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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 22nd December 2024

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

As we gather around family and friends at home or in the community, may the Spirit of God awaken in you a lived faith, unswerving hope and love so that your heart will be filled with His peace and joy.

COME LORD JESUS, COME.

We as a parish community come together united as one family to celebrate once again the birth of the WORD of God in human flesh Jesus Christ – God made man. Jesus has come to live among us through His Spirit to transform us from our sinful nature into the glories of grace uniting us as one family in God and by the power of the Holy Spirit overcome sin and death.

THE ANGELUS – is prayed daily at 6am, 12 noon and 6pm

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary.

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord, be is done unto me according to Your WORD.

Hail Mary.

And the WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary. Here bow or genuflect.

The above prayer speaks of Mary's obedience, humility and acceptance of God's will for her. The WORD of God was made flesh in her womb. Mary did not hesitate to go and share this news with her cousin Elizabeth giving us an example of selfless love as she set out to attend the needs of another. St John knew Jesus from his mother's womb. While we are aware of the Virgin birth, the Church never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from one table of God's WORD and Christ's body. Jesus – Saviour. Christ – the Holy One of God. Elizabeth's greeting to Mother Mary; "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

We pray. You are all beautiful Mother Mary. You are most favoured by God for in you there is no trace of original sin. You are conceived spotless in the womb of your Mother Anne and dearly loved by Joachim. The Holy Spirit embraced you and endowed you with the riches of God's grace. Willingly you accepted God's plan for you. With you Mother Mary can we say our YES to God's will for us? May we have the same

courage to trust God in all things big and small. Lord Jesus fill us with your sacramental presence at all times. May His will for me be done. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday (Mass Livestreamed)
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday 24th Dec - No Mass
Wednesday 25th Dec - No Mass
Thursday 26th Dec - Mass
Tuesday - Thursday

(as of Thursday 26th December 2024)

8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday
Mass Time for 2025
10.30am: Friday 7th February 2025

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
(As of Wednesday 1st January 2025)

7.30am: Saturday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact 62086236

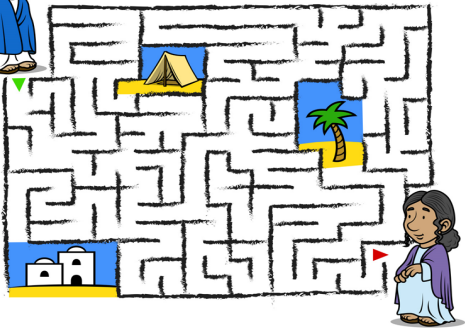
WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Children's Corner:



When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?



PARISH MASSES- from 26th December 2024 to 31st January 2025

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

8am—Sacred Heart Church, New Town

4.00 pm – Confessions

5.00 pm - St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Sunday

8.30 am - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

10.30 am – St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

6.00 pm – St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

WEEKDAY MASSES

9.15 am Tuesday to Thursday at Sacred Heart Church

NB: NO WEEKDAY MASSES at St Mary's Cathedral on weekdays

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.



From Our Anniversary Book: Sr. Paschal Mary Philbin PBVM, Bessie Thornhil, Mary Collins, Rose Fitzpatrick, Antony Carnevale, Ivana Parodi, Florence Crowe, Bernard Ray, Ronald Andrews, Grace Clark, Margaret Pegler, Richard Gall, Vince Kmet, Robert Hasset, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Violante Gentile, Thomas Fahey, Marjorie Colbeck, Cecelia Mackey, Valerie Henderson, June Clarke, Dr. Tom Gah, Alexander Trillo, William Hunt, Josip Tomac, Archbishop Daniel Murphy, Anthony Haigh, Margaret Hyde, Rocco Zito, Josef Eugster, Stanko Franor, Leslie McManus, Paul Willemsen, Erminio Ciafardini, John (Ivo) Kerschbaum, Sr Ignatius Murphy PBVM, Sr Veronica Lacey PBVM, Sr Xavier O'Donovan PBVM and Sr Angela Donelan PBVM

May they rest in peace!



Tuesday 24th December 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

(Family and Children's Vigil Mass)

11pm: Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass
St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday 25th December 2024

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral



No Evening Mass

Thursday 26th December 2024

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN,
1ST MARTYR**

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Friday 27th December 2024

**FEAST OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE EVANGELIST
NO PARISH MASS**

Saturday 28th December 2024

**FEAST OF THE HOLY
INNOCENTS**

8am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

5pm: Vigil Mass - St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Sunday 29th December 2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30am: Sacred Heart New Town

10:30am St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Monday 30th December 2024

NO PARISH MASS

Tuesday 31st December 2024

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Wednesday 1st January 2025

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Thursday 2nd January 2025

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

2025 PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2025 Plan Giving Envelopes are ready for collection. Please pick up your envelopes at the back of Cathedral/Church.

