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# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11th August 2024

There is a question that I hear asked from time to time, does God answer every prayer or only some? I believe he does answer every prayer, just the answer given is not always 'yes'. Given the state we find the prophet Elijah in our first reading, that might be a good thing. His prayer is for God to takes his life! This does seem a very serious prayer. And God answers his prayer, but he doesn't do what Elijah asked for, after all, something which we some times forget is that God knows what we need, usually when we are still stuck on thinking of what we want.

Elijah believed he had reached the end of his strength, those in power have demanded his death and so he asks God to take his life, yet God knows that Elijah needed some time, to rest, to eat, and so he doesn't take Elijah's life but instead helps to sustain him for the journey to come. In our Gospel today Jesus tells the people that he is the living bread which comes down from heaven, his very flesh which he gives for the life of the world. We are called into relationship with Jesus, drawn by the father, and this is the journey we are on. But how often in life do we feel that we are at our wits end, unsure of how we will go on, of what our next step should be. It can become difficult to see the days ahead through the storm around us. And so we turn to God asking in our prayers for the quick fix, just make it stop or just take this burden away. We ask for what we believe we need, not truly understanding what we need.

And so it seems like God doesn't answer, but just like with Elijah, God knew there was more to come, and so he prepared him for the journey. God knows what we need and so his answer is not going to be a simple fix, he is going to prepare us for the journey. So back to the original question, maybe the question shouldn't be does God answer every prayer, maybe the question is, am I praying right? In times of difficulty it is the Our Father I find comfort in, as we pray "Give us this day our daily bread" give us what we need today to sustain us, to heal us, to strengthen us, give us what we need today for the journey. And yes, I believe God does answer that prayer each and every time.



# **OTHER PARISH NEWS:**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Join us every Friday from 6 pm to 12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre



# **MASS TIMES**

| St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart |                         |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 7.30am:                     | Tuesday - Friday        |  |  |
| 6.00pm                      | Feast of the Assumption |  |  |
|                             | of Blessed Virgin Mary  |  |  |
|                             | Thursday 15th August    |  |  |
| 5.00pm:                     | Saturday                |  |  |
| 10.30am:                    | Sunday                  |  |  |
| 6.00pm:                     | Sunday                  |  |  |
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## Sacred Heart Church New Town

| 9.00am:          | Tuesday – Thursday |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 8. <b>00</b> am: | Saturday           |
| 8.30am:          | Sunday             |

## Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart) **10.30am:** Friday

## **SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS**

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart 4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARYSacred Heart Church, New TownAfter 9am Mass:Wednesday7.30am:Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre) 6pm-12am: Friday

> ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA) Please contact 62086236

# IN THE PARISH



#### Homelessness Week 5th -11th August 2024

Everyone deserves to live in a safe, secure and affordable home. But that is not the reality for many individuals and families. Please support the Winter Appeal for St Vincent De Paul. https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-tas/winter-appeal-tas

#### The Chosen:

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him.



Come and join us for the first season, starting with the first two episodes on Thursday 18th of July and every two weeks thereafter, refreshments and popcorn provided.

Come along, enjoy some company, some discussion and some popcorn. Where and When: 6pm on 15th, 29th August at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre, 1st floor.

#### **The Angelus Prayer**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

- **V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- **R.** Be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary...
- V. And the Word was made flesh.
- R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### Let us pray: Pour forth, we

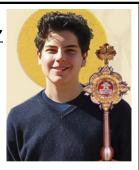
beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### **First-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** and 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World'

#### St Mary's Cathedral Opening Details:

24-25 August and 31 August/ 1st September 2024 St Mary's Cathedral Centre 180 Harrington Street, Hobart Contact: (03) 6234 4463



A first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager soon to be canonised, will be visiting Tasmania, along with an international exhibition he designed featuring Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

#### Saturday 24th August

10am - 4:30pm (5pm Mass) 6pm - 7pm

Sunday 25th August 11:30am - 5:30pm (6pm Mass)

7pm - 8pm

Saturday 31st August 10am - 4:30pm (5pm Mass) 6pm - 7pm

Sunday 1st September 11:30am - 5:30pm (6pm Mass) 7pm - 8pm

The Parish requires volunteers to assist with the exhibition. At each hourly time allocation, three (3) volunteers are required. The Parish requests your ministry to volunteer for this exhibitions. At the back of the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, there are volunteer registration sheets, to record. your name and contact details to enable the Parish Office to contact you with further information.

# RESENTS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

From 6pm every Thursday Starting the 1st of August 2024

Join the Catholic Student Society

and UTAS chaplaincy team for formation, fellowship and fun:

> 6:00PM: Meal and Bible Study 7:00PM: Board Games 8:30PM: End of night

St Mary's Cathedral Centre: 180 Harrington Street, Hobart

From Our Anniversary Book: Milica Kolega, Annie Stanfield, Paul Moore, Christina Scott, Colin Saunders, Carmine Capasso, Angelo Toigo, Mirella Ghedini, William Duggan, Reginald Lewis, Harry Legro, Giulia Vidotto, Sr. Venard Casey, MSS, Edward Freeman, Elizabeth Picot, Mollie Shelverton, Andrea Casey, Giovanni Gassignato, Adrian Brennan, Richard Burke, James Drew, Bernard O'Kane, Margaret Murphy, Jan Papuga, Richard Voss, Dulcie Lowe, Gwendoline Cant, Assunta Toffoli, Darlene Haigh, Attilio Meale, Elizabeth Fahey, James Lamont, Ronald Pritchard, Maria Vachell, Nicolina Rinaldi, Anne O'Loughlin, Honora Devitt, Francis Sexton, Ivan Thiessen, Peter Huigsloot, Margaret Northam, Thora Chaplain, Hugh Sullivan May they rest in peace!





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St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact Jane McKeown (03) 6234 4463.

# **READINGS OF THE DAY – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### First Reading <u>1 Kings 19:4-8</u>

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

### (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- Glorify the Lord with me.
   Together let us praise his name.
   I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
- The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
  Taste and see that the Lord is good.
  He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

# Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

## Gospel John 6:24-35

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

#### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

| Monday 12th August      | - | Mt 17:22-27                       |  |  |
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| Tuesday 13th August     | - | Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14                |  |  |
| Wednesday 14th August   | - | Mt 18:15-20                       |  |  |
| Thursday 15th August    | - | Lk 1:39-56 (The Assumption of the |  |  |
|                         |   | Blessed Virgin Mary)              |  |  |
| Friday 16th August      | - | Mt 19:3-12                        |  |  |
| Saturday 17th August    | - | Mt 19:13-15                       |  |  |
| NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: |   |                                   |  |  |

#### **20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

| Gospel             | - Jn 6:51-58      |
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| Second Reading     | - Eph 5:15-20     |
| Responsorial Psalm | - Ps 33:2-3,10-15 |
| First Reading      | - Prov 9:1-6      |
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Pray and Reflect on the Word of God