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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th August 2024

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The readings of the day present a powerful reflection on the themes of decision, fidelity, and the challenges of discipleship. The texts invite the faithful to consider their commitment to God, the implications of following Christ, and the cost of true discipleship.

This reading underscores the importance of decision-making in the spiritual journey. Joshua's call to choose whom they will serve is a timeless challenge that resonates with every believer. It is a moment of reckoning, a call to renew one's commitment to God. The Israelites' response highlights the need for gratitude and remembrance of God's past actions as motivations for fidelity. For contemporary believers, this passage invites reflection on their faith commitments and the need to continually choose God amidst the myriad of distractions and alternatives the world offers.

Paul's teaching on marriage is deeply rooted in the concept of sacrificial love and mutual respect. Paul is advocating for a relationship that mirrors Christ's love for the Church—a love that is self-giving, self-sacrificing, and redemptive. For modern readers, this passage calls for a deeper understanding of the nature of Christian love, which transcends cultural norms and focuses on the selfless giving of oneself for the good of the other. It also serves as a reminder that every Christian relationship, not just marriage, should be grounded in love, respect, and mutual submission to the Lord.

The Gospel passage confronts the stark reality of discipleship: following Jesus is not always easy, and His teachings can be challenging to accept. The reaction of the disciples who walk away reflects the cost of true discipleship, which involves accepting difficult truths and trusting in Jesus even when it defies human understanding. Peter's confession of faith contrasts those who leave, showcasing the courage needed to stay with Jesus despite doubts and uncertainties.

For the faithful, this passage serves as a reminder that faith in Jesus requires a commitment that may go against personal inclinations, societal norms, or logical reasoning. It is a call to trust in the person of Christ, who offers eternal life, even when His words are difficult to understand or accept. The Gospel challenges believers to examine their responses to Jesus' teachings: Will they turn away when faced with difficult truths, or will they, like Peter, acknowledge that Jesus alone has "the words of eternal life"?

The readings collectively emphasize the importance of deliberately choosing to follow God. To follow Christ is demanding and involves embracing difficult teachings and living out sacrificial love. Peter's declaration of faith is, encouraging the faithful to reflect on their commitment to Christ. Despite challenges, there is a deep sense of peace and assurance in choosing to follow Jesus.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday
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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

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

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH



1 September
3:00pm
St Mary's
Cathedral



Tickets \$25/20/5
at the door or online

Music from the German Lands

A concert of Baroque composers who were born in Germany including Handel, Telemann and Molter – as well as composers from elsewhere who spent some time living in these regions - namely, Brescianello and Bononcini.

Llewellyn Negrin (recorder), Christine Akerman (baroque violin), Tim Lowe (guitar), Chrissie Berryman (viola da gamba) and Alexander Rodrigues (spinnet and voice) perform a selection of works on period instruments.

Ensemble ANTIQUA

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

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.



First-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' [St Mary's Cathedral Opening Details:](#)

24-25 August and
31 August/ 1st September 2024
St Mary's Cathedral Centre
180 Harrington Street, Hobart
Contact: (03) 6234 4463



A first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager soon to be canonised, will be visiting Tasmania, along with an international exhibition he designed featuring Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

Saturday 24th August

10am - 4:30pm
(5pm Mass)
6pm - 7pm

Saturday 31st August

10am - 4:30pm
(5pm Mass)
6pm - 7pm

Sunday 25th August

11:30am - 5:30pm
(6pm Mass)
7pm - 8pm

Sunday 1st September

11:30am - 5:30pm
(6pm Mass)
7pm - 8pm

The Parish requires volunteers to assist with the exhibition. At each hourly time allocation, three (3) volunteers are required. The Parish requests your ministry to volunteer for this exhibitions. At the back of the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, there are volunteer registration sheets, to record your name and contact details to enable the Parish Office to contact you with further information.

THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Thursday - 29th August 2024



The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. From the Bible, he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and also the nephew of our Lady. St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He prepared the way for Jesus.

The Chosen:

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Come and join us for the first season, starting with the first two episodes on Thursday 18th of July and every two weeks thereafter, refreshments and popcorn provided. Come along, enjoy some company, some discussion and some popcorn.

Where and When: 6pm on 29th August at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre, 1st floor.



