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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 6th October 2024

As we resume our pilgrimage as one holy Catholic Church, we are stepping into the 27th Sunday in ordinary time. This Sunday Church emphasizes the sacredness of the sacrament of holy matrimony and its beauty, and profoundness.

The first reading for today comes from Genesis 2:18-24, where God created animals and birds for man to name, but none were suitable. God then created a woman from a man's rib. The man recognized her as his equal and partner. Hebrews 2:9-11, the second reading, reveals that God descended below the angels to experience death on behalf of everyone. By God's grace, he leads men to glory, becoming perfect through suffering and calling us "brothers."

We extract the gospel from the Marken version 10:2-16, which depicts the incident where the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, prompting him to emphasize God's original plan for marriage. He also welcomed children, stating the importance of receiving the kingdom of God like a child.

When we hear today's reading, the church wants us to focus on the church's fundamental belief about the sacrament of holy matrimony. There are a few insights that flow from today's readings: God creates a woman as a partner for man, demonstrating that marriage should be a union of equals. The unity is blessed by God.

The other idea revolves around the importance of family. Today, the Church emphasizes the teaching, that family is the basic unit of society, and it is the most important place where we find the love of Jesus and invites us to reflect on the importance of family life and the responsibility to nurture and care for family members.

The other notable theme is God's plan for marriage. Jesus himself clarifies that marriage is a sacred bond, emphasizing the importance of not breaking this bond lightly. However, today are we witnessing the absolute essence of marriage?

The Innocence of Children: Jesus shows his unique concern for children and urges us to be childlike, trusting, and open to encountering God. Are we conscious of this? The most important thing that stands out today is Jesus' teaching on divorce. Our Lord himself addresses the issue of divorce, urging us to respect the commitment made in marriage. He invites fidelity and commitment in relationships. However, we observe that people today often take this for granted. Are we trying to criticize the church's stance, or are we trying to assimilate the virtue hidden in the truth?

Therefore, today is the best day to evaluate our own family lives. As Catholics, we must exemplify a heroic lifestyle brimming with virtue and truth. This is not an easy task, but it is up to you and me to practice it if we want to save our souls and enter the Kingdom of God. Being Catholic is easy, but practicing is difficult. The choice is up to you and me. Let this be our prayer today.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday

5.00pm: Saturday

10.30am: Sunday (Mass Livestreamed)

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**

OTHER PARISH NEWS:

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

**Join us every Friday from 6 pm to 12 midnight
at the Cathedral Crypt.**

Access is through Cathedral Centre



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

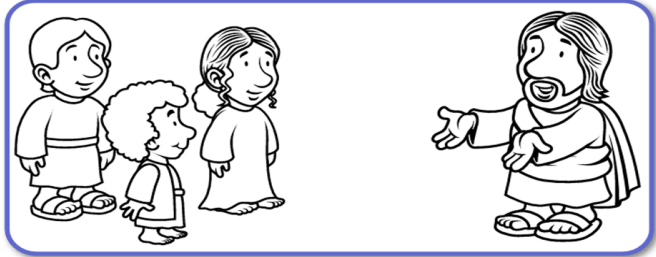
HOLY ROSARY

Children's Corner:

Blessed are the Children

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B

Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them. Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.

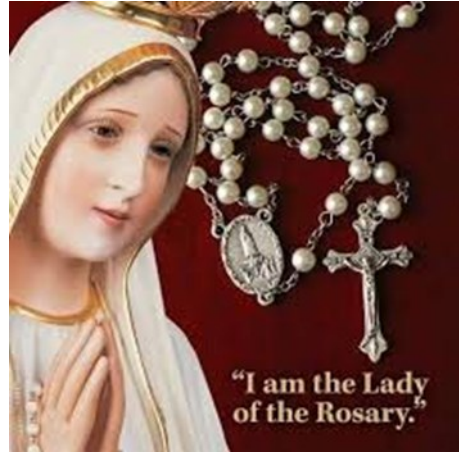


What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?
Write or draw your answer

CHILDREN
How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

Each year, October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. We encourage all families to pray for the Rosary this month. If any family needs the help of a priest to initiate this Holy practice, You are welcome to contact the Priest through the Parish Office.

The Rosary is recited at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart every evening during October at 5.30 pm.



Have a Blessed month ahead

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.



EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS APPEAL:

The Cathedral Parish envelope contributions to the Education of Future Priest Fund **as of the 29th September 2024 is \$170.00** Please support our diocesan priests through the Education of Future Priest Fund Appeal during October. You can securely donate online at hobart.catholic.org.au

PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

The Secretariat of the Bishops Conference has requested for Parishes on **Monday 7th October 2024, memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**, be a day devoted to prayer for peace in the Middle East. Archbishop Julian Porteous, commend this initiative to our Parish, as we are all deeply disturbed by the escalating violence in the Middle East.

ARCHDIOCESE OF HOBART SAFE COMMUNITIES TRAINING FOR CURRENT AND NEW PARISH VOLUNTEERS

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep all members of our Archdiocese, including children, young people and adults at risk safe, and to provide an environment that minimises risk of harm, the Safe Communities Office has commenced rolling out our new program of Volunteer Safeguarding Training. This training is suitable for all Parish volunteers. We highly value the contribution that our many volunteers make to the life of our Archdiocese and all volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend this training. Certificates of Completion will be provided for all attendees.

