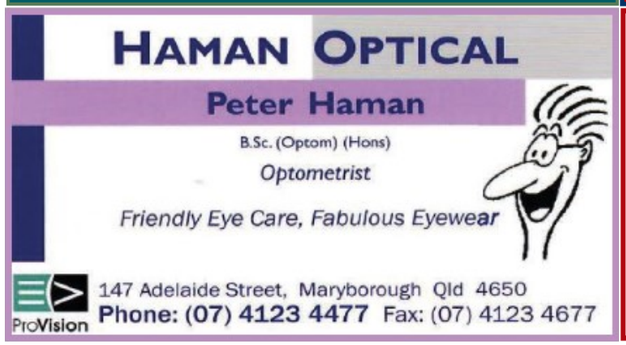
A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

"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 10th Dec.	Sun 11th Dec.	Sat 17th Dec.	Sun 18th Dec.
Welcomer	Mary	Frank	Ron	Pat
1st Reader	Anne	Susan	John	Peter
2nd Reader	Warren	Christine	Gerard	Catherine
Communion	David Marion	Rebecca Graham	Gerry Wayne	Lita Con
Servers	Andrew Stazio Chet	Sophie Nicholas	Thu Han Andre	Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Justin	Rita	Bong Jearen	Robyn
Singers	Theresa	Theresa	Filipino Choir	Men
Mass set up	Beverley Lou	Lita Rebecca	Janette Sophie	Lita Rebecca
Morning Tea				
Flowers	Erica Lunn and Margaret Morgan			



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This Week's Mass Schedule

14/12/2022	Wednesday	**No Mass**
15/12/2022	Thursday	**12:00pm**
16/12/2022	Friday	**08:30pm**
17/12/2022	Saturday	**06.00pm**
18/12/2022	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

Third Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.111)
- **1st** - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
- **Psalm** - 145 Resp. in hymns page
- **2nd** - James 5:7-10
- **Gospel Accl.** in hymns page
- **Gospel** - Matthew 11:2-11

Next weekend's: Fourth Sunday Of Advent - Year A (p.115)
- **1st** - Isaiah 7:10-14
- **Psalm** - 23
- **2nd** - Romans 1:1-7
- **Gospel** - Matthew 1:18-24

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NEWSLETTER 11TH DECEMBER 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS;
AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.
INDEED, THE LORD IS NEAR

"Gaudete Sunday"
The ordinary story to the birth of an extra-ordinary man

One of the reasons why the Jews did not accept Jesus as the messiah was because of the realities behind his ordinary birth. They expected a messiah to come from a wealthy Jewish Royal family, but instead what they saw was an ordinary humble son of a carpenter who was born in a manger.

Like the Jews of old, we also await the coming of God among us, for our Immanuel (God with us). Maybe we should take a moment and ask ourselves, how do we expect God to come among us? How does God work among us? This is necessary because sometimes the problem is not that God is not with us, the problem rather is that we do not recognize the ways of God's presence and action among us. We act often like Jacob in Bethel who awoke from his sleep and exclaimed, "So the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" (Genesis 28:16).

The coming of the long awaited Messiah, the light of the world, the king of the Jews and the head of our families, in such an ordinary way, reminds us that God comes in ordinary, normal, daily circumstances of life. God comes to us in the people we see around us being born, growing up, ageing and dying. Yet it is still hard for us to see God in the people who are familiar to us, not to talk of in our own very selves. But if we see the incarnation of the Son of God as a bridge between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human, between the order of grace and the order of nature, between the sacred and the profane, maybe we will begin to discern the presence and action of God more and more in our daily lives.

Finally, dear friends, today also is "Gaudete Sunday"! That's why we are using rose candles and vestments today. "Gaudete" is a Latin word for "rejoice". The Church invites us to rejoice because Christmas is closer. The eclipse is nearly over and the sun is set to shine again. So we are called not only to rejoice but to prepare our hearts and minds and listen and hear the footsteps of God who comes into our lives in ordinary ways, through ordinary people and at ordinary moments of our lives. No need to look up to the mountain top or the depths of the ocean, for he is always with us and it is in him that we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

Come, Lord Jesus!
Fr Lucius

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for ever and ever. Amen.

