

MASS TIMES AND PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
After 9am Mass: Wednesday

ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN MARY

7.30am: Saturday

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
6pm - 12am: Friday



The ASCENSION of the LORD YEAR A - 21ST MAY 2023

My dear parishioners, *Happy Ascension Sunday!*

*"God mounts his throne to shouts of
Joy: a blaze of trumpets for the Lord".*

(Psalm 46)

23 Children from our Sacramental Programme will be receiving Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday during the 10.30am Mass.

Please pray for them as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Ignite Conference 2023: Wonder. Ignite has become a landmark event in the Australian Church since beginning in 2001. **Is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.** It's a bold vision for the future of the Church. It has something for everyone: huge all-in morning and night rallies, sessions throughout the day for kids, high-schoolers, young adults and deeper sessions for adults, parents and grandparents. For further details, **see the Cathedral Centre notice board.**

World Youth day, if you would still like to help please contact the parish office on 62344463 for a donation.

Understanding Divine Mercy, with Fr Chris Alar MIC. Mentored by the world's leading experts in Divine Mercy and author of the bestselling books, understanding Divine Mercy and after suicide: there is hope for them and for you. Fr Chris Alar MIC is heading to Tasmania following the World Apostolic Congress of Mercy. This is a visit not to be missed. **Wednesday 31st May, at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Hobart 5.30 pm – Mass, 6.30 pm – Talk.** For further details, contact Zofia on 0438 366 447.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – calling for adult volunteers who are keen to be involved in the catechesis of young children starting at 3-6 years of age, up to 12 years. For those who are retired or mothers of older children who are keen to participate. **Further details can be obtained with the brochures at the back of the church or contact the office of Evangelisation and Catechesis on 6208 6036.**

Vinnies Winter Appeal- Please donate today to provide immediate

support and long term assistance for women facing

good works

homelessness. Scan QR code to donate or pick up an envelope, further details at the back of the church.

In Christ, Fr Leonard.



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REFLECTION - The ASCENSION of the LORD

Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion -God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world. And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever. Amen.

Cathedral Heritage Treasures **The Octagon – Sacred Geometry**

Set into the sanctuary floor with the altar at its centre is a great octagon or eight sided geometric shape. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms the significance of the number 8 for Christians in article #349: The eighth day. But for us a new day has dawned: the day of Christ's Resurrection. The seventh day completes the first creation. The eighth day begins the new creation. Thus, the work of creation culminates in the greater work of redemption. The first creation finds its meaning and its summit in the new creation in Christ, the splendor of which surpasses that of the first creation.

For the Jews the number 8 symbolised salvation, rebirth and regeneration. A Jewish child enters into God's Covenant through circumcision performed on the "eighth day" after birth. In Christian tradition the number eight became associated also with baptism and baptismal fonts have from an early date often been octagonal shaped. Indeed, reflecting on the saving waters of baptism, St Peter reminds us that just the eight members of Noah's family were saved through water in the time of the Great Flood. (1 Peter 3:20)



Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's. Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

Mary Help of Christians **patroness of Australia and of the** **Military Ordinariate**

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



From Our Anniversary Book:

Charles Lennon, Phyllis McCallum, Lynette Hughes, Bonaventure Proto, Arthur Shelverton, Noreen O'Grady, Ginetta Fantini, Kevin Haley, John Anderson, Doreen Howe, Keith Swan, Ruby Ann Markham, Ruby West, Graeme Atkins, Brian O'Brien (Danny), Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday, Ida Davis, Thelma Forsyth, Filomena and Rocco Mangione, Lynne Ward, Elizio Bini, Mary Cox, Sr Rita Court PBVM, Sr Margaret Smith PBVM and Sr Magdalen Riordan.

May they rest in peace!





2pm, Saturday
27th May, 2023
St Mary's Cathedral



Tickets \$25/20/5
at the door or online:
events.humanitix.com/smcs23



Our Parish Library is open for business and ready for books to be on loan to parishioners. There is a library Loan register system to sign in/out your books. Thank-you to everyone who has donated to the library.

WHAT'S NEW?

The Library is on the 1st Floor of Cathedral Centre and can be accessed during office hours.



A general reminder that all church and school grounds are smoke-free areas.

HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The AGM of the Human Life Protection Society is at 11am on Monday 5th June at St Xavier Church Hall - 61 Adelaide Street South Hobart. All are welcome.
Contact details: hpsinc@gmail.com

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH



a place of Prayer, a place of Worship, a place of Music...

Upcoming concerts at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart:
2pm, 27 May - Ensemble Antiqua: A Taste of the Mediterranean
8pm, 10 June - Great Gloria: Schubert's Symphony No. 9

"Flowers of May For the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary"
28 May at St Paul's Church Bridgewater-Brighton Parish
Kindly bring a plate
Adoration: 11:15am Holy Mass: 12:00Noon
Contact: Fr Leo - 62636242



Catholic Mission are hosting a "Luncheon for Timor Leste"
Where: **Royal Yacht Club Tasmania**
When: **On Saturday 3rd June 2023**
From: **12:00pm through to 3:00 pm**

If you can attend this Event please call Michael, Diocesan Director, Hobart
Ph: 03 9087 8084; Mob: 0438 243 533 or Email:
Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au

Conor Nolan, Programs Officer Catholic Mission will be our Key Note Speaker

Children's Corner

Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

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Queen of Heaven, rejoice. **R. Alleluia.**
For He, whom you did merit to bear. **R. Alleluia.**
Has risen as He said. **R. Alleluia.**
Pray for us to God. **R. Alleluia.**
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.



Let us pray
O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

READINGS OF THE DAY - The ASCENSION of the LORD YEAR A

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This

you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 22nd May	John 16:29-33
Tuesday 23rd May	John 17:1-11
Wednesday 24th May	Our Lady Help of Christians John 19:25-27
Thursday 25th May	John 17:20-26
Friday 26th May	St Philip Neri, priest John 21:15-19
Saturday 27th May	John 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13	John 20:19-23

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

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Please contact 62086236***