Training Date is: Wednesday 16th October 2024 either at **10.30am -12 noon** or **5.15pm-6.30pm**, Cathedral Centre - Level 1 Please contact Parish Office for further information and RSVP.

From Our Anniversary Book: John O'Loughlin, Robyn Foale, Thomas Ward, Lucia Di Ienno, Vittorio di Felice, Nicolina Pignalosa, Umberto Genovesi, Nicoletta & Pasquale Giancan, Peggy Steele, Florence Harrington, Sr. Barbara Hateley, MSS, Jessica Stubbs, Vera O'Halloran, Lilian Johnston, Richard Carter, Frances Roach, Sr. Mary Cook, LCM, Maurice Mulcahy, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Catherine Young, Ethel Brait, Paul Nicolaas-Ponder, Eva Letec, Gretta Anderson, Alan Lansdell, Edward Hanlon, Thelma Brat, Hilary Sweeney, Maxwell Williams, Ely Riggs, Benedetto Maccallini, Alice Corby, Lawrence Wilson, Nabiha Abraham and Sr Brigid Dunn PBVM **May they rest in peace!**



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Bible Study on Isaiah: Discover the prophet Isaiah, his turbulent times, and his prophecies. Known as the 'Fifth Gospel', this literary masterpiece offers much spiritual nourishment for us today.

When: Fortnightly on Tuesdays 10.30am -12.00pm, from 8 Oct to 3 Dec. (5 sessions).

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

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

Theology of God, Angels, and Man Course: A scriptural and theological dive into the mystery of God, the nature and role of angels, and what it means to be human.

When: Weekly on Thursdays 10.30am -12.00pm, from 31 Oct. to 5 Dec. (6 sessions).

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

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

 **60 YEARS** 1964-2024 Caritas Australia has been supporting Caritas Lebanon since the launch of its Lebanon Crisis Appeal in May 2024. At that stage, the support primarily dealt with the impacts of the economic crisis, the provision of primary healthcare with special support for those with a disability and the elderly, as well as protection services for women facing gender-based violence.

Amid the new wave of displacement, Caritas partners are mobilising to provide emergency assistance, including:

- providing medical, food and hygiene support to a collective shelter.
- preparing emergency stock and warehouses.
- providing emotional and social support and cash for shelter for displaced and conflict-affected families.
- preparing partner centres to serve as shelters.
- distributing household and hygiene supplies to municipalities.
- preparing to distribute hot meals.

Kirsten Sayers, Interim CEO at Caritas Australia, said, "Our partners told us last year that the crisis is continual. When they think they have reached the bottom, it gets worse, with over 80% of people now living in poverty. This is not a population that can withstand a war and the displacement that it brings.

"Many people flee with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They face hunger, thirst and do not know where they will sleep. It is also a time when those already vulnerable – women, children, the sick, elderly and disabled – become more vulnerable. They need information, food, blankets, medicine, water, and many other supplies.

"At Caritas we are holding our brothers and sisters in Lebanon in our hearts as we respond to that need."

<https://www.caritas.org.au/news/media-releases/caritas-australia-partners-respond-to-the-intensified-crisis-in-lebanon/>

Donations for Lebanon can be made at: <http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/lebanon/>



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for 3-6 Year Old Children

The Archdiocese is opening a new CGS atrium at Lindisfarne (old presbytery) in August. We are taking new registrations for children 3-6 years.

When: Wednesdays 10.30am-12pm.

Orientations for new children by appointment. CGS is a faith formation process, grounded in Scripture and Liturgy, helping the child form an authentic relationship with God.

Register: christine.wood@aohtas.org.au



YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS

The UTAS Catholic Chaplaincy and Catholic Student Society invite any young adults ages 18-35 to join them for bible study and board games on Thursday evenings at the Cathedral Centre, Hobart.

When: Thursdays during semester, 6-8:30 pm

Where: Cathedral Centre, Hobart

Who: Young Adults aged 18-35

2024 EPICLESIS - 4 Step Retreat

Would you like to feel the presence of God in your life and experience his transforming love?

The Four Steps Retreat is a journey to the heart of God. We are invited to "Come As We Are" with our joys & sadness, our strengths & weaknesses, to a personal encounter with Christ. This retreat will be a moment of grace.

12 & 13 October 2024 (entrance Free but registrations are required)

visit <https://events.humanitix.com/epiclesis-the-four-step-retreat>

Venue: Our Lady of Victories Shrine,
12 Ashbolt Crescent, Lutana.

Program includes, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous at 12 noon and opportunity for Reconciliation on Saturday 12th,



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 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Monday 7th October | - Lk 10:25-37 |
| Tuesday 8th October | - Lk 10: 38-42 |
| Wednesday 9th October | - Lk 11:1-4 |
| Thursday 10th October | - Lk 11:5-13 |
| Friday 11th October | - Lk 11:15-26 |
| Saturday 12th October | - Lk 11:27-28 |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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| First Reading | - Wisdom 7:7-11 |
| Responsorial Psalm | - Psalm 89:12-17 |
| Second Reading | - Hebrews 4:12-13 |
| Gospel | - Mark 10:17-27 |

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.