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6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 16th FEBRUARY 2025

Descending from the mountain Jesus with his twelve apostles were met by a large gathering of the people who had followed them throughout Galilee. They came to hear the words of Jesus and to be cured of their diseases. Then 'fixing' his eyes on his disciples Jesus words became a 'mission statement' for the disciples and for all the disciples of the future.

HAPPY ARE THE POOR—ALAS FOR THE RICH

HAPPY ARE THE HUNGRY - ALAS FOR THE WELL FED

HAPPY YOU WHO WEEP - ALAS YOU WHO LAUGH

Jesus didn't mean his disciples to be destitute but to freely give up everything for the sake of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of compassion and love. To be truly happy - that is blessed; is God's gift to those who follow his command of love of God and of neighbour. The third beatitude of discipleship is the foundation of all that is to become like Jesus in word and selfless action. When at prayer we can experience our true poverty as we endeavour to become Christlike in our relationships, to be fed by his word and comforted by his presence.

Biblical history reports that the prophet Jeremiah was a man of peace chosen by God to prophesy 'strife and destruction.' Jeremiah felt unworthy of this command; he felt he was lacking knowledge and experience. God reassured Jeremiah, "Do not be afraid", he said, "I am with you to protect you." In today's reading we are given but a glimmer of Jeremiah's wisdom. God's warning; if humanity participates only in all that pleases human flesh disregarding the law of God then humanity becomes like a dried up wilderness worthless and uninhabitable; strong words as prophesied by Jeremiah. He himself was persecuted many times. He was put into the stock jeered at and whipped many times at the hands of those who opposed his wisdom. His perseverance at such times enduring inhumane treatment earned him his eternal place among the Old Testament saints.

God's gift to us. Blest are those who trust in the Lord at all times. The second stanza of the first reading points to blessings - grace given by God to all who put their trust in him in all events of life. Our baptismal graces of faith, hope and love; at times not easy to understand and live; are built upon our absolute trust in the wisdom of God. These gifts are our foundation stones as we strive to follow the example of Jesus thrusting our roots into given graces by which we can yield a rich harvest. Glory and praise to our God now and forever. Amen



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
Commencing Friday 21st February 2025

**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:

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____ . 

His _____ will belong to you.

God will bless you _____ people. 

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____ . You will _____ ! 

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Weekday Mass Celebrations

Due to the construction work on site at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, the 7.30am weekday Masses (Tuesday – Friday) will be celebrated in the Cathedral Crypt - Cathedral Centre

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:

Elizabeth Deegan, Monika Sirgunas, Maxwell Walker, Barry Kendal, William Absolom, Karlie Bollen, Margaret Allen, Pasquale Pace, Eleanor Blackburn-Berry, Anita and Ottavio Toffoli, Ernest Blazeley Gertrude Dowd, Arthur Lacey, John Nolan, Walter Smallbone, Helena Donnelly, Amelia O'Brien, Edward Robinson, Kristine Reeve, Patricia Andrews, Josef Majcher, John Duggan, Wallace Fulton, Thomas O'Connor, Christina Davis, Paula Margaret Corcoran, James Waters, Leonard Hill, Maxwell Rainbird, William Kregor, Dorothy Wilson and Sr Brigid Phelan (PBVM), Sr Ellen Hogan (PBVM), Sr Patrick Hickey (PBVM), Sr Martha Foley (PBVM)



May they rest in peace!

Dear Parishioners,
We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with various parish activities and events. Your time and talents would greatly contribute to strengthening our faith filled community and serving our mission. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact the PARISH OFFICE.



Every small effort makes a big difference

Urgently Needed volunteers

- Sacristan to Sacred Heart Church
- Flower Ministry Sacred Heart Church
- Garden work at the Cathedral front compound
- Care taker for the Cathedral Bookshop
- Few volunteers for evening events

ORDINATION OF FR ASHAN PEIRIS - FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

Congratulations Fr Ashan Peiris, on your ordination to the priesthood! This sacred calling is a testament to your faith, dedication, and love for God and His people.

As you begin this new chapter of your life, may you always be strengthened by His grace, guided by the Holy Spirit, and filled with the joy of serving Christ and His Church.



Ad multos annos !
CATHEDRAL PARISH FAMILY

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program

The first preparatory day of the Sacramental Program 2025 for the Parish Children will begin on Sunday 16th February 2025 in the Cathedral Centre. The Program starts at 4.30 pm



SCHOOL ESSENTIALS APPEAL

Let's make sure every Tasmanian child has the opportunity to do well at school.

This year, due to cost-of-living pressures, many parents and carers will struggle to buy the things their children need for school, such as uniforms and school books.

Please make an urgent gift to help ease a family's stress and make 'back to school' a time that feels full of hope for a bright future.

Thank you.

Please scan the QR code or visit www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-tas/school-essentials-appeal-tas



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

The Human Life Protection Society Conference

The Human Life Protection Society will be holding an annual conference in Hobart on **25th October 2025** (venue to be confirmed), with some notable guest speakers to be in attendance (to be disclosed in due time and course).

The conference is a full-day event, going from 9am to 5pm, and there will be a tea and coffee station available all day. Morning tea and lunch will be provided as well.

Any further questions/follow-up enquiries can be directed to our President, Anne Sherston, via email at info@hlpstas.com.au or via mobile phone number: 0407704539.

Pause - retreat for women

Pause is a 3-day, small group, semi silent retreat for women in the middle years who seek a time of prayer, guidance and stillness amidst the natural transitions of life to discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to.

Each day you are invited to personally enter a story from scripture of women and their transforming encounters with Jesus.



Friday 28th March (2pm) until Sunday 30th March (6pm), 2025
Facilitated by Belinda Chapman (Spiritual Direction included)

Venue: [Pilot's House, Pilot Station, Low Head](#)
Please see the flyer for further details or contact Belinda for bookings or further information Ph: 0418 141 171
Email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Enrolments Open for Lindisfarne Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium for children 3-6 years old begins in February. A Montessori approach to catechesis, rich in Scripture, liturgy and prayer, helps young children foster a relationship with God. Sessions follow the school terms.

Time: Families choose either Tuesdays 4-5.30pm or Wednesdays 10.30am-12pm.

Register: Christine Wood ph. 6208-6236 or christine.wood@AOHTAS.ORG.AU

Where: 3 Bay Rd, Lindisfarne.

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

MARRIAGE MASS SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025




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 – 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside

that thrusts its roots to the stream:

when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;

it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection
of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in
your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this
life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.
But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-
fruits of all who have fallen asleep.



Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 17th February	- Lk 6:17,20-26
Tuesday 18th February	- Mk 8:11-13
Wednesday 19th February	- Mk 8:14-21
Thursday 20th February	- Mk 8:27-33
Friday 21st February	- Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday 22nd February	- Mt 16:13-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	- 1 Samuel 26:2-7,12-13,22-23
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 102:1-4, 8,10,12-13
Second Reading	- 1 Corinthians 15:45 - 49
Gospel	- Luke 6:27-38

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.