From Our Anniversary Book: Justino Di Sipio, Nicola Matrisciano, Walter Clark, Arthur Fletcher, Brian Speers, Gerald Hyde, Isabel Cracknell, Freda Young, Rita Bearzatto, Benita Lapolla, Gerardo Demarte, Tom Howe, Mirella Ghedini Antonio Di Tommaso, Mary Ludeke, Celestina Zambotti, Rita Goodluck, Leo Pauly, Br. Paul Doyle, Elsa Giudici, Ilona Batholovics, Sr. Mary Clark, SSJ, Albert Charles Colbeck, Margaret Kilmartin, Thomas Rose, Mary McCarthy, Eileen Fox, Jeremiah Barnett, Josee Korytkowsk, Mario Cundari, Madge Bugg, Thelma Wright and Kathleen Francis

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Expressions of Interest - Holy Year Pilgrimage 2025

In celebration of the dedicated Jubilee Holy Year in 2025, **Archbishop Julian Porteous** will be leading an **Archdiocese of Hobart pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi between 27 Jan 2025 - 6 February 2025**. There will be limited spaces available on this pilgrimage organised in conjunction with harvest journeys.

Please provide your expression of interest to

danielle.fehlberg@aohtas.org.au

TASMANIAN MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

The next public men's rosary will be held at St David's Park **Saturday 7th September at 1:30pm**: Meet at the Rotunda.

LEGION OF MARY 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Hobart. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—25TH AUGUST 2024

This year's statement focuses on peace and violence in the world, under the title of **Truth and Peace: a Gospel Word in a Violent World**.

In a tradition stretching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release a major social justice statement each year ahead of Social Justice Sunday. This year's statement was released yesterday (Tuesday). Each year, the statement encourages our Catholic community to reflect on and act on social, economic, and ecological issues, reminding us of the social dimension of the Church's mission.

The 16-page statement can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/SJS24-25> (also attached as a pdf)

A prayer card can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/SJScard24-25> (also attached as a pdf)

And further resources can be found at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference authored the statement, which was published by the Office for Justice, Ecology, and Peace.

"THEN JESUS SAID, "COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

MATTHEW 11:28"

HEALING Service

6 SEPTEMBER

7:00 PM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART

6.40 PM ROSARY

7:00 PM MASS INCLUDES THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYER MINISTRY



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND APPEAL:

The Sick and Retired Priest Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill. Retirement expenses are currently met by the Sick and Retired Priest Fund via donations and bequests, and by priests themselves. The Sick and Retired Priest Fund helps to meet the following needs of our diocesan priests:

- A modest monthly allowance
- Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests
- Assistance in transitioning to retirement
- Assistance with out of pocket medical and dental expenses
- Assistance with board and lodging expenses
- Motor vehicle costs.

Please support our diocesan priests through the Sick and Retired Priest Fund Appeal during August. Ask your parish priest for appeal envelopes, or you can securely donate online at

hobart.catholic.org.au

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS RELIC TOUR & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION:

20 July – 1 September

A first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager soon to be canonised, will be visiting Tasmania from 20 July to 1 September, along with an international exhibition he designed featuring Eucharistic miracles from around the world. The relic and exhibition will visit parishes and schools across the whole of Tasmania. There will be opportunities at each location to venerate the relic and to visit the exhibition.

Who is Bl. Carlo Acutis?

Blessed Carlo Acutis died from leukemia in 2006 when he was just 15 years old. Carlo had a deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist and used his passion for technology to create a website that documented approved Eucharistic miracles. He once described the Eucharist as "the highway to heaven". Carlo was beatified in 2020 and is currently in the process of becoming a canonised saint. He is a role model for young people around the world, drawing many deeper into their Catholic faith.

Tasmanian parishes tour dates:

- 24-25 August & 31 August – 1 September St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



Do you want to feel the presence of God in your life?

Come and experience a time of grace and encounter Jesus through the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Epiclesis | The 4 Step Retreat

Sat 12 Oct, 9:30am - 5:30pm & Sun 13 Oct, 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Our Lady of Victories Shrine

12 Ashbolt Cres, Lutana, TAS 7009

Book your free ticket now



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 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that

when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 26th August	-	Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 27th August	-	Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 28th August	-	Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 29th August	-	Mk 6:17-29
Friday 30th August	-	Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 31st August	-	Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	-	Deut 4:1-2,6-8
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 14:2-5
Second Reading	-	James 1:17-18, 21-22,27
Gospel	-	Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

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.