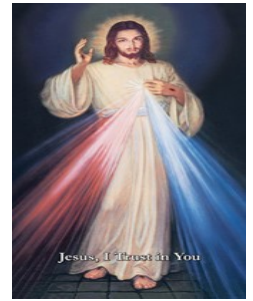


AVE St Mary's Cathedral Parish



11th April 2021,
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday Year B/1

St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Sts.
Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia Alleluia
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.
Alleluia Alleluia

This week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
Jn 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5;
Lk 24:35-38

Mass Times

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Tuesday – Friday: (No Masses this week)

Sat : 6pm Vigil Mass

Sun : 10.30am, & 6.00pm Masses

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday – Thursday: (No Masses this week)

Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am Mass

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill Street West Hobart)

No 10:30am Mass on Friday 16th April 2021

From Monday 12th April until Friday 16th April, please contact in an Emergency the Passionist Fathers at Joseph's Church, Hobart on (03) 6234 4866.

Reconciliation Times

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart:

Saturday: 5:00pm-5:30pm

From your Administrator

My dear Parishioners,

I plan to make this a regular Monthly feature, in order that you are made aware of the happenings in the Parish.

- * **Deacon Jessie Banez was ordained to the Priesthood** at St Mary's Cathedral last Friday, April 9th, at 7.00pm, amid a gathering of Priests and invited guests who attended. We wish him God's Blessing. Please keep him in your Prayers, that he may be faithful in his service to the Lord and His church.
- * Please note that **there will be no weekday masses**, at St Mary's Cathedral or Sacred Heart Church for the coming week, as the priests will be attending the clergy plenary from the 12th to the 16th of April.
- * **The Mass to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the first 'official' priest in Tasmania, Fr Philip Conolly** will take the place at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday April 18 (next Sunday) during the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend. A holy card to commemorate the anniversary as well as a commemorative book on the first twenty years of the Church, which will be launched at the Mass.
- * As you are aware the Tasmanian Government from 1 May 2021 will **require the use of the free 'Check in TAS' app** to collect contact information of all people (aged 16 years and older) who spend time at our Churches. The information is automatically sent to Tasmania's Department of Health for contact tracing purposes only. Therefore, from the 1st of May, I encourage all parishioners (aged 16 and over) to download the "Check-in Tas app" onto your smart phone and scan your unique QR code when entering the premises. If parishioners are unable to use the Check-in Tas App the parish may continue to check-in parishioners manually via paper records.
- * The parish will also be starting an **online study on Formed called 'Presence'** for 4 weeks, from the 26th of April (every Monday). I would like you to be part of it as well, further details will follow in the next weeks in AVE.

Fr Leonard Caldera.

The Return of the King

Aside from the Bible, *The Lord of the Rings* by the author John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is the highest selling book in the English-speaking world. It topped the list of Amazon.com's "Most beloved book of the Millennium" poll back in 2000. In 2004 *The Return of the King* Produced by Peter Jackson was awarded Oscar for the best picture. There is a brilliant line from *The Return of the King* which I feel encapsulates the uniquely Catholic/Christian understanding of hope like nothing I have ever read before. A despairing Sam and Frodo were in the hellish lands of Mordor when suddenly:



"There, peeping among the cloud wrack above a dark tower high up in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach." – *The Return of the King*

Christian hope is never mere optimism. Even the most positive, cheerful thinker has got nothing on Christian hope. For our hope is born out of a concrete reality, based on a real historical event in which the darkest possible evil was conquered by the greatest possible good. It would sound like the fantastical stuff of legend and myth if it weren't actually historical! I refer of course to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Who could have thought that - the killing of a Man—would result in our salvation? The moment all was lost, all was found.

Can you imagine what it must have been like? Of course, you can. Each one of us has put our faith into someone or something, only to be left heartbroken, abused, neglected, or cheated. Take a moment to think about a time when your faith was placed in and ultimately betrayed by someone (a family member, spouse, person in authority) or something (an ideology, a dream, an organization).

