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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 23rd MARCH 2025

People are questioning Jesus today, trying to work out why tragedies befall some people and not others, where those who were killed by Pilate or those killed in the tragic collapse of a tower in Siloam great sinners? Had they done something terrible to deserve what happened to them? Those questioning Jesus are trying to reassure themselves that the same thing couldn't happen to them. Maybe questions some still ask today.

Jesus's answer is a flat no, but he doesn't stop there, "but unless you repent you will all perish as they did." Jesus wants those listening to him to understand, there is more than just the here and now. You could die tomorrow, so what are you doing now? What are you doing with your life? The famous acronym YOLO that is used so often today, "You Only Live Once", can be a dangerous way to live, I can do whatever now, cause it won't matter later, but Christ came so that we might have salvation, life eternal, but are we living for God, or for ourselves? Christ gives an example for them of the fig tree in the vineyard, the owner wants to remove the fig tree as it continued to bear no fruit, but the gardener asks for one more year, to allow him to work on it, to give it a chance to bear fruit.

Maybe the questions those listening to Jesus that day should of asked were Do we bear fruit? If I died like those in the tower would I be able to stand before God, and declare myself His good and faithful servant?

An example that comes to mind is that of Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be canonized on Sunday 27th April 2025. Blessed Carlo Acutis who died at the age of fifteen from leukemia was friendly, kind and outgoing, known to befriend any he met and with a love for all things technology, Carlo was inspired by the words of Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living the life of someone else." For Blessed Carlo, the highest good in life was God, and sort to use the time he had and the gifts that God had given him to that Good, he used his skills to update and develop the websites for his Parish and School, as well as sharing his great love for Christ in the Eucharist, building and evangelising through his website The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

Blessed Carlo, even though only 15 at the time faced his death with great courage, his last words to his mother "Mom, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life." This young saint understood the words of today's Gospel, lived and experienced them. As we are in the middle of lent, we have an opportunity to look toward the example of Blessed Carlo and following in his footsteps be prepared to stand before God and declare ourselves His good and faithful servant.

The Annunciation of the Lord –25th March 2025

The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast that came about earlier historically. The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
7.30am Tuesday - Friday

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town
9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: 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 ROSARY
Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

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



Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Children's Corner:

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



Congratulations to Sr Monica Shelverton who celebrated 65 years of Religious Life this week. Sr Monica is the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Associate. As a Parish community may we continue to prayer for her selfless ministry. Gracious God, we ask that you bless and guide Sr Monica as she brings the message of your love and compassion to the world. May she always be filled with your Spirit and be a shining example of your truth and grace.

2025 Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program

May the Parish Community keep our 35 candidates and parents in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

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

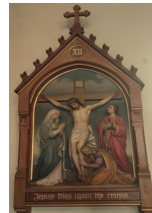
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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.



Cathedral Parish Stations of the Cross:
6pm Friday Night during Lent.

28th March - Sacred Heart Church, New Town
4th April - Sacred Heart Church, New Town
11th April - Sacred Heart Church, New Town



St Mary's Cathedral Parish Weekday Mass Celebrations

Due to the construction work on site at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, the 7.30am weekday Masses (Tuesday – Friday) will be celebrated in the Cathedral Crypt - Cathedral Centre

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Raffle

Here is your chance to win some fantastic prizes and help support a worthy cause.



Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer at the end of weekend Masses, in both St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 4th May

We have 13 fantastic prizes on offer, generously donated by Mario & Romilda Amorosa.

All money raised will be put towards the purchase of a defibrillator for St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.



Thank-you to everyone who and purchased tickets and the

individuals who assisted with the fundraising last weekend. **The fundraising amount stands at \$395.00.**



Third Sunday of Lent
 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413 413.

From Our Anniversary Book:

Fr. Edmund Roche, Thomas Brennan, Phyllis Cronley, Bronislawa Kozak, Ted Cosgrove, Eileen Firman, Margaret Oakford, Edward Dabrowski, Giuseppe Attuoni, Jill Coggan, Vincenzo Calabrese, Minnucci Family, Falconia Family, Kath Pase, Bridged Fahey, Patrick O'Donnell, Leonard Northey, Mary Viney, Maurice Chaplain, Tony Zeitzen, Giuseppe Mione, Mary Fletcher, Helen Kirkwood, Eric Challenor, James O'Kane, Vincent Shaw, Sr. Josephine Howe, SSJ, Alfonso Cavaretta, Lual Majak, John Willemsen, Matt Wheyman



May they rest in peace!

