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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 9th MARCH 2025

With the ashes we received on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday in the form of a cross we not only think of our death but also the death of Jesus Christ who died so that we his adopted brothers and sisters may have eternal life with him. Jesus died because of the sinfulness of humanity. At the end of time we will be joined with Christ in his Resurrection. The glory of heaven is for all those who have loved as God loves us. We can rejoice and be glad with all the angels and saints. How can we prepare for this as we journey together through this earthly life?. This is our testing time. Do we see this journey as a cross to bear or as a time of grace and many blessings for all humanity, Lent gives us an opportunity to stop our noisy business and sincerely evaluate our life's journey in the eyes of God. The necessities of life have their place and are important but not to the extent that God takes second best. God is the beginning, and end of all that has been, is, and will be. Amen. By what means does God exist in my life? During Lent we are encouraged to deepen and expand our life of prayer, deny ourselves of legitimate pleasures and be over generous in our giving in order to support the needs of others. Trials and temptations are a part of our human existence. We aim to make good decisions which direct us towards the deeper reality of union with God. These episodes help to form who we are and how we stand before our loving God. The sacrament of Reconciliation as given to us by Jesus Christ is a means of growth in grace and maturity before God. We belong to him because he has chosen us to be with him in the eternal life of Heaven. OUR FATHER

The Gospel of St. Luke tells us about the Baptism of Jesus in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the head of Jesus in the form of a dove and a voice was heard coming from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved my favour rest on you". Jesus united himself with all sinners, 'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance". Jesus spent forty days and nights alone in the wilderness. Tired and hungry the devil realized that Jesus was weak and vulnerable- an easy target for temptation. Jesus was well armed to face the devil's promptings for he spent the forty days in constant prayer gaining strength to accept what was to be asked of him through his acceptance of his passion and death.

Dear Parishioners

Our Parish Secretary, Jane McKeown, who rendered yeoman service to our Parish, has submitted her letter of resignation.

It feels impossible to thank someone who has shared so much of their life and heart for the life of our Parish, we are grateful for Jane's commitment to the life of our Parish, for her dedication, professionalism and the love that she has shown to our Parish, our Parishioners and the many guests who find their way to us. Our thanks and prayers go with her, and we will look for an opportunity to formally thank Jane in the coming weeks.

Fr Bernard Perera



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



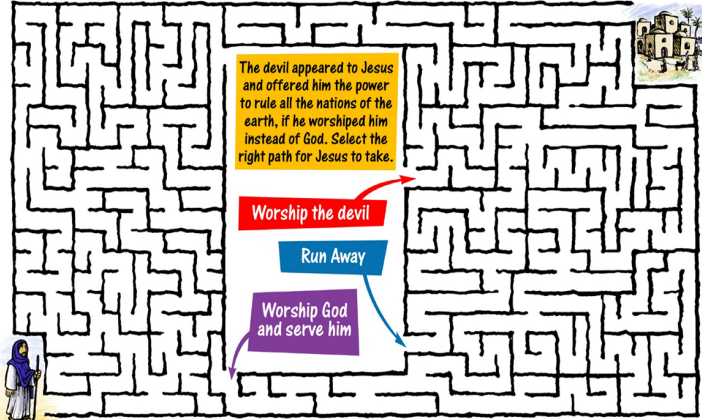
Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring 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:

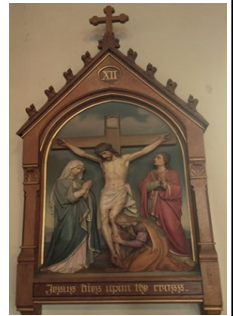
Help Jesus find the right path through the desert and into Galilee. Be wary of temptation along the way!



Cathedral Parish Stations of the Cross:

6pm Friday Night during Lent.

- 14th March - Sacred Heart Church, New Town
- 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



A Lenten Reflection Day

When: Saturday 22nd March 2025

Time: 9am -2pm

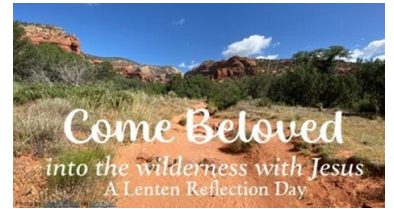
Where: Josephite Mission and History Centre
67 Clare Street, New Town

Cost: \$60.00

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman

Bookings to Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171 or email

belindachapman.sd@gmail.com. Please book by 17th March 2025



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

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Cathedral Sacramental Program Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Cathedral Parish has 28 candidates enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

As a Parish Community may we pray to the Lord for his guidance, love and his mercy on the candidates, parents, guardians, catechists, adult formators and priests who are involved with the Parish Sacramental Program.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession) enables us to seek forgiveness and mercy from God for our wrongdoing and to choose to reject our resentment, bitterness and anger towards others. It is therefore a valuable gift from God for our healing.



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.

2025 Project Compassion

Project Compassion box or donation envelopes are at the back of St Mary's

Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church for your collection to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help Unite Against Poverty. To donate website link:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

Telephone donations are open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm AEST. 1800 024 413. Contact Caritas Australia.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



From Our Anniversary Book:

Dennis Connolly, Leonard Nash, Leonard Carr, Mona Donovan, Noreen Deayton, William Zeeman, Thomas Davis, Luciano Longo, Vecchione Family, Matrondola Family, Dorothea Connor, Mary Pugh, Helene Matterson, Kitt Martin, Ian Lowe, Mary Atkins, Desmond Orpwood, Jozef Gala, William Byrne, Gladys Imlach, Noel Logan, Brian Kilmartin, Paul Gill, Ivy Woolford, Kaye Tapp, Helen Fox, Clare Costello, Catherine O'Driscoll, Susan Di Giovanni, Francesco Demarte, Maxwell Webberley and Sr Stanislaus Collins PBVM

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

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.

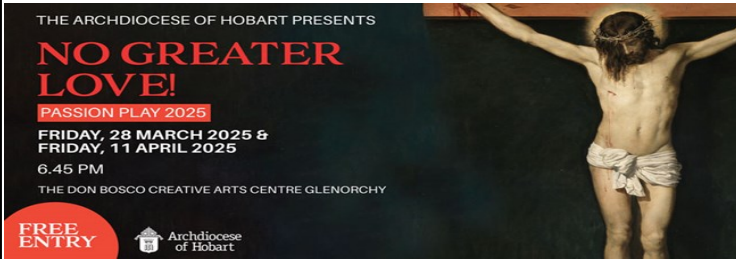
Where: St Frances Xavier

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

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

Archdiocese of Hobart



First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world.

We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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

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

12 March

- War against the Roman Emperor/Empire (Mark 1:1)
- War against demonic powers (Mark 1:21-28)
- War against a privileged social order (Mark 5:21-43)

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 12 and 19 March at SFX Parish Hall, 34 Anglesea St, at 7 pm.



St Patrick's Pilgrimage
15-16 March 2025

Join Archbishop Julian on a weekend pilgrimage from Colebrook to Richmond.

To register or for further information, please visit humanitix.com/au and enter StPatricksPilgrimage2025 or contact youth@aohtas.org.au

Designed for young adults aged between 16-35

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Lenten Prayer

God of our journey
we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that we may all be one.
We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
when we are called to greater justice
and care for our common home
that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed
and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds and generous hearts
help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen



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 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory
*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 10th March	- Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday 11th March	- Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday 12th March	- Lk 11:29-32
Thursday 13th March	- Mt 7:7-12
Friday 14th March	- Mt 5:20-26
Saturday 15th March	- Mt 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading	- Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14
Second Reading	- Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel	- Luke 9:28-36

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.