When this happens, we too, like the disciples, want to lock ourselves inside a room. We feel too lonely to be around others; too beaten to be healed; too embarrassed to take another risk; too heartbroken to ever love again. Into this environment - this locked room, the air thick with disappointment and fear - Jesus, the risen Lord raised from death, enters. Jesus enters and says four of the most profound, beautiful, and necessary words we will ever hear, **"Peace be with you."**

The significance of Jesus' mysterious entrance into the locked room of disciples is more than historical. Yes, it is important that this happened 2,000 years ago; but it is even more important that it continues to happen today. This sort of hope is no trifling matter. It continues to nourish me today and gives flesh to what my faith teaches me in theory. There is a lot to feel hopeless about today, both in my personal circumstances and in the world around me. Sometimes, I feel like throwing in the towel and "giving in to the darkness." Then, I recall **The King Who Returned For Me**, he who gave the hope and strength to the disciples, and I realised **"that in the end the Shadow is only a small and passing thing: there is light and high beauty forever beyond its reach."** Amen.

Vinco Muriyadan

Australia's Next Saint

Eileen O'Connor dedicated her life to nursing the poor and is on the path to becoming Australia's second saint a hundred years after her death.

She co-founded Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, a religious order committed to nursing vulnerable people in their homes.

Eileen O'Connor has already been accorded the title 'Servant of God.'

The Cathedral Bookshop are excited to announce a selection of books on her life have arrived at the bookshop.

Inspiring and Wonderful reading !!!!!



Bible Basics Course: An Introduction to the Bible.

An overview of the Old Testament leading up to Jesus Christ. Relax at home and join the course online over five sessions via Zoom. Are you afraid of opening the bible because you don't really know what's going on? Well, join this study to learn about God's plan of salvation: how central figures like Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, and David & Bathsheba, and Isaiah connect, and how they point to Jesus Christ.

When: Fortnightly Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm, starting on 20th April. **Where:** online via Zoom.

Cost: Free.

Register: Dr. Christine Wood,
christine.wood@aohtas.org.au
or 6208-6222.



CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 11TH

“Those who sincerely say *‘Jesus, I trust in You’* will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears.

There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God.”

[Saint John Paul II —Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997]

“..... only Divine Mercy illuminates the mystery of man..... on contemplating the luminous wounds of the risen Christ, Sister Faustina Kowalska received a message of confidence for humanity, the message of Divine Mercy..... It is a really central message for our time: Mercy as the force of God, as the divine limit against the evil of the world.”

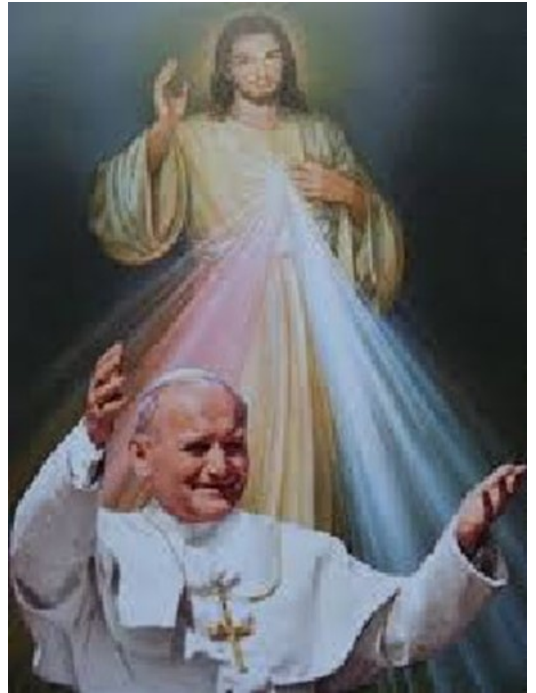
[Pope Benedict XVI - General Audience on May 31, 2006]

“Today, in this church that has become a shrine of Mercy in Rome, and on this Sunday that Saint John Paul II dedicated to Divine

Mercy twenty years ago, we confidently welcome this message. Jesus said to Saint Faustina: ‘I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to My Mercy’ (Diary, 14 September 1937). At one time, the

Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered Him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus’ answer stunned her: ‘You have not offered Me the thing that is truly yours’. What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: ‘My daughter, give Me your failings’ (10 October 1937). We too can ask ourselves: ‘Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let Him see me fall so that He can raise me up?’ Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer Him our failings so that He can help us experience His Mercy.”