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Endow Women's Group will run two studies of two extraordinary female saints and leaders in the Church. Enjoy discussing and reading of the study guide, along with fellowship.
Cost: \$30 includes study guide.

Where: Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Rd, Lindisfarne.

Register: Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au.

St Catherine of Siena, mystic, adviser to popes, bishops, and common folk, Dominican tertiary. **When:** Mondays starting 24th March, 2-3.30pm, fortnightly for 8 sessions.

St Edith Stein, Jewish philosopher, later Catholic Carmelite nun, martyr at Auschwitz during WWII. **When:** Wednesdays starting 26th March, 2-3.30pm, fortnightly for 8 sessions.

30th Anniversary of St John Paul's encyclical Evangelium Vitae

Archbishop Julian will celebrate a Mass at the Shrine on 25 March at 12 pm to commemorate the 30th anniversary of St John Paul's encyclical **Evangelium Vitae**.

This Mass will be offered to pray for the unborn children lost through abortion.

ST PATRICKS

PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY

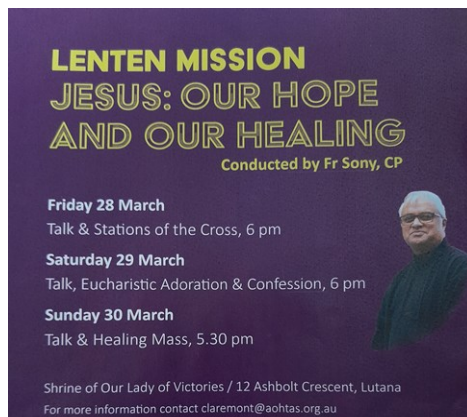
15TH MARCH 2025



Lenten Mission

Our Lady of Victories Shrine Lutana
Friday 28 March to Sunday 30 March 2025.

Fr Sony, CP will conduct the Mission. Great opportunity for prayer, reflection and confession.



Further details see Parish noticeboards or contact claremont@aohtas.org.au

The Archdiocese of Hobart presents No Greater Love – Passion

Play 2025, a dramatic portrayal of the Passion of Christ. Enriched with powerful music and heartfelt performances, this production is a meditation to reflect on our Lord's suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection.

The premiere will take place at **Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, Glenorchy** on **28 March 2025, at 6.45 pm**, with a second performance on **11 April 2025, at 6.45 pm**. This special event brings together young adults from various southern parishes in a moving depiction of Christ's love.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HOBART PRESENTS

NO GREATER LOVE!

PASSION PLAY 2025

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025 & FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2025

6.45 PM

THE DON BOSCO CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE GLENORCHY

FREE ENTRY



Stephen Kirk Unplugged Concert – Launceston

Enjoy an intimate evening of music with renowned Catholic singer-songwriter, Stephen Kirk, who will take you on a soul-moving journey sharing the inspiration behind his songs. Light refreshments are included in the price of the ticket. Drinks will be available for purchase from the bar.

WHEN: Friday, 4 April 2025

WHERE: Hotel Grand Chancellor – Room 4 - 29 Cameron Street, Launceston

TIME: 7 pm – 9 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

COST: \$20 per adult, \$15 concession

To purchase tickets - <https://events.humanitix.com/stephen-kirk-unplugged-launceston>

Music in the Eucharist Workshop – Launceston

Inviting all musicians, liturgists, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the role of music in entering into a more profound participation in the Eucharist! This free workshop led by Stephen Kirk will explore the vital role of music in the liturgy and provide practical guidance on enhancing the Mass through thoughtful musical selections.

A light lunch will be provided, so registrations are essential.

WHEN: Saturday, 5 April 2025

WHERE: Pastoral Centre - 44 Margaret St, Launceston

TIME: 10 am – 1 pm

COST: Free

To register - <https://events.humanitix.com/music-in-the-eucharist-workshop-launceston>



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 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea.

They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 24th March	- Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday 25th March	- Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday 26th March	- Mt 5:17-19
Thursday 27th March	- Lk 11:14-23
Friday 28th March	- Mk12:28-34
Saturday 29th March	- Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

4th Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading	- Joshua 5:9-12
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 33:2-7
Second Reading	- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel	- Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.