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THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD YEAR A - 6th August 2023 VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Dear Parishioners,



Knights of the Southern Cross - Prayer Crusade for Vocations



The Australian Catholic Church's Vocations Awareness Week is held this year from **Sunday 6 to Sunday 13 August 2023**.

It is a week in which the Church asks us all to reflect on how best we can respond to God's call to us to love and serve. It is also a time in which to



pray for those seeking to discern their life vocation.

Those participating in Tasmania are asked to say the special prayer on each day of the week between **Sunday 6 to Sunday 13 August**.

THE PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

Mass for Vocations

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

As part of the National Week for Vocations, we invite people to join us in prayer for an increase in Vocations. **Mass** will be celebrated on

Wednesday 9th August at 6 pm @ St Mary's Cathedral.

If you have any questions please email vocations@aohtas.org.au

The annual Evangelium Conference for 2023 will be in Bellerive this year, with keynote speaker Jude Hennessy – Director of the office of Renewal and Evangelisation for the Wollongong Diocese, and Catholic musician, song writer and worship leader Stephen Kirk!

When: Saturday 16th September 10 am – 4:30 pm **Cost:** \$35 Early

Bird finishing on August 31st **Register:** <https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au> **More information:** evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au

Parish Sacramental Program will commence on Sunday 13th August for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion. Please pray for the 31 children, their parents and the Catechist as they prepared for this Sacrament

In Christ, **Fr Leonard Caldera**



MASS TIMES

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

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

ROSARY and NOVENA TO OUR LADY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: 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

Immaculate Heart of Mary

What does the Immaculate Heart of Mary mean?

The Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great purity and love of the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God. This purity is manifested in her "Yes" to the Father at the Incarnation, her love for, and cooperation with, the Incarnate Son in His redemptive mission, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, enabling her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary's Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life, where she experienced both joys and sorrows, yet remained faithful, as we, too, are called to do.

Saint Ephrem Prayer

O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises. We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who didst bear the God-Man: we all bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid. Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil. Be our intercessor and advocate at the hour of death and judgment; deliver us from the fire that is not extinguished and from the outer darkness; make us worthy of the glory of thy Son, O dearest and most clement Virgin Mother. Thou indeed art our only hope, most sure and sacred in God's sight, to whom be honour and glory, majesty and dominion, for ever and ever, world without end. **Amen.**



ST MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023

Helen MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on January 15, 1842. Together with Fr Tenison Woods, Mary founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1867, an Order dedicated to the education of poor children. Mary faced many challenges, not least of which was her (questionable) excommunication by Bishop Shiel in September 1871 – an excommunication lifted five months later. By 1891, there were three hundred sisters working in nine dioceses in Australia and New Zealand. An ordinary Australian woman, yet a woman of heroic holiness, goodness, warmth and determination, Mary died on August 8, 1909. On October 17, 2010 Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI. One of her best known sayings is **'Never see a need without doing something about it!'** Our sincere thanks to Kerrie Van Doorn for creating the beautiful St Mary McKillop icons displayed in both Parish Churches.

From Our Anniversary Book: Kathleen Saunders, Nora Doolan, Pasquale Giusti, Nicola Gentile, Charles Pockock, Christine Weeding, Frank Rieusset, Eletto Pangrazzi, Paul Thompson, Sr. Veronica Higgins, John Heffernan, David Pauly, Gwen Zeitzen, William Jeffrey, Herbert Viney, William Mitson, June Abbott, Maria Zappone, Margaret Szechy, Elsie Aiken, Denis Pauly, 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 Margaret Mary Caswell PBVM and Sr Aquin Darling PBVM

REFLECTION

THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD YEAR A

THEY SAW ONLY JESUS

The scripture readings for our liturgy today are interconnected. The prophet Daniel writes about his prophetic dream describing his vision regarding the 'end times.' He speaks of a throne, burning fire, thousands of people, clouds, kingship and an empire which will last forever. The Book of Daniel is inspiring as it depicts the struggles Daniel experienced against the need for power, fame, sinfulness and idolatry. His constant trust in God's love and forgiveness was always before him. The following excerpt is from the prayer of Daniel. (CH.9:v5) 'O Lord, God great and to be feared, you keep your covenant and have kindness for those who love you and keep your commandments.' (I invite you to read this prayer which is in your Bible.

St Peter speaks fearlessly about his experience of the Transfiguration and with conviction. He wants his listeners to accept and to trust in the words he has spoken, 'to be a light in the darkness of their lives, until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your mind.' As you read this account of the Transfiguration have you ever wondered what Jesus, Peter, James and John may have been talking about as they ascended the mountain. Were they talking about mission or ministry, the giving and sharing of goods, may be they were praying the psalms. During the Transfiguration the glory of the divinity of Jesus enveloped his humanity. His friends were momentarily overcome especially with the appearance of Moses (LAW) and Elijah (Prophecy) and on hearing the voice of God coming from the cloud. When we reflect on this scene it becomes a fusion of the Old and New Testaments when Moses and Elijah appear in their midst.

What were they discussing among themselves?

Jesus was aware of his friend's wants and emotional fears of the moment especially after they had heard the voice of the Father coming from the cloud. "this is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour. Listen to Him." We are told by St Matthew, 'Jesus then came up to his friends, touched them and said, "Stand up, don't be afraid."

What is Jesus saying to you today?
How is he transforming your life?

'We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory.
O God, almighty Father. Amen



**Sr Monica
Shelverton**



May they rest in peace!

Archdiocese of Hobart
The Office of Life, Marriage & Family presents:

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT
Passion, Intimacy & Christ
with Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries

August 24 - 27
Thurs & Fri evenings, Sat & Sun all day

Registrations essential. Purchase your tickets now at: <https://events.humanity.com/tob-retreat>
For more information, contact Rachel on 0475 222 056 or rachel.bradley@solitas.org.au

Passion, Intimacy and Christ

Theology of the Body Retreat **24th-27th August** with Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries
The deepest desire of the human heart is for God, how do our bodies and sexuality reveal truth about God and our relationship with Him? Explore how you can be

free from struggles and learn to love every person you meet with purity of heart. Grow closer to God and understand how to live out your sexuality in freedom, peace and joy.

Where: The Murphy Room, 35 Tower Rd, Archdiocese of Hobart

For those married or single, all ages over 18
Thursday and Friday evenings, talks and light supper
All day Saturday with lunch and dinner ending in a Mercy Night with Eucharistic Adoration and the chance for Sacrament of Confession and then finishing Sunday Morning

Registration: \$40 for early bird registrations before 14th August or \$55 afterwards

WORLD YOUTH DAY PHOTO - LISBON



COME AND GATHER for morning tea after Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Parish Centre and the Cathedral Centre.
Everyone is Welcome.

WHAT'S NEW?

Archdiocese of Hobart

Evangelium Conference

16 September 2023 | 10 am - 4:30 pm
Corpus Christi School Hall - 10 Alma St, Bellerive

Evangelium
a church on mission



Children's Corner



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

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.

READINGS OF THE DAY - THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD YEAR A

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became
his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight, listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.
As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 7th August - **St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs - St Cajetan, priest**

Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday 8th August - **St Mary of the Cross, virgin**

Matthew 6:25-34

Wednesday 9th August - **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr**

Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday 10th August - **St Lawrence, deacon, martyr**

John 12:24-26

Friday 11th August - **St Clare, virgin**

Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday 12th August - **St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious - Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary**

Matthew 17:14-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Psalm 84:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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.