[Pope Francis - Divine Mercy Sunday 19th April, 2020 Santo Spirito Church, Rome.]



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated today, the 11th April at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

It will begin at :

2.00pm: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Exposition and Confessions.

3.00pm : Benediction

3.15pm: Mass with Archbishop Porteous as main celebrant

Preparation Day for the Plenary Council:

In 2018, a decision was made to hold a Plenary Council in Australia. Since its inception, the Plenary Council has held a national Listening and Dialogue phase, and a Listening and Discernment phase.

The first planned assemblies were to be held in Adelaide in October 2020, and in Sydney in mid-2021, but had to be re-scheduled due to COVID.

Assembly 1 will be held in an online, multi-modal format from October 2-10, 2021. Assembly 2 is scheduled to be held in Sydney on July 4-9, 2022.

In the lead-up to the first assembly, parishioners and others are invited to attend a Preparation day for the Plenary Council, in either Launceston or Hobart.

The free events include:

- Keynote speakers
- Small discussion groups

Lunch is provided

Due to government COVID guidelines, each person wishing to attend a preparation day event, must register before attending. Please bring your ticket with you to the event.

LAUNCESTON

Saturday, April 24

10.00am – 2.30pm

St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School hall
382a West Tamar Road, Riverside.

HOBART

Saturday, May 8

10.00am – 2.30pm

Guilford Young College Hobart Campus
Barrack Street, Hobart



Preparation Day Plenary Council
for the Plenary Council
Tasmania
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Register at plenarypreparation.eventbrite.com.au



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(remember to like/follow us to stay up to date!)

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction

On Friday 16th April 2021, there will be **NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction or Mass.**



Rosary to Mother Mary

Saturday 7.30am: - Sacred Heart Church, New Town
Followed by Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday 11 am: 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre—
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



St Mary's Cathedral Parish Youth Group

The Youth Group meets every Sunday around 12 noon after 10.30am Mass at Cathedral on the 1st Floor of the Cathedral Centre.

The youth program has 4 scheduled Sundays—Study, Adventure, Prayer and Service where lunch is also included each week.



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

From Our Anniversary Book

Ellen McGlone, Edwin Matuszek, Mirko Franov, Kevin Andrews, Paul Falconer, Francis O'Neill, Stephen Gallagher, Veronica Burke, Sarah Cooper, Dietro Vivarelli, Cecil Carter, Brian Harradine, Amelio Cattaruzza, Arthur Gillam, William Proposch, Kathleen Cox, Margaret Cowen, George Cengia, Alipio Maccallini, Mary Smith, Brendan Cook, William Hartnett, Lily Rose, Christopher Richardson, Caroline Banks, Rosemary Monk and Sr Patricia McNeil PBVM.



May they rest in peace !



The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association are holding their Annual Reunion Luncheon Saturday 1st May at the Riverfront Motel Rosetta at 12noon. Cost \$31 for 2 courses. **Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 25 April.**

Endow Women's Group:

The Cathedral Parish is starting a new Endow Women's Group study of the life and spiritual theology of St Catherine of Siena called "Setting the World Ablaze." In her mere 33 years St Catherine left such a rich legacy that she is named a Doctor of the Church. This study aims to help us to follow St Catherine's lead in becoming the women God has called us to be! Includes lots of time for discussion, faith sharing, getting to know one another, and prayer.
When: fortnightly, starting Friday 26th March for 8 sessions.
Time: 10-11.30am. **Cost:** \$25 for the study guide.
Where: Cathedral Centre, level 1.
Register: Dr. Christine Wood, christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6222.



Cathedral Parish Office Closure

Hello Parishioners,
The Cathedral Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th April. Will open again on Friday 16th April 2021. While office is closed emails and the telephone will be checked periodically.

Thank-you
Jane McKeown



Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sign of the Cross

Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostle Creed

On the larger beads before each decade, pray:

External Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and divinity of Your dearly

beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten beads of each decade, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (x3)

Sign of the Cross

