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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 16th MARCH 2025

A Call to Listen and Follow

As we journey through the Second Sunday of Lent in Year C, the Gospel (Luke 9:28-36) presents the Transfiguration, where Jesus reveals His divine glory to Peter, James, and John. This revelation strengthens their faith, preparing them for the trials ahead.

The first reading (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18) recounts God's covenant with Abraham. God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, even though he and his wife, Sarah, are old and childless. Abraham's faith is tested, but he trusts in God's word. This moment of trust reminds us that faith requires believing in God's promises, even when circumstances seem impossible.

Like Abraham, we are called to trust in God's plan, even when life feels uncertain. Lent is a time to strengthen our faith, reflecting on how we respond to God's call and His promises in our lives.

In the second reading (Philippians 3:17-4:1), St. Paul reminds us that our true citizenship is in heaven. He contrasts those who focus only on earthly things with those who set their hearts on Christ. Paul urges us to stand firm in faith, resisting distractions that pull us away from our heavenly goal.

Lent challenges us to evaluate where our hearts are focused. Are we living as citizens of heaven, or are we too attached to the things of this world? Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we realign ourselves with God's will and deepen our longing for eternal life with Him.

The Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain, where His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets, confirming that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's plan. The Father's voice is heard, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."

The Transfiguration is not just about Jesus' glory but also about the disciples' transformation. Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of Jesus's divine nature to strengthen their faith before His Passion. Similarly, God gives us moments of grace—through prayer, sacraments, and Scripture—to strengthen us for the challenges we face.

The Father's command, "Listen to Him," is at the heart of this Sunday's message. In a world filled with noise and distractions, we must intentionally listen to Jesus. Lent provides an opportunity to quiet our hearts, seek His voice in Scripture, and deepen our relationship with Him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us embrace faith like Abraham, set our hearts on heaven like Paul, and open ourselves to transformation through Christ's glory. May this season renew our commitment to listen to Jesus and follow Him more closely.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Sign up to the Cathedral Parish FORMED Subscription for free <https://formed.org/>

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.



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:



God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?

Three empty speech bubble shapes for children to write their answers.



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.



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:

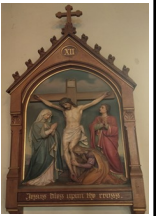
6pm Friday Night during Lent.

21st March - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

28th March - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

4th April - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

11th April - Sacred Heart Church, New Town



ST PATRICK - 17TH MARCH

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433.

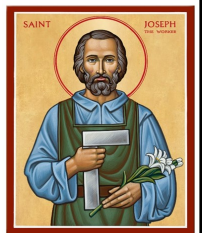
He met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. He converted many people and he began building churches across the country. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much



suffering he died March 17, 461.

ST JOSEPH - 19TH MARCH

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.



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



Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia

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

From Our Anniversary Book: William Warren, Eileen Burke, John Kelly, Walter Pauly, Guido Toffoli, Michele Giura, Rosa Rello, Ernest McDonald, Maria Sofia di Noia, Mary News, Julian Donnelly, John Farrington, Clarke Henry, Mona Jones, Bernard Gillon, Margaret Connell, Mary Duggan, Bernard Shelverton, Giovanni Marino, Francis Fox, Christina Kesson, Anna Szeles, Rose Radic, Sr Genevieve Quinn (PBVM), Sr. Brendan Fallon (PBVM) and Sr Malachy Philbin (PBVM)



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.

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>

Fr Michael Tate's Lenten talks about Mark's Gospel as a Declaration of War

19 March

- War against quarantined holiness (Mark 7:1-8)
- War against exploitative religion (Mark 12:38-42)
- War against bodiless religion (Mark 9:2-10)

The talks will be held on 19 March at SFX Parish Hall, 34 Anglesea St, at 7 pm.

Inaugural Utas Chaplaincy Quiz Night Fundraiser:

An invitation for everyone within the Parish, to get a table together of family and friends and come and have fun testing your trivia knowledge. All proceeds support the UTAS Campus Ministry.

When: Saturday 22 March 2025 6pm – 8pm.

Where: St Frances Xavier

Parish Hall, 61 Adelaide Street, Sth Hobart. **Cost:** \$10 Students, \$15 Per Person over 18 years, \$80 Table of 6, \$120 Table of 10.

Email: UTASCHAPLAINCY@AOHTAS.ORG.AU



Global Mission: No age limit!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



RITE OF ELECTION

9TH MARCH 2025

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Catholic Standard



THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The March edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived. Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/Church to take home and share with family and friends.

Here are the highlights from this edition:

- 'A moment of grace': Sr Mary's Joseph's solemn profession
- Golden celebration for seaside town's beacon of faith (Bridport)
- Fr Joseph, feeling at home in the island state (St Joseph's Hobart)
- Fr Justin Durai 'comes home' to Hobart (St Joseph's Hobart)
- Darcy responds to 'call from God' to serve youth in Tasmania
- Sam hits the road again after four years leading youth ministry
- 'Marriage is a path to true and enduring happiness'
- Building fellowship and community through homesteading (Huon Valley)
- Project Compassion: Answering Jesus' call to care for poor and marginalised
- Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Part 2



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 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

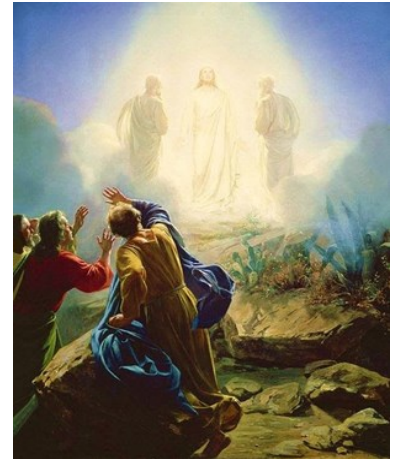
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 17th March	- Lk 10:1-12,17-20
Tuesday 18th March	- Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 19th March	- Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Thursday 20th March	- Lk 16:19-31
Friday 21st March	- Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday 22nd March	- Lk 15:1-3,11-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading	- Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8,11
Second Reading	- 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Gospel	- Luke 13:1-9

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.