



MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday

12 Noon: Friday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES for St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church, please read on the 2nd page of the AVE

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart)
NO MASSES UNTIL FEB 2023

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

11.00am: Friday

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

6pm - 12am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

No Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 23rd December or Saturday 24th December 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A 18H DECEMBER 2022

My dear parishioners, news from the parish this week.

The Guilford Young Medal



On Wednesday 14th December 2022, The Guilford Young Medal presentation was held at St Mary's Cathedral. St Mary's Cathedral Parish congratulates Cathy Murrowood, David Shelverton and Sr Monica Shelverton for their outstanding service to the mission of the Church.

Children's Christmas Nativity Play

Dear Parents I would like to invite all interested primary aged children (or younger) in our parish to a **Nativity rehearsal at the Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve!**

The children will then perform their enactment during the 6pm Cathedral Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

Costumes will be provided, for further information please contact, parish office on 62344463 or 0408778152.

WAY TO ST JAMES CYGNET PILGRIMAGE

14th - 15th January 2023

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Way to St James Cygnet Pilgrimage is happening again on the 14th-15th January 2023. This two day Tassie Camino is a great opportunity to begin your new year right walking in peace and solidarity through the beautiful Huon Valley with other pilgrims from Tasmania and

across Australia. We walk from Mountain River on day one, and Ranelagh on day two, finishing the pilgrimage with a procession to the Church of St James in Cygnet, in the midst of the Cygnet Folk Festival.

Registrations are now open at this link:

<https://www.waytostjames.com.au/register>

You can find out more about this pilgrimage at the

website <https://www.waytostjames.com.au/>

Or you can follow the **Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet>

We hope parishioners across Tasmania will walk with us! Buen Camino!



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**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

Saturday 24th December 2022

- 6pm:** St Mary's Cathedral
(Family and Children's Vigil Mass)
7.30pm: Sacred Heart Church
(Family Vigil Mass)
11.15pm: **Carol Service followed by
Midnight Mass**
St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 25th December 2022

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 8.30am:** Sacred Heart Church
10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral



NOTE: NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th December 2022

NO MASSES IN PARISH

Tuesday 27th December 2022

9am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Wednesday 28th December 2022
FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

9am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Thursday 29th December 2022

9am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Friday 30th December 2022

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH**

9am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Saturday 31st December 2022

8am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town
6pm Vigil: St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Sunday 1st January 2023

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

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church, New Town
10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
6pm: St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

REFLECTION - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

Joseph, You Can Do It! Take Courage!

In our Gospel today, the awe-filled mystery of Mary conceiving her child by the Holy Spirit, tests the faith of Joseph, her husband. Joseph realised that he would have to be the foster-father of Emmanuel, (God-is-with-us) the one who was to save His people from their sins. It would be Joseph's responsibility to name the baby "Jesus" which means 'God saves'. By naming the boy, Joseph would be adopting him into his own family - the royal family in the line of David, his ancestor. By adopting Him, Joseph would also take responsibility for protecting Him and teaching Him what fatherhood meant. He would even have to teach the boy Jesus His prayers and show Him how to live as a faithful Jewish man.

Joseph was initially reluctant. No doubt, he was overcome by a sense of his own unworthiness and inadequacy. He made up his mind to find a way to pull out of the relationship. But this was his calling – his God-given mission in life. He had been chosen to be the shepherd and protector of the Holy Family – of the infant God-man and His sinless mother Mary. In his agony of self-doubt, God sent an angel to reassure him. In his dream, the angel said "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife." In other words, "You can do it! You have what it takes! God will stand by you in this. In your care, Mary will bear a son and you will have the honour and privilege of naming Him Jesus." And Joseph, to his eternal credit, and to our enormous benefit, took these words to heart. He took courage from the words of the angel and took up his mission as foster-father of the Redeemer.

Thank you, St Joseph, for your courage and your great 'yes' to God. Thank you that when Jesus would later teach His followers about His Heavenly Father, he would be using the concept which had been formed in His mind by you – his adoptive father on earth. Truly, you were and are the perfect ideal of the strong and loving father.

St Joseph, pray for us.

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

Michael Waters, Grace Donnelly, Ellen Baker, Leona Fulton, Cynthia Parker, Augustine Bravo, Marguerite Harris, Bessie Thornhill, Mary Collins, Rose Fitzpatrick, Antony Carnevale, Ivana Parodi, Florence Crowe, Bernard Ray, Ronald Andrews, Grace Clark, Margaret Pegler, Richard Gall, Vince Kmet, Robert Hassett, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Sr Antony Burke PBVM, Sr Paschal Philbin PBVM

May they rest in peace !



Archdiocese of Hobart
SEASONS OF TASMANIA
 \$20 per Calendar
 (price includes shipping costs)



The 'Seasons of Tasmania' 2023 Calendars featuring landscapes and scenery from around Tasmania are now available for purchase to support the Tasmanian pilgrims heading to World Youth Day 2023.

Price: \$15 if purchased

directly from a pilgrim or from Tower Rd (please contact youth@aohtas.org.au to arrange collection), or \$20 if you'd like them shipped to your home. Cash and digital payments are accepted. Follow the link to order your calendar today (**please ensure you select the correct biller code: 1987114 – 2023 World Youth Day Calendars.**)

If you are collecting the calendar from a pilgrim or from Tower Rd, please place 'NA' in the 'Postal Address' box): <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/catholicdevfund>

The Made for Each Other Summer School returns for the fifth year! This year's theme, **'Him & Her: Vive La Difference'** celebrates the undeniable differences and complementarity of the sexes.

What: An overnight retreat with engaging speakers, opportunity for prayer, reflection, and social interaction.

When: January 27th - 28th **Where:** Launceston

Who: 18+ year olds who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. **Register:**

www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au **More information:** rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Made for Each Other Summer School 2023 presents:

HIM & HER Vive La Difference

January 27th - 28th, 2023
 The Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!
<https://himandher.eventbrite.com.au>



Christmas Bookshop Items for Sale

Looking for last minute Christmas items. The bookshop has for sale a selection of Christmas Card Packs, books, nativity sets and Christmas tree Decorations.



St Mary's Cathedral Parish Office will be closed from Monday 26th December 2022 and re-opening on Monday 16th January 2023.



St Vincent de Paul Society
 (TASMANIA) INC

good works

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas

Hamper Appeal. We are grateful for your assistance in supporting individuals and families of the community.

Image from the Blessing and Dedication of the Altar Mass on Thursday 8th December 2022 at St Mary's Cathedral



Children's Corner



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?

The Christmas Edition of the **Catholic Standard** is available from the back of the church. Please take your copy home. It is a bumper edition of 20 pages, including a special four-page souvenir lift-out covering the Restoration of St Mary's Cathedral.



Other highlights in this edition:

- Diaconate Ordinations
- Apostolic Nuncio 1st visit to Tasmania
- Guilford Young Medal recipients
- Using Alpha as tool to encounter Christ

Happy Reading



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

READINGS OF THE DAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?'

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.'

Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 19th December	Luke 1: 5-25
Tuesday 20th December	Luke 1: 26-38
Wednesday 21st December - St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor	Luke 1: 39-45
Thursday 22nd December	Luke 1: 46-56
Friday 23rd December - St John of Kanty, priest	Luke 1: 57-66
Saturday 24th December	Luke 1: 67-79

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS The Nativity of the Lord **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Isaiah 52: 7-10	Psalm 97: 1-6
Hebrews 1: 1-6	John 1: 1-18

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take you copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.