St. John Paul II

The above prayer is used by the Mothers' Prayer Group in our Parish. The Mothers' Prayer Group continues to meet once a month but no longer on a fixed date at the Parish Hall. Those who are interested to participate, please contact Marion Bryant - 0457172880

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.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER The latest Catholic Leader is available at the Church now for $4.Please leave payment in the provided container/envelope.

Notes:

- A temporary fix has been done to stop/reduce the rain water leaking in the hall. We are working on a lasting solution.
- **Piety Stall**
  - ⇒ **Columban Calendar for 2023 -** Last few copies are available.
  - ⇒ **God's Word 2023 - Daily Reflection -** Last couple of copies are available.
  - ⇒ **Christmas Cards** - New stock and more designs are available now.

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"Pause & Reflect"
"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"
"FIND YOUR VOCATION"
"DISCERN YOUR VOCATION"

"Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now" Pope Francis

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The Season of Advent

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

***(The third candle**, called the called the **Mission Candle,** is lit to remind us of our call in Baptism to follow Christ's way.)*

Coming together as our Advent passes its halfway stage, we light the third of our Advent candles, conscious that this journey makes demands of us. *"What must we do?"* is the refrain within the Gospel as the crowds flock to John the Baptist looking for guidance. Not that God places a burden on us, rather a promise of joy hence our candle this week is rose-coloured.

Fr Lucius: Lord Jesus, come and renew us by your love.
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord Jesus, come and drive the worry from our hearts. ***All:*** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Lucius: Lord Jesus, come and teach us what we should do
All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

"The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats, and one off events."

"WHO'S IT FOR? This course is designed with all baptised Catholics in mind. Particularly for:

- Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others.
- Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist.
- Those who want to share their faith with others.
- Those who are parish staff or volunteers who may not have engaged in formal theological study previously."

https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/acfcf/

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) has launched the second edition of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, which address safeguarding adults as well as children. "The standards address safeguarding requirements for adults (with a focus on adults at risk) by both reflecting the duty of care owed to everyone, as well as recognising that there are particular risk factors that cause some people to be more susceptible to abuse," https://www.acsltd.org.au/

ENTRANCE: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

R.DUFFORD

REFRAIN:
LET HEAVEN REJOICE AND EARTH BE GLAD;
LET ALL CREATION SING.
LET CHILDREN PROCLAIM THROUGH EV'RY LAND:
"HOSANNA TO OUR KING."

SOUND THE TRUMPET INTO THE NIGHT;
THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR.
WAKE HIS PEOPLE, LIFT YOUR VOICE,
PROCLAIM IT TO THE WORLD.

RISE IN SPLENDOUR; SHAKE OFF YOUR SLEEP;
PUT ON YOUR ROBES OF JOY.
AND IN THE MORNING YOU SHALL SEE
THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

RAISE YOUR VOICES, BE NOT AFRAID.
PROCLAIM IT IN EV'RY LAND.
CHRIST HAS DIED, BUT HE HAS RISEN;
HE WILL COME AGAIN.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (Read)
Lord, come and save us .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES

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OPEN MY EYES, LORD.
HELP ME TO SEE YOUR FACE.
OPEN MY EYES, LORD.
HELP ME TO SEE.

OPEN MY EARS, LORD.
HELP ME TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.
OPEN MY EARS, LORD.
HELP ME TO HEAR.

OPEN MY HEART, LORD.
HELP ME TO LOVE LIKE YOU.
OPEN MY HEART, LORD.
HELP ME TO LOVE.

I LIVE WITHIN YOU,
DEEP IN YOUR HEART, O LOVE.
I LIVE WITHIN YOU.
REST NOW IN ME.

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THANKSGIVING: PRAYER FOR PEACE

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

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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, Moira Hansen, David Brettell, Anna Pecar, Ame Cox and Laurel Dingle.

The Recently Deceased: Joseph Marshall, Bernice Brown, 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.