Thank-you for your ministry.

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Weekend Mass Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary'
Most highly favoured lady,
Gloria!

'For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold',
Most highly favoured lady,
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name'.
Most highly favoured lady,
Gloria!

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Update

The Cathedral Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations. We were able to assist 26 families/singles within our parish. The attached photo shows how much was collected and the excess was delivered to the Elizabeth St office/shop. There is a pantry attached to the shop (set up on shelving, similar to the supermarket) and Vinnies offer Emergency food relief to anyone who makes an appointment or walks in Monday to Friday. Our Parish Conference receives referrals and delivers assistance to the home on a weekly basis. We meet on Tuesday at 6pm and make our deliveries that evening. Volunteers always welcome to join.



Cathedral Restoration Works (6 January – 4 April 2025)

During the period 6 January – 4 April 2025 significant structural refurbishment of the Cathedral's organ/choir loft will be undertaken as part of the Cathedral's ongoing restoration program. The works schedule will present some unavoidable inconvenience to ensure completion by the commencement of Holy Week. Saturday evening and Sunday Masses will take place at the Cathedral as normal for the duration of the works. However, there will be no weekday Masses in the Cathedral between 6 January and 11 February 2025.

Notably also, the Cathedral's weekly livestream will not be available during this period. We appreciate your patience as we work to enhance the dignity of our extraordinary building and improve the facilities from where our choir works tirelessly each week to bring such beautiful sacred music to our liturgies.

Caritas Australia Earthquake Relief

Vanuatu experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours, impacting more than 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. Hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble, with the death toll expected to continue to rise. Any help will go a long way in supporting Caritas Australia's on-the-ground partners. Please donate via <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

SUPPORT VANUATU EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Thousands of people have been severely impacted by the earthquake in Vanuatu. Please help provide emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support to those who are experiencing hardship.

DONATE NOW caritas.org.au/vanuatu
1800 024 413



Caring for the Earth

- By Living the Laudato Si' Goals in the Tasmanian Northern Deanery

"It is time to act"..., the planet is "at the brink" and humanity has to avoid the "path of self-destruction". Pope Francis, Earth Day 2021.

Laudato Si' Goals

1. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the earth?

- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas).
- Using power from renewable non-polluting sources (solar, wind).
- Minimizing fossil fuel-based road and air travel.
- Reducing plastics and packaging, trying to buy in bulk.

2. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the poor?

- Making lifestyle changes which will care for the world's poorest.
- Purchasing goods and using energy which support sustainable, ethical and fair production.

3. Am I considering and acting on ecological economics?

- Moving finances and investments from banks, superannuation and shares that fund fossil fuels or other activity harmful to the planet.



Laudato Si' Goals

4. How am I faring with adopting a simpler lifestyle?

- Adopting the 5 Rs. Refuse what you don't need, Reduce what you do need, Recycle, Re-use and Rot (compost)
- Eating less meat, poultry and fish and more plant-based foods.
- Buying locally grown foods and locally made products.
- Growing more trees and plants and my own food.
- Walking cycling, using public transport more often.

5. Am I educating myself and others towards integral ecology to further my awareness and action?

- Learning more about climate change, biodiversity loss and the threat of extinction and teaching others.
- Getting reputable information from independent sources (not those influenced by fossil fuel interests or other vested interests).

6. How am I faring in developing ecological spirituality?

- Focusing on the wonders of the natural world.
- Praising and thanking God for creation.
- Respecting culture and ecological spirituality of indigenous peoples.

7. Am I engaging in and participating in community action for care of creation?

- Supporting public action on climate change and environment.
- Calling on political and industry leaders for stronger action on carbon emissions and environmental protections.

LAUDATO SI LINKS:

- <https://laudatosiplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/>
- <https://www.laudatositasmania.com/resolutions>



Adapted from Laudato Si Week and ARRCC - Living the Change websites



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 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his
power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19. R. v.4

- (R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.
1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:
You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'
Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and

then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.
He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the
second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the
offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus
Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be
done.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town
in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon
as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in
her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the
most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother
of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is
she who believed that the promise made her by the
Lord would be fulfilled.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 23rd December	- Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday 24th December	- Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday 25th December	- Jn 1:1-5,9-14
Thursday 26th December	- Mt 10:17-22
Friday 27th December	- Jn 20:2-8
Saturday 28th December	- Mt 2:13-18

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

First Reading	- 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 83:2-3,5-6,9-10 R.v5
Second Reading	- 1 John 3:1-2,21-24
Gospel	- Luke 2:41-52

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.