Thu Chet Stazio	Sarah Byron Georgia
Musicians	Robyn	Robyn	Bong Jearen	Justin
Singers	Majella	Men	Filipino Choir	Theresa
Mass set up	Janette Sophie	Lita	Beverley Lou	Lita



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This Week's Mass Schedule

25/05/2022	Wednesday	**8.00am**
	Chelsea	**10.00am**
26/05/2022	Thursday	**12 Noon**
27/05/2022	Friday	**8:30am**
28/05/2022	Saturday	**6.00pm**
29/05/2022	Sunday	
	Maryborough	**8.00am**
	Tiaro	**10.00am**

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

This week's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C (p.806)
1st - Acts 15: 1-2, 22:-29
Psalm - 66 Response:
(Words in hymns page)
2nd - Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel Acclamation (sung):
(Lyrics in hymns page)
Gospel - John 14: 23-29

Next weekend's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord - Year C (p.811)
1st - Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm - 46
2nd - Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel - Luke 24: 46-53

ST MARY'S MARYBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER 22ND MAY 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Proclaim a joyful sound
and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (14:27). These words of Jesus from John's Gospel are the same words the priest prays at Mass just before he invites the community to share the sign of peace. The peace the congregation is invited to share is the peace of Christ. This sharing of the peace of Christ is the same peace Jesus shared with his disciples—a greeting of peace passed on to us today through the Church. This peace that flows from Jesus's oneness with the Father has helped the Christian community endure many hardships. The "Prayer of Saint Francis," which is attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, gives us insight into what sharing the peace of Christ means. In this prayer, we ask Jesus to help us bring his peace into the world in which we live. We are to be for the world what Jesus was when he lived on the earth—a source of love, hope, light, and forgiveness.

The community that John addresses in his Gospel is confident that the Spirit of Jesus, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, is still with its members even as the end of the first century is approaching. The Spirit dwelling in their midst reminds them of, and helps them interpret, the words of Jesus. This community is awaiting the return of Jesus—a return they believe will happen in their lifetime. As the eyewitnesses to Jesus's presence on earth begin to die, the Christian community grows more concerned about when the Second Coming of Jesus will occur. Christians begin to gradually understand that the Second Coming might not be in their lifetime. And so they begin to focus on the gifts Jesus has given the community to prepare them for his return. In this Sunday's reading, John focuses on two of those gifts: Christ's peace and the Holy Spirit. Jesus's return to the Father ensures that through the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son will be present in the community of believers of every generation. These gifts are still present in our Church community—the Holy Spirit is alive in the Church today.

Source: **Scripture Reflections,** ***Liturgy